



The formal men's wear above featured the Man's shop window display which won top sweepstakes award in the window decoration contest of last night Fall opening here. Leon's was second and J. C. Penney's third in the sweepstakes judging. (Statesman photo.)

Crowds View Many Displays In Salem's Big Fall Opening

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Last summer Robert MacLean, recently appointed tax commissioner, on the behalf of Sen. Tom Mahoney and State Treasurer Walter Pearson, appointed Johnny Kelly, veteran newsmen, as "information representative." There is one story, however, which Johnny hasn't sent out. That is the one on how Miss Emma Shifferer, who had been employed for 18 1/2 years in the department, was eulogized out of her job. So I shall undertake to tell it.

Miss Shifferer, who maintains a home at 635 Belmont street, has begun work with the tax commission shortly after it was reorganized in 1929. When it was divided into sections she went with the assessment division headed by the late Charles Galloway. She organized and directed the secretarial side of the office. Early this year she suffered an attack of bursitis and her doctor advised her to take a rest.

Wallace Wharton, then head of the division approved a leave of absence for her of three months. The civil service commission also gave its approval. Then came the appointment of MacLean to succeed Wharton. The latter explained the leave that had been granted Miss Shifferer, and MacLean assented to the arrangement. Miss Shifferer herself conferred with Mr. MacLean to confirm the understanding that she would take an additional leave of two and one-half months and would return to work September 1.

With the assurance that she would take the leave without (Continued on editorial page, 4)

Catholic Priests, Nuns Arrests in Prague Aired

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 20 (AP)—Church sources reported tonight more than 200 Roman Catholic priests and nuns have been arrested in an intensified drive to force the church to bow to Czechoslovak government controls.

At the same time the Czechoslovak communist party, the power behind the government, announced a purge of its membership which will reduce the cardholders to those who can pass certain ideological tests.

Animal Crackers



... and in conclusion let me say, the slums must go and we must do our part to help clear them up.

The Man's Shop Gets Top Prize

Salem merchants treated local window shoppers Tuesday night to an elaborate showing of fall merchandise as they had ever seen.

Occasion was the Fall opening sponsored by nearly 100 business firms ranging from leading department, women's and men's wear stores to automobile dealers, theatres and restaurants.

The Man's shop at 416 State street topped honors in the window decoration contest judged by three Portland store display managers, followed by Leon's, second, and J. C. Penney Co., third.

Win in Divisions Each winner of sweepstakes honors had been judged first in its division — the Man's shop in men's wear, Leon's in shoe stores and Penney's in department stores.

Six other divisions were judged. Window shoppers thronged the streets to take in the glittering display of merchandise in specially prepared show windows. Estimates of the crowd ranged as high as 40,000 during the course of the evening, according to James R. Beard, president of the Salem Retail Trade Bureau which coordinated arrangements for the event.

Features Tuxedo

The Man's shop featured a midnight blue tuxedo with appropriate formal accessories, along with a blue-gray sharkskin suit with overlaid pattern, a gray covert topcoat and other men's furnishings.

Leon's presented a window featuring different styles of black shoes in series, each with matching purse and appropriate hosiery. Another of its windows featured new rich tan and gray colors in corduroy wear.

The J. C. Penney windows offered women's fashions and men's and women's sports wear arranged with special lighting and decorations on the dual theme of "Touch-down favorites" and the hunting season.

Winners by divisions were: Drug-florists: (1) Olson's, (2) Breithaupt's, (3) Cooke Stationery.

Department stores: (1) J. C. Penney Co., (2) Robert's Bros., (3) Miller's.

Specialty shops: (1) Toy & Hobby shop, (2) Lambert's, (3) Gay's Candy shop.

Ladies ready-to-wear: (1) Anita shop, (2) Schlesinger's, (3) Johnson's.

Shoe stores: (1) Leon's, (2) Arbuckle's, (3) Marilyns.

Men's clothing: (1) Man's shop, (2) Jayson's, (3) Bishop's.

Home furnishings: (1) Stuffs, (2) Elfstrom's, (3) Hogg Bros.

Jewelry: (1) Stevens & Son, (2) Jackson, (3) Alexander.

Sporting goods: (1) Salem Hardware, (2) Bramble's, (3) Allen's. (Additional details on page 2).

Stayton Merchants Form Corporation To Build Airstrip

A corporation is being formed by a group of Stayton businessmen to purchase land for development of a close-in airstrip, the aeronautics board announced Tuesday.

