

Lightning Starts 200 Forest Fires Across Oregon

The Oregon Statesman

FOUNDED 1851

99th YEAR 12 PAGES The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Saturday, September 10, 1949 PRICE 5c No. 175

Sheriff Says Bond Safe, Threatens Expose

Elliott Attributes 'Smear Campaign' To 'Ex-Criminals, Crafters, Parasites'

PORTLAND, Sept. 9 (AP)— Sheriff Marion LeRoy (Mike) Elliott of Multnomah county, predicting that his surety bond will not be cancelled, threatened tonight to "expose" his political opponents.

The democratic sheriff asserted he would write a series of articles "to blast" the "fair weather friends" who are attempting to oust him from office.

In a prepared statement he called them "would-be tyrants, ex-criminals and grafters... leeches and parasites... bigots." He accused them of using "every foul, dirty, dictatorial method in an effort to smear me."

Just returned from a fight to Baltimore, where he talked with officials of the Maryland Casualty company, Elliott said, "I was assured there was no reason for my bond to be cancelled."

Written by Pearson Elliott's \$110,000 bond was written originally by Insurance Agent Walter Pearson. Now democratic state treasurer, Pearson recently asked the company to cancel the bond. A number of prominent democrats support his action.

Elliott also is faced with a recall move, about two-thirds of the required 30,500 signatures being in to force such an election.

His opponents accuse him of being unfit for office and cite his admitted falsifications in the last election. Elliott claimed wartime marine service and a college background in his campaign material. Later he admitted he had neither.

To Combat Recall
In his statement tonight, Elliott asserted his series of articles would convince "fair-minded, but they should not sign recall petitions."

"I have tried to avoid sinking to the same level as my opponents, but I feel that the interests of the public can best be served by exposing these people and letting the public see the true facts of what is transpiring," his statement said.

'First on List'
He did not mention opponents by name, but said, "first on my list is one of the would-be tyrants with governmental aspirations. This bond-pulling aspirer is a strong representative of 'machine politics' and not the type of person to be trusted with the reins of public office."

Truman to See Steel Report

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (AP)— President Truman's fact-finding board, hoping to avert a crippling steel strike next Wednesday, put the final touches today on its proposed solution to the crucial wage-pension dispute.

If the board's findings are rejected, a million CIO steelworkers are scheduled to strike at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday.

The possibility of a fourth round of post-war wage increases rides on the board's recommendations, which go to Mr. Truman tomorrow morning for release to the public at 2 p.m. (Pacific standard time) Saturday.

Goes Veronica One Better



ROME, Sept. 9 — Greta Garbo's latest game of hide-and-seek to avoid public recognition took the form of this rumpled hair-do this week at Ostia, Italy, the beach near Rome. Greta is in Rome to make a new film. Her wig-wagging companion here is her traditionally unidentified escort. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Youth in Spotlight At Fair

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman
Youth drew the attention of fairgoers Friday as style shows, fat stock sales, bread baking and canning contests featured the Oregon state fair program.

Otherwise, the rainy weather took its toll of attendance but, surprisingly enough, the pari-mutuel take broke daily betting records for the fifth straight day.

The total of \$60,385 wagered on the horse races yesterday bettered the 1948 Friday betting mark and previous Friday record of \$54,487. The rain delayed the start of racing 1½ hours.

Attendance was strong considering the weather, with admissions totaling 25,285 as compared with Friday attendance of 33,973 last year.

Besides the junior exhibitor's stock sale (story on page 3), ma-

for youth activities included the bread-baking contest won by 16-year-old Joyce Kuenzi, Silverton 4-H member, who receives a \$100 college scholarship from the Sears-Roebuck foundation as the first among 32 contestants.

Best Bread Baker
The junior division bread baking was won by Joan Smith, 15, of Corvallis, who receives \$50 toward college education from the same foundation. A large crowd watched the baking in the demonstration kitchens.

The lone boy entrant, Donald Foster, 13, Portland, won a red award in the junior contest.

Grand champion of the 4-H style revue, which drew more than 500 spectators, was Jo Ann Roberts, Shedd. She modeled a grey wool shawl suit with brown accessories all at a cost of \$24. Her prize was an expense-paid trip to Chicago to represent Oregon in the national 4-H style show.

Division Winners
Division champions, who received \$50 each from the Oregon Bankers association, were Joan Lilley, 17, Eugene, cotton school dress; Barbara McCune, 18, Lowden, party dress; Evelyn Kohler, 15, The Dalles wool dress and Nancy Peterson, 14, Powell Butter, in a "best" dress.

A total of 95 girls took part, modeling dresses and suits they designed and made.

A number of valley girls took prizes in the cotton clothing divisions with Donna Maynard, 13, McMinnville, Diane Jones, 13, Albany and Joan Lehman, 15, Dayton, all receiving red awards.

The special sewing contest sponsored by Oregon Wool Growers auxiliary was won by Sally Stillwell, 17, Astoria, who received a scholarship to 4-H summer school, Champion Canners.

