

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The state highway commission had no occasion to defer action on a new bridge across the Willamette at Salem pending action by the city council on the Baldock traffic program.

The city council in the resolution it adopted recognized that fact and merely accepted whatever bridge location the state highway commission and the bureau of public roads, which are the bodies financing the project, should agree on.

That is that. As far as the bridge is concerned, it's the commission's own move.

The council does have to act affirmatively to adopt the rerouting of the Pacific highway (99E) through Salem by means of one-way streets.

Having been told once that it had no say on the bridge the council members will hardly appreciate being prodded now by the commission on an unrelated matter.

There has been reason for delay in putting the ordinance through, the principal reason being to let time elapse some of the opposition and promote a better degree of unity.

Denfeld Views Progress for Pact Defense

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Plans for defending the Atlantic pact nations of western Europe took form today at the first conference of top-level British and American commanders here since the end of the war.

Following a closely guarded, four-hour conference, Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, U. S. chief of naval operations, said the completion of a defense setup under the North Atlantic treaty "might be done before the end of the year."

"I should not think it would take too long," Denfeld said, reporting "considerable progress" by the joint chiefs of staff of the two nations.

Denfeld, Gen. Omar Bradley, army chief of staff, and Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, U. S. air force chief, met formally for three hours with British commanders.

Grasshopper Fighting Fund Meets Approval

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—The senate quickly stamped approval today on a \$1,750,000 fund to fight the grasshopper scourge in the west and midwest.

The vote completed congress' action on the measure and sent it to the White House for President Truman's signature.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Listen to her, will ya! Teach poor 'ittle me to swim."

Larger Capitol Zone Recommended

Senate Kills ECA Surplus Clause

Land Purchase, Street Closing On Board Plans

All-around expansion of Salem's capitol zone, plus closing of some streets and state purchase of property north from the capitol to Marion street, were recommended by the new capitol planning commission Wednesday.

The new state commission authorized by the last legislature met at the statehouse under chairmanship of Robert W. Sawyer, Bennington publisher, to draft the far-reaching plan.

Commissioners passed their approval to plans for the projected five-story state highway department building on Summer street north of the now-under-construction state office building.

Here are the state group's recommendations: 1. That an area devoted to capitol and public buildings cover the blocks east and west from 13th street to high street and between Court street and State street and north and south from Court street to D street and between Capitol and Winter streets.

2. That Chemeketa street be closed from Capitol to Winter street as soon as feasible. 3. That the existing capitol mall, known as the sunken garden, be extended from Chemeketa to Center street, carrying out the same essential design quality that now exists between Court and Chemeketa streets.

4. Service to the state office building now under construction and proposed new state highway building should be a joint parking area, entered only from Capitol street. 5. That ultimately Union street be closed from Capitol to Winter street.

6. That Waverly street be closed immediately and converted into capitol grounds. 7. That the next available building site for a state edifice be a block east of Summer street between Marion and Center streets. 8. That immediate acquisition be made of all property available from Chemeketa to Marion and from Capitol to Winter street and that, as acquired, all property within the capitol area be cleared.

Action on another proposal was deferred pending some investigations by a member of the commission. This provides that the property for the capitol zoning include the two blocks east and west from 14th to 12th street and from State to Court, plus the half blocks from Court to D, east from Capitol street and west from Winter street, plus the half blocks north from Court from Capitol to 12th, and from Winter to Cottage, half-way to Church street, plus the two half blocks north from D street between Capitol and Winter.

Robbers Seize Half Million in Khan's Jewels

CANNES, France, Aug. 3 (AP)—Four tommygunners waylaid the fabulously wealthy Aga Khan and his wife today and seized jewels and money they valued at \$450,000 to \$800,000.

The Aga Khan was on the way to Deauville to visit his son, the Aly Khan, and the latter's wife, Rita Hayworth.

In the third big robbery in France within two days, the car of the 72-year-old Moslem leader was halted on a curve near his villa in the hills of Le Cannet, three miles north of Cannes. With him were his wife, the Begum, and a maid and chauffeur.

The Begum described one piece as containing a 25-carat diamond valued at about \$75,000; one jeweled bracelet valued at about \$190,000; one marquise solitaire of 25 carats valued at about \$75,000; two jeweled bracelets valued at \$90,000.