The corporation proposes to issue shares with a par value of \$50 each bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. Sponsors said the project had been presented to the city council which has indicated a willingness to grant an option for purchase of the strip from one to 10 years after completion.

Engineering work is being provided by the aeronautics board. Site of the proposed airstrip is one mile west of Stayton.

LEONARD KEELER DIES

STURGEON BAY, Wis., Sept. 20 (AP)—Leonard Keeler, 45, who developed the science of lie detection and became one of America's leading criminologists, died of heart disease today.

Death Claims Movie Actor Richard Dix

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 20 (AP)—Richard Dix, who spanned the shift from silent films to talkies with rare success, died today of heart trouble. He was 54.

An outdoor type who laid his popularity to virile portrayals of what the average man would like to be—and what the average man's wife would like him to be—Dix was in pictures for more than a quarter of a century.

Unlike many of his colleagues in the palmy days before high-income taxes, Dix saved his money. His late years were spent on a luxurious ranch in Topanga canyon—where he refused to have a telephone—with his wife, the former Actress Virginia Webster, and their three children, twins Richard and Robert, 13, and daughter Sue, 9.

He had suffered several heart attacks in recent years, spending months in a sanitarium after one of them.

His death came a few hours before Hollywood buried another of its veteran actors, Frank Morgan, who died Sunday.

Sawyer Discounts Devaluation Effect

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer said here tonight he thought the effect of devaluation of the British pound on the American economy had been overestimated.

"There will probably be less price changes than have been anticipated in some quarters," the cabinet officer said.

FIVE KILLED IN CRASH

HOLLISTER, Calif., Sept. 20 (AP)—A truck which state highway patrolmen said had no brakes plunged into a river today, killing five and injuring 24 transient farm laborers.

FIRE DAMAGES BUILDING

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (AP)—Smoke and water damage in the thousands of dollars resulted tonight when firemen fought a stubborn roof fire on a block-long automobile equipment building.

Good Lighting Keynotes New Lincoln School



Light and lots of it is the keynote of Salem's new Lincoln school (which opened this week). All outside walls of each classroom are of prismatic brick for best transmission of light. Each side of the room gets an even amount of light, and even rooms facing on the north side of the building are well illuminated. Above is the fourth grade with students at modern desks. At the back are some students working in the science and project corner which has a long work table and sink, all of which is in each classroom. Teacher is Evelyn Smith. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer; story and other photos on page 2.)

Marion Street Bridge Project Okehed

One-Way Grid Plan Approved

By Lester F. Cour Staff Writer, The Statesman PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (Special) The state highway commission today unanimously approved the first phase of the Salem traffic control plan—a \$2,385,000 project including a new bridge over the Willamette river to West Salem and a grid of one-way streets.

But Commission Chairman T. H. Banfield informed a 20-man Salem delegation at a meeting that the remainder of Salem and Marion county's highway program would have to wait until funds are available.

Banfield also stated that no state funds would be available immediately to finance the proposed Meham-Mill City highway on the Marion county side of the North Santiam river.

In other major businesses before the commission, Ralph & Horwitz, Portland contractors, submitted only bid for construction of the new state highway office building in Salem. The bid of \$1,934,264 was taken under consideration. (Additional details on page 2).

First traffic project work in Salem, the bridge construction, will itself require nine months to complete after actual building begins in the spring, explained State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock.

Approval of the initial part of the Baldock traffic improvement plan came after Salem Chamber of Commerce President Roy Harland urged approval of a five-point highway program.

The commission indicated planning work would commence immediately on the \$2,385,000 program to construct a new bridge over the Willamette at Marion street. Estimated cost of the Marion street bridge is \$1,250,000.

Reconstruction of the present Center street bridge, also a part of the project, will cost \$750,000. Street construction will absorb the remaining \$385,000 of the total.

The plan calls for a truck bypass turning west on Pine street immediately south of the underpass on Portland road; west to Commercial street and then south on Commercial through the city. Northbound truck travel will follow the present route.

Southbound passenger car traffic will follow Fairgrounds road from Tile road to Hollywood to its intersection with North Summer street; south along North Summer to Chemeketa street; west on Chemeketa street to South Commercial and south on Commercial.

Northbound traffic on 99E will turn off South Commercial street at Oxford street; proceed on a diagonal street to Liberty; proceed north on Liberty to Court; east on Court to Capitol and north on Capitol through the city.