Champions in the canning divisions were Virginia Judd, 11, Molalla and Rose Mae Alsop, 13, Monmouth. Blue awards winner included Marlene Baller, Sheridan, Joyce Mount, Salem, and Dick Butler, 14, Philomath.

FFA teams from 40 high schools will compete Friday at 9 a.m., in livestock judging contests for the opportunity to go to the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City.

At 1 p.m., Saturday 29 Milking Shorthorn females will be sold at auction.

Among the big attractions Sunday afternoon will be the folk dancing in the state fair park area, and the midjet auto races on Lone Oak track, while at night there will be the final showing of the Helene Hughes revue.

(State fair news also on pages 3 and 5)

BASEBALL
WIL Playoffs
At Spokane 16, Yakima 15
At Wenatchee 9, Vancouver 6
Coast League
At Portland-Los Angeles, rain.
At Seattle 2, San Francisco 13
At Hollywood 2, San Diego 3
At Oakland 5, Sacramento 3
American League
At New York 1, Boston 7
At St. Louis 2, Cleveland 3
At Philadelphia 3, Washington 1
Only games scheduled.
National League
At Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 1
At Brooklyn 1, New York 10
At Pittsburgh 1, Chicago 8
At Boston-Philadelphia, rain.

Nudists Buy Tract Near Philomath

CORVALLIS, Sept. 9 (AP)— A 169-acre tract near Philomath has been purchased by a nudist colony.

Walter Hyde, Philomath, said the American Sun Bathers association group No. 327 bought the site and plans to begin improving it for convention of nudists in 1953.

He said the group has 30 members in the Corvallis-Philomath area.

Parrish Pupils Also Get Extra Vacation Week

A third Salem school, Parrish Junior high, will have its opening delayed one week beyond schedule, due to construction difficulties, the school board decided Friday.

Meanwhile, early registration reports, while spasmodic, indicate a "very heavy" first grade enrollment this year, considerably above last year's record list, according to Superintendent Frank B. Bennett. Other grades are expected to conform closely to last year's figures.

All schools except Parrish and Englewood and Lincoln (at Four Corners) elementary buildings will be in operation beginning Monday morning. Capitola area pupils who will attend the new Washington school will be transported to the old Washington building temporarily.

Bennett said painting was just being finished at Parrish, while not all the tile floors in corridors had been laid, and that too early occupancy might result in damage to the newly built gymnasium, auditorium and other quarters.

Due partially to Friday morning's rainstorm, registration in elementary schools was spasmodic and did not even approach last year's figures in some grades, said Bennett. He said enrollment was too incomplete to total until classes begin Monday.

The school board Friday approved a program of cooperation between schools and city police for safety in crossing traffic at school corners.

Prehearing on Airline Move Set Sept. 20

It was undecided Friday whether the city of Salem would be allowed representation at a prehearing conference scheduled by the civil aeronautics board on the plan to suspend United Air Lines service and substitute West Coast Airlines service for Salem.

The conference has been set for September 20, but City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz reported no word from the CAB on whether the city's petition to intervene has been received in Washington. He said that he will wire CAB on the matter if a reply is not received in a day or two.

The petition seeks to have United Air Lines continue service for Salem and alleges that the West Coast line is not equipped to handle the bulk of air freight now shipped from or into Salem.

TRAMWAY WORK ADVANCES
PORTLAND, Sept. 9 (AP)— The aerial tramway up Mount Hood slopes from Government Camp will be completed before the winter ski season, the promoters said today.

Otherwise local telephone service will conform with local time.

Linn and Polk county towns will make the switch to standard time at 2 a.m., Sunday, as will most in Yamhill and Marion counties.

Willamina will have its own time tangle through Monday, however, as the city council will not meet until Monday night to decide on the change.

Schools at Willamina will convene on standard time Monday to avoid confusion with surrounding areas. Sheridan, McMinnville, Amity and Dayton had earlier decided to get back on standard time September 11.

Molalla and Aurora will resume standard time Monday, September 12, however, Canby will change September 11 along with the rest of the area.



Lightning that harassed Dallas, Albany and other towns bypassed Salem for the most part Thursday night, but its brilliant flashes were visible on distant horizons. Top photograph, taken shortly after midnight, shows the weird pattern taken by the thunderbolts. It was taken by a time exposure with the camera pointed south. By morning, that familiar situation — rain all over — was generally welcomed by most Oregonians, but not by Don Hosford, above, a Willamette university student from Oregon City, who displays his uncomfatableness at his post as ticket seller at the state fair. (Statesman photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Heaviest Rain in 3 Months

The heaviest rain since mid-June drenched the Salem area Friday, following a build up of lightning and thunder.

Nearly 200 forest fires were started over the state by the same electric storm which started in southern Oregon, passed over Salem and then turned east.

Power service failure, building damages and minor forest fires resulted in Dallas, Detroit and Albany.

The local weather bureau reported the first heavy storm hit Salem at 4:04 a.m., starting 49 inches of rainfall in the next six hours, heaviest downpour since June 19-20.

About 75 per cent of this rain fell between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. The day's total was .60 inches.

Light rain and scattered thunder and lightning preceded the storm shortly before midnight.