Jobs, Jobless High; Loans End Slide

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—A rise in business loans—the first in 28 weeks — stirred government hopes tonight that the economic recession has hit bottom.

Their optimism was restrained by the fact that the census bureau reported today that unemployment rose above the 4,000,000 mark in July for the first time in 7 1/2 years. But they pointed to the fact that employment also rose to the highest level thus far recorded in 1949.

The situation with regard to business loans was this: For 27 weeks, bank loans for business purposes had been declining in record-breaking fashion until on July 20 they were \$2,757,000 below the all-time high reached last December 22.

But today the federal reserve board reported that such loans by banks in leading cities increased \$16,000,000 in the week ended July 27. This brought them to a total of \$12,891,000,000.

Other heartening factors include a better-than-seasonal upturn in home-building, improved business in some textile and metals lines, and the summer's recovery in the stock market.

Oregon Polio Down; U.S. Rise Slackens

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (AP)—The number of polio cases reported in Oregon have declined for the second straight week, the state board of health reported today.

Three cases occurred last week — one each in Douglas, Hood River, and Lane counties. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Infantile paralysis totals are still mounting but there is some evidence of a slackening of the upward pace, the U. S. Public Health Service reported today.

The service said new cases throughout the nation in the week ended July 30 totalled 1,963 — more than 100 greater than the 1,839 reported during the worst week in the 1948 epidemic. That was the week ended September 18.

St. Paul Boy, 8, Drowns in Fishing Mishap

ST. PAUL, Aug. 3 (Special)—Eight-year-old Richard Kuhn drowned early this afternoon in Horseshoe lake, about 1 1/2 miles west of St. Paul, when he tumbled through broken boards of a dock from which he was fishing.

A companion of the boy, Richard Koch, called H. F. Kibbard of Portland, for help but they were unable to reach the boy immediately. A pulmotor squad from Newberg fire department tried to revive the boy after he was pulled from 20 feet of water but it was too late.

The lad was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kuhn of St. Paul. A brother died about 1 1/2 years ago after a long illness. Authorities said the boy was found with his fishing line tied around his finger and a fishing cork still in his hand.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Hodgson funeral home, of Newberg.

3 Sewer Bids Opened Here

Three bids for city interceptor sewer installation are under consideration by City Manager J. L. Franzen.

Bids were opened Wednesday, but due to various alternates and the detailed tabulation of the bids a thorough study of them will be necessary before a contract is awarded, Franzen said.

Two Seattle firms and a Eugene company entered bids. The interceptor sewer, as proposed, would collect sewage from existing city sewers which now empty into the Willamette river and deposit the sewage at the site for Salem's projected sewage disposal plant.

THE WEATHER

Table with columns: Location, Max., Min., Precip. Includes Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette river.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Considerable cloudiness today and tonight. Not much change in temperature with high today near 80 and lowest tonight near 59. Weather will continue favorable for farm activities today except for occasional fresh winds.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Aug. 4)

Table with columns: This Year, Last Year, Normal. Shows precipitation data for Salem.

Passage Nearly Certain After Threat Cleared

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—The administration won an important victory on the big foreign aid bill today when it beat back an attempt to require that \$1,350,000,000 of European recovery funds be spent for surplus U. S. farm crops.

A similar amendment to obligate \$450,000,000 of army funds for relief in occupied areas remained pending, but the senate's decision made its chances dim.

The farm amendment went out on a point of order, upheld in the senate 52 to 32 when it was appealed.

Vice President Barkley, the senate's presiding officer, ruled that the amendment offered by Senator McClellan (D-Ark) was an attempt to write new legislation into an appropriation bill, forbidden by senate rules.

The decision, taken late in the day, removed the biggest threat to final approval of the measure, now confidently anticipated by its backers. A similar but somewhat more involved parliamentary dispute last week had sent the \$5,647,724,000 measure back to the appropriations committee.

Indonesia War Ends in Truce

BATAVIA, Java, Aug. 3 (AP)—The Dutch and Indonesian republicans formally ended their four years war today, but both sides made clear it was an armed truce for the present.