(Other Salem delegation news on page 2).

Ford Offers Company Pension Plan

Belgium Joins Devaluation Nations

British Labor Party Shaken, Fear Censure

LONDON, Wednesday, Sept. 21 (AP)—The stampede of currency revaluation caught up with Belgium early today. In Britain—where it started—the labor government was threatened with a fight for its life.

Yesterday—a day of feverish speculation in the world's gold, stock and commodity markets—saw Greece join the 20 other nations who already had decided to devalue their money in terms of dollars.

The spectre of inflationary prices went down to the roots of the labor party.

The division in British labor ranks—backbone of the government—was reflected when the general council of the trades union congress was unable to come to an agreement on devaluation policy.

Italy and western Germany seemed likely to devalue their money in a few days.

The labor government is expected to call parliament back into session Tuesday in response to a demand by Winston Churchill for a debate on devaluation.

To support its stand, the government was expected to put out to labor members a so-called three-line whip. This, in effect, is an order to labor members to attend and support the government or face party disciplinary action.

Churchill feared Such orders would indicate a fear Churchill may demand a vote of censure. Government defeat on a motion of censure by tradition calls for a new general election.

The Belgian cabinet announced that the devaluation of the Belgian franc would become effective tomorrow. The U. S. dollar then will be worth 50 Belgian francs as compared with the previous 43.82 Belgian francs.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, chancellor of the new West German Republic, said the west mark, will have to be devalued.

Mathieson Elected To Class Position

At Salem high school Tuesday the new sophomore class elected James Mathieson as its president.

Others chosen are: Vice president, Bruce King; secretary, Roberta Sjoding; treasurer, Mike Deeney, sergeant-at-arms, Gary Jones, song queen, Helen Callaghan; yell king, Eddie Bower.

ENGINEER TO REPORT

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (AP)—Col. Donald S. Burns will report here Nov. 15 from Washington, D. C., to become Portland district army engineer. He will succeed Col. O. E. Walsh, who moved up to North Pacific division engineer, July 1.

U.N. Assembly's New President



NEW YORK, Sept. 20 — Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines waves a greeting at the United Nations assembly at Flushing Meadows today. A few moments later Romulo was elected president of the general assembly. (AP wirephoto to the Statesman.)

U.N. Vote Tally Indicates Yugoslavia Against Bloc

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, anti-communist campaigner from the Philippines, was elected president of the fourth United Nations assembly today with 53 votes. Only the five nations of the soviet bloc voted against him.

Yugoslavia apparently voted against the soviet bloc for the first time in the secret ballot for president, but declined to admit it publicly.

Five votes — presumably those of the soviet bloc — were cast for Vladimir Clementis, Czechoslovak foreign minister, for president. In previous assemblies the Russian group always has polled at least six votes.

There was one invalid ballot in 59 cast for president. Many delegates speculated Yugoslavia might have voted for Romulo or put in the invalid ballot. No Yugoslav would comment.

Romulo's election to succeed Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Australian foreign minister, has been a foregone conclusion for weeks.

Colonel Carl Flies F-86 at 700 Miles Per Hour

EL TORO MARINE AIR BASE, Calif., Sept. 20 (AP)—Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl, 32, former world air speed record holder, flew an air force F-86 Sabre at 700 miles an hour last week, public information officers disclosed today.

It was while Col. Carl was visiting Wright-Patterson air force base at Dayton, O., that he made the flight, the marine announcement said.

He took an F-86 to 47,000 feet, started downward and reached 700 miles an hour, the statement added. Later he said the speed was "easily attained."

The world record is 670.981 miles an hour, set by air force Maj. Richard L. Johnson Sept. 18, 1948, in an F-86 at Muroc Air Base, Calif. This was in level flight, four passes over a three-kilometer course.

There was no official comment from air material command headquarters at Wright-Patterson field. However, a source close to the field test division said the ship probably would be able to do 700 miles per hour in a dive "with little effort" since the ship has done almost 671 mph in level flight.

U.S. Opens Talks to Insure Continued Supply of Uranium

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—The United States began negotiating with Britain and Canada today for a new long-term agreement to assure this nation a steady supply of uranium, the raw material for atomic energy.

The Belgian Congo is the greatest producer of uranium ore for the nations of the west. The United States and Britain buy the output of those mines, and divide it by common agreement between themselves. Canada produces some uranium, generally supply her own needs and selling the rest to the United States.