In Dallas, lightning struck a barn, several houses and a power pole. Power company service men worked all day Friday refusing about 60 transformers. Three minor forest fires were reported but observation was limited as look-out stations were fogged all day.

Started by Lightning
Six forest fires started by lightning were quickly controlled by loggers in the Detroit area. The fires were on Bugaloo and Blow-out creeks and near Elk lake and Byars bridge.

Lightning exploded a box of dynamite in Albany, destroying a toolshed. Power was disrupted in the city during the storm.

About 100 forest fires were reported in Willamette national forest but rain and fire crews kept most from spreading.

The storm began Thursday night in the Klamath basin and moved slowly north, turning east from Salem. Reports received late Friday night at the Salem weather bureau indicated heavy storms were striking Pendleton and La Grande in eastern Oregon.

Observers said the fire did most of its damage to the tar and cross-tied roadway. Engineers estimated the bridge would be out of commission for at least two days before repairs make it usable.

Meanwhile traffic was rerouted. For a time, attempts to put a heavy stream of water on the fire burning in the wooden planking of the 19-foot wide roadway proved ineffective.

Brooklyn Youth Pedals Bike Around Soviet Zone in Austria

VIENNA, Austria, Sept. 9 (AP)— Flying the American flag, a Brooklyn youth pedaled his bicycle for three carefree days through the Soviet zone of Austria. Safe in Vienna today, he expressed surprise that he had been the object of official scrutiny.

Sidney A. Schwartz, 23, had been the most sought-after American in Austria. He learned that when he read it this morning in the U. S. army newspaper Stars and Stripes.

Schwartz, a New York university graduate, cycled nearly 100 miles "off limits" to reach Vienna — from Urfahr at the junction of the American and Russian zones of occupation.

He said he was assured by a Soviet lieutenant-Colonel at Urfahr that his trip was okay with the Russians. The colonel waved him goodbye as he pedaled away through the pretty lower Austrian countryside, which thousands of other Americans in Austria know only through picture postcards.

While American military authorities and Austrian police were querying the Russians on Schwartz' whereabouts, he was taking pictures, visiting the former concentration camp of Mauthausen where he stayed as an enlisted man after the war, and sleeping in fields in his sleeping bag.

He said he was never followed or molested in the Russian zone. Schwartz said he came here to enlist for an active tour of training for a U. S. army commission.

The Russian commander at Urfahr took a great interest in how Schwartz' bike was made and in a row of buttons he wore to show the many youth hotels he had stayed in on a 3,000-mile trip through Europe. The U. S. flag flew from his bike's handlebars.

Switch Back to Normal Time Sept. 11 Virtually Unanimous in Valley Sector

The change back to standard time in the mid-Willamette area apparently will be quite painless compared to the confusion caused when daylight time began last June.

Nearly all of this area's towns will follow Salem's lead in an orderly retreat to standard time at 1:59 a.m., Sunday, September 11. Persons transacting business between the Salem area and Portland will be troubled by the time differences for another two weeks, however, until Portland makes the shift on September 25.

Buses, with one exception, and schools, stores and postoffice will simply keep the same schedules only on the standard time basis. The Hamman bus lines will keep its worker-commuter bus schedule to Detroit on a daylight time

Quick Sales On Trailers

Statesman Classified sold trailers for two parties within the last few days. One sale was made the first day the ad appeared, to the first party who called — and eight others called "too late."

Another trailer was sold for \$1700 by use of a Statesman want-ad that ran four days.

You can insert a classified ad at small expense and reach thousands of prospects in this great mid-valley region. Dial 3-2441 and ask for Classified.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Lawson McCall, administrative assistant to Governor Douglas McKay, broke the news Friday that his chief would be a candidate for reelection. Not that it was really news, for the governor has been "candidating" since his inauguration, as a commissioner and some supervisory employees went to Chicago at expense of a distillery to attend some function. Finally, he has been doing considerable speaking at democratic rallies—Klamath Falls, western Lane county.

He scored a point on the liquor junket and Chairman Hogg promptly admitted it was a mistake. That's one good of a party in opposition, it helps keep the party in power.

The democratic fiasco in Multnomah county will put any democratic candidate under a heavy handicap.

After all republican administrations in Oregon, if not spectacular, have provided the state with stable and economical government, which is what Oregonians of the past have preferred. The last legislature made a very good record, on the whole. Whether issues like CVA and legislative re-appointment which the democrats plan to exploit will attract a substantial following is the big question.

Anyhow, 1950 will be a busy political year, particularly in state politics.

THE WEATHER

Station	Max.	Min.	Precep.
Salem	67	50	.60
Portland	70	52	.01
San Francisco	66	47	trace
Chicago	73	51	.00
New York	66	45	.00
Willamette river	4.0		feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field): Cloudy this morning with considerable clearing during day. Possible scattered light showers during afternoon. High today near 74 and low tonight near 52. Considerable improvement in weather for all farm activities today with scattered showers continuing today and Sunday.

SALEM PRECIPITATION	Last Year	Normal
This Year	.08	.42

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"There's nothing to this watch dog stuff, kid — now when the garbage man comes you bark your head off, then..."