Republican President Soekarno, in a fiery broadcast tonight from his capital at Jogjakarta, ordered his guerrilla armies to observe a cease-fire proclaimed today, but to hold their positions.

Soekarno said the Indonesians would never be satisfied until they gain their own sovereignty and the Dutch army is withdrawn.

The Dutch for their part delayed setting the date of a roundtable conference to be held at the Hague, to work out details of a proposed new "Republic of the United States of Indonesia."

Winner of Virginia Demo Race

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 3—State Sen. John S. Battle is shown on the shoulders of friends after capturing Tuesday the democratic gubernatorial nomination in a four-way primary race. He had the backing of the U. S. Senator Byrd organization. Nomination is tantamount to election. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Near 3,000 of Legion Here; Business Will Start Today



W. E. (Windy) Wilkins of LaGrande, center above, become Oregon's grand chef de gare of the 40 et 8 Wednesday in the annual election which highlighted the state American Legion convention's 40 et 8 day. With the new chief are retiring leader Dr. M. E. Cooper of Klamath Falls, left, and the national "grand sous chef de chemin de fer" C. E. Piersall of Casper, Wyo. (Statesman photo.) (Other 40 et 8 and general convention news on pages 2 and 7.)

Harem, Pipers, Albany Boxcar Capture Prizes

Thousands lined the full route of the 40 et 8 parade through downtown Salem streets Wednesday afternoon. They cheerfully risked being sprayed by fire hoses and "bombed" by noisemakers to watch the Legion's funmakers perform their zany antics.

Hillsboro's harem, Ashland's bagpipers and Albany's boxcar captured top prizes in the parade. Eugene and Portland also played in the stunt parade.

A huge number of Oregon towns was represented. Make-up of the parade was strikingly varied. Cars ranged from latest models bearing notables and Miss Oregon to a 1911 Studebaker that brought up the rear.

Musical units varied from Ashland's 17-year-old Kilty band to Salem's three-month-old drum and bugle corps. Several members of the latter wore diapers as a token of the fact that they are the Legion's newest musical group in the state.

The Ashland Killies won a \$10 first prize as the best musical unit in the parade. Their leader was Harry McNair.

Providing numerous stunts along the way were 40 et 8 "goofs" — fledglings in war paint who later were initiated at the Salem Legion club.

One "goof" conducted a stunt that won third prize for Portland culture 25. It was a satire on Portland's slot machine status. Depicted was a machine that had felt the ax of the law. A placard read "rest in pieces."

Albany's 28-piece drum and bugle corps from LaGrande won plaudits from the crowd along the way. Avery Millinger directed the corps of nearly all World War II veterans.

Portland post 1's bugle corps, behind, high-stepping Majorettes Pat Brown and Doralee Goodwin, flashed their metal helmets in the march. Glenn Handy and Howard Pierce were directors; Bert Williams, John Smith and Dewey Stephenson, the accompanying drummers.

Steve McDonald of Astoria impersonated Hitler. Salem Voiture Playful Salem voiture 153's stunts included a fire pumper of ancient vintage, that played water on the crowd at frequent intervals, a tractor towing a manure spreader, and several old autos. Driving or riding in them were Judge Rex Kimmell, George Manning, Fred Reedy, C. B. Hersfeld, Russell Bonesteel and Charles Fearing.

Driving Stopped For 'Licensed' Cat and Owner

BOSTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—A tomcat named Al E. Van lost his driver's license today.

Benjamin F. Wilson, the cat's owner, testified in Roxbury district court that he obtained the license in his pet's name after he had been refused a permit in his own name.

The license, made out to "Al E. Van," was presented in court. Wilson, a 25-year-old state hospital attendant, was convicted of operating so as to endanger and using an automobile without authority. He was sentenced to serve six months in jail.

Al was not in court.

Rehabilitation Policy to Lead Legion Debate

Whether the American Legion rehabilitation program should be limited to Legion members only, instead of open to war veterans as at present, is an issue which may provide some fireworks at sessions of the state Legion convention here today and Friday.

B. E. (Kelly) Owens, state commander, said Wednesday he did not expect a change in the present practice, but he predicted lively debate on the issue.