In asking for a greater share of the Congo ore, American officials could, if necessary, present the last-ditch argument that large quantities of uranium are vitally needed for the manufacture and stockpiling of the atomic weapons which are the present foundation of western military strategy.

However, responsible officials here observed that the United States, Britain and Canada usually do business in such a way that no last ditch arguments are needed to bring about satisfactory agreements.

A complication, however, arises from the fact that President Truman is committed not to enter into any atomic agreement without consultation with congress.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field): Generally fair today with increasing cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Probable light rain late Thursday. High today near 75 and low tonight near 46. Generally fair weather today and most of Thursday for farm activities.

Table with columns: Max., Min., Precip. for various locations like Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette river.

Steel Industry Sets Furnaces, Awaits Strike

By The Associated Press The steel industry began banking its glowing furnaces Tuesday for a nationwide shutdown; and the two day coal strike ate into the nation's fuel supplies at the rate of 1,000,000 tons a day.

Meanwhile, a united automobile worker source said that the Ford Motor company, in an effort to avert a strike has submitted an offer in the contract negotiations in line with the president's steel fact-finding board's recommendations on pensions. These recommendations the steel companies have rejected. Ford was reported to have offered workers a company-financed pension plan.

These were the developments: 1—Cyrus S. Ching, federal mediation director, reported "no progress" in two days of efforts to stave off a scheduled strike of 150,000 CIO steelworkers Saturday midnight. The steel industry started slowing down operations.

2—Idleness in the two-day coal strike passed the 500,000 mark. More than 27,000 rail employees were furloughed by a half dozen coal carrying roads. Some 480,000 united mine workers stopped work Monday to back demands for a new contract and to protect a halt in mine welfare fund payments by southern operators. The southern operators have suspended payments until a new contract is agreed upon.

3—Charles G. Ross, white house press secretary, said in Washington that President Truman has "nothing in the works" and "nothing is in sight" for settling either the coal or steel disputes.

4—Union sources in Detroit said Ford tentatively offered company financed pensions equivalent to 8 1/2 cents an hour. These payments would provide pensions of about \$50 a month for workers reaching age 68 exclusive of social security benefits. The union has set a strike of 115,000 workers for Sept. 29 if settlement is not reached on demands for pensions and a wage boost.

The company already contributes 1 1/2 cents an hour to an insurance plan already in effect at Ford. Thus, the additional 8 1/2 cents reported offered to the UAW would bring Ford's pension contribution to a total of 10 cents, the figure recommended by the steel fact finders.

5—Expectation of a steel strike, Bethlehem Steel co., started closing down some of its mammoth furnaces in Buffalo, N. Y., other producers are expected to slow operations gradually. The union gave Jones and Laughlin steel company formal notice that it had better bank its furnaces in expectation of a shutdown Saturday midnight.

The steelworkers union threatened to renew its original demands for a fourth round wage hike if owners won't accept a presidential board's peace formula. These demands were for 12 1/2 cents hourly wage hike and a pension-insurance program costing 17 1/2 cents an hour.

The coal strike caused the furlough of a growing number of rail workers.

Trio Saws Way Out of Polk County's Jail

DALLAS, Sept. 20 (Special)—Polk County authorities and state police were searching late today for three prisoners who sawed their way from the county jail here early this morning.

Sheriff T. B. Hooker said the trio used a hacksaw, evidently smuggled into the jail, to saw a bar loose from their cell and then used the bar to pry open a second story window.

The men were listed as Wesley James Edwards, 40; John Theodore Forrester, 45; and William H. Phillips, 29.

Four other prisoners remained in the cell while the trio escaped. The escape, believed planned by Edwards who is a federal parole violator, was discovered on a routine jail check at 10 a. m. Edwards was being held for federal authorities on charge of violating parole from McNeil Island. He had been serving a two-year sentence for concealing stolen property.

Forrester had served three weeks of a 10-month sentence for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Phillips was being held for the grand jury on a charge he had obtained money under false pretenses.

BASEBALL

Coast League At Oakland 3, Portland 2; At Hollywood 4, Seattle 0; At Sacramento 5, San Francisco 3; At San Diego 5, Los Angeles 6 (10 inn.).

National League At Chicago 9, Brooklyn 2; At St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 8; At Pittsburgh 3, Boston 4; Only games scheduled.

American League At Boston 5, Cleveland 2; At New York 3, Chicago 1; At Philadelphia 5, Detroit 6; At Washington 6, St. Louis 15.