Owens noted that the rehabilitation program costs the Legion in Oregon about \$30,000 per year and estimates show nearly 70 per cent of the services performed, benefiting non-Legion veterans.

A perennial issue also expected to come in for discussion is the proposal for an Oregon bonus to war veterans, Owens said. Among other issues Owens mentioned as possible convention considerations are policy resolutions on increased national defense and on protection against subversive groups, as well as the highly debatable proposal to increase by 25 cents the national headquarters' per capita assessment against members. This assessment would finance the expanding rehabilitation program.

Meanwhile, the advance business of state committee planning went ahead Wednesday, with several committees plotting the course of the business sessions ahead. The committee on resolutions struggled with everything from public medicine to Czechoslovakian import issues, but kept mum on the proposals pending the opening of convention business today.

Aspirants Seen For Top Posts; Memorial at 9

Salem took on all the high-spirited sights and sounds of an American Legion convention Wednesday night, with nearly 3,000 veteran visitors in town and at least 1,000 more expected today.

Bugles, bagpipes and drums sounded their way through many a downtown hotel lobby and tavern, giving ample notice that the convention proper—Oregon's 31st annual conclave and the third in Salem—will get underway early today.

The Legion auxiliary, too, was off to an early convention start with a statewide ritual team contest last night, won for the second consecutive year by Seaside unit 99. Hillsboro unit 6 placed second.

Even as the convention scene was so colorfully laid, the state Legion's political pot came to a boil when candidates for top office began to line up.

Sam M. Bowe, a World War II veteran of Grants Pass, department vice commander, is the only announced candidate for state commander. He is figured by many a convention strategist to win in a breeze, but rumors cropped up of an eastern Oregon delegation's search for a strong opposition candidate.

B. E. (Kelly) Owens of Salem, present department commander, is a candidate for the post of national Legion committeeman. Opposition candidates are Dave Blakeman of Portland and Hershel Taylor of Eugene. Blakeman is state chairman of the employment and veterans preference committee. Taylor is now an alternate national committeeman.

Also grouped in top important positions to be filled by balloting at this convention is the office of department vice commander. Clyde Dickey of Portland is the only candidate for this office uncovered by last night.

Joint opening session for the Legion and auxiliary will begin at 9:45 a. m. in the Elsinore theatre, following a special memorial service there at 9 a. m. Frank N. Belgrano, past national commander of Portland, Mayo Robert L. Elstrom and Gov. Douglas McKay, and other local and national Legion officers will be among the speakers.

First business session of the Legion will open at 1:30 p. m. at the capitol. A contest of Legion ritual teams, with initiation of new members, from various posts will take place at the Elks temple at 2 p. m.

The grand convention banquet honoring distinguished guests will be held at the armory at 6 p. m. A drum and bugle corps contest is slated for Sweetland field at 8 p. m. A convention ball, open to the public, will be held at the armory at 10 p. m. Seaside Team Named Members of the Seaside team which won the auxiliary ritual contest are Mrs. Hazel Alden, Mrs. Carol Croissant, Mrs. Audrey Maize, Mrs. Bess Cuijver, Mrs. Vernita Robertson, Mrs. Clara Schuch, Mrs. Vivian Urle, Mrs. Peggy Callahan, Mrs. Edna Haddesty and Mrs. Marjorie Tewksbury. Members of Salem unit 136 served as candidates. "Miss Oregon," Beverly Krueger, a former member of Capital unit juniors, gave a reading, "The Waltz" by Dorothy Parker, at the auxiliary meeting which about 500 attended.

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL At Salem 1, Victoria 1 At Yakima 2, Vancouver 1 At Wenatchee 8, Tacoma 1 At Spokane-Stevedorians COAST LEAGUE At Portland 3-7, Oakland 10-8 At Seattle 10, Hollywood 2 At San Francisco 4-4, Sacramento 3-6 At Los Angeles 5, San Diego 8 AMERICAN LEAGUE At New York 1, Detroit 8 At Boston 9, St. Louis 3 At Philadelphia 2, Chicago 2 At Washington 1, Cleveland 8 NATIONAL LEAGUE At St. Louis 1, Boston 6 At Pittsburgh 3, Brooklyn 10 At Chicago 1, New York 4 At Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia