

Scene Set for Special Votes On Salem Area Annexations

The scene was set last night for today's special election in Salem and vicinity, to decide two proposals to enlarge this city.

Quiet characterized the pre-election period in Salem, but a lively campaign was in progress in a proposed annexation area of some 400 acres southeast of present city borders.

Residents and property owners in the southeast area circulated letters to the some 340 registered voters of the area; one group favoring the annexation and another opposing it. In addition, the opposition had a sound truck in the area making announcements Thursday evening.

To complete this suggested an-

nexation, a majority favorable vote is necessary in both the city and the special area involved.

Also on the ballot will be the proposed merger of West Salem with the city of Salem. Only a majority of the Salem voters who cast ballots today is required to make the merge effective, as the West Salem electorate already has approved it.

City Recorder Alfred Mundt predicted a light vote in the city, noting that special elections and annexations traditionally draw few voters to the polls. "But I wouldn't be surprised if 80 per cent or more of the registered voters vote in the southeast area," he said.

The recorder's office at city hall was besieged with callers Thursday inquiring where to vote. Mundt stressed that for this election Salem voters will vote at only one place in each ward — plus a special polling place in the Kingwood area of Salem across the river (but not including the city of West Salem) at 1094 Kingwood dr.

Salem polling places are at Grant school, Washington school, city hall, state heating plant, Mayflower hall, Salem high school and Leslie junior high school.

In the southeast annexation area, the polling place will be a garage at the Walling residence, 2830 S. 12th st.

Chest Workers Plan 'Overtime' Sessions

Funds collected by Salem Community Chest workers stood at \$61,370 Thursday night on the eve of a scheduled victory banquet. And from chest headquarters came word that workers will put in overtime sessions in an attempt to reach their \$105,000 goal.

Encouraged by "over the top" reports from West Salem and Joseph A. H. Dodd hoped to reach the \$80,000 mark in time for this month's no-vest banquet. It will be at the Marion hotel for all leaders and workers.

The chest will have to renew its plea for funds and call again on people who haven't been reached by volunteer workers, said Dodd. He urged such persons to make pledges now, either by phone, mail, to neighborhood workers or to the midnight radio show.

The West Salem report showed \$2,652.50 collected and workers still busy. Rex Gibson and Junior Eckley are leaders. The south section of the women's group, under Mrs. Robert Wilson, Jr., reported \$2,536 in with a promise of more to come.

Latest totals reported by other divisions were: Automotive and transportation, \$7,533.50; contractors and builders \$3,920.60; educational, \$1,275.33; general gifts \$5,542.75; governmental, \$7,519.78; industrial, \$7,976.87; mercantile, \$10,234.75; professional, \$6,054.00; rural, \$345.00; utility, \$1,043.20; women's divisions north, \$1,045.10; central, \$3,690.32.

Community chest funds help support the YMCA, YWCA, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, the Legal Aid Clinic and Catholic Charities.

Unfortunately, the commission cannot make a full report to the public on what it has accomplished. It is still bound by the rule of silence for security reasons. From what has been divulged, it seems that a great deal has been accomplished, primarily with respect to improvement and production of atomic bombs.

When the commission took over from army engineers the "Manhattan Project," it found the plutonium works at Hanford pretty well broken down. They had been pushed to produce materials for the Nagasaki bomb and the works were in bad shape. The AEC has rebuilt the plant there and is producing a superior bomb, as the latest tests showed; and has a stockpile of bombs, number not revealed. Since news broke of Russia's cracking the atom it is reported that effort will be made to speed up our own production.

The world, however, is greatly interested in the possibilities of adapting atomic fission to power generation for peaceful purposes. The commission has so far done little on this problem. Recently, however, it announced its intention to erect reactors at Arco, Idaho, north of Pocatello, for experimenting in power production. One reactor will test material and methods another is designed for a navy power plant.

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Freight Rate Reduction to Apply to Apples

CHICAGO, Oct. 13—(AP)—A spokesman for railroads serving the Pacific northwest announced today the roads have approved freight rate reductions sought by apple growers in that area.

The recommendations made by executives of the transcontinental railroads would cut rates 15 to 25 cents a hundred pounds on apples shipped from the Pacific northwest to points east of Chicago.

The transcontinental lines include the major railroads serving the Pacific northwest. They are asking the eastern railroads to join them in making the rate cuts.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Let's get outa here—I feel positively naked!"

Attlee Puts Stop To Talk of Early General Election

LONDON, Oct. 13—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee put a stop today to Britain's big political guessing game by announcing there will be no general election in 1949.

The announcement came as a neatly timed wet blanket smack in the middle of the three-day annual rally of the conservative party, the major opposition to Attlee's labor government.

Winston Churchill and other conservative leaders had called for an early vote as a test of the government's economic policies. Attlee gave the nation his decision in a formal statement after the first meeting of his full cabinet since the government slashed the value of the pound.

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Collegian Wins 'All-American'

Another in a long series of "All-American" ratings by the Associated Collegiate Press was added to the Willamette university Collegian laurels, it learned Thursday. The campus newspaper is issued weekly by the student body.

Eric Bergman of Salem was editor for the semester judged, that of last spring. The judges paid special compliment to the cartoons of Ed Fitzsimons of Salem.

The Collegian began rating as All-American early in the 1940s and has varied from it only to receive the higher Pacemaker ranking. This year it was judged with colleges of from 1,000 to 2,499 students.

Ceiling Falls on Church Choir

YORK, Neb., Oct. 13—(AP)—While choir members rehearsed the anthem, "Lord Have Mercy," the furnace blew up and the choir loft ceiling fell down. It happened at the Evangelical United Brethren church here last night.

Fire Chief John Deprez said the explosion occurred when the janitor, A. R. Caldwell, 74, attempted to re-light the pilot light on a gas furnace.

Caldwell suffered burns on the chin and arm but choir members escaped injury. Damage to the furnace and church was estimated at \$3,000.

Brothers Slain, Rancher Held In Coast Feud

TOLEDO, Oct. 13—(Special)—An old, family dispute over a boundary line was under investigation Thursday after two brothers were slain on a wooded trail in the Nashville area 40 miles northeast of here.

The bodies of Melvin Longyear, 25, and Charles Longyear, 22, were found by a sheriff's posse after a rancher told Sheriff Tim Whelp where to find them.

Norman Homer Edwards, 50, drove to the sheriff's office last night about dinner time to report the incident. The Associated Press quoted him as saying:

"Get the coroner and an ambulance and go up the Siletz river and get the Longyear boys. I hurt them about noon. You'll find them if you go up the trail on brush creek. It was either them or me."

Edwards was jailed, but no charge was filed against him. The sheriff said he was considering a possibility—which he did not explain — that Edwards might not have fired the fatal shots. He said Melvin was shot between the eyes and Charles in the back of the head.

The sheriff said the Edwards and Longyear families had been disputing for years over a boundary line, but the matter never appeared to be of feud proportions. State police were assisting with the investigation.

Timber Cutting Bids Rejected

DETROIT, Oct. 13—(Special)—All bids for clearing timber for power distribution lines from the Detroit dam site to Detroit were rejected today by the Benton-Lincoln co-op on grounds they were too high.

Bidding on the 30-foot wide strip approximately seven miles long were Cascade Electrical Contractors, Inc., Corvallis, \$31,395; Tompson, Henriksen Logging company, Detroit, \$46,800; and Baker Seabold and Seabold, Hillsboro, \$72,000.

New bids will be called for within two weeks, the co-op announced.

STEEL TALKS PROCEED

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—(AP)—Federal mediators reported tonight they found "basis for further discussion" in exploratory talks with the Bethlehem Steel Co. on efforts to settle the 13-day steel strike.

NEW HARRISBURG MAYOR

HARRISBURG, Oct. 13—(AP)—This town had a new mayor today. He is Clay Stone, who succeeds F. S. McEldowney. The latter resigned to accept a post with the soil conservation service.

Shirley Temple-John Agar Marriage To End on Hollywood Divorce Shoals

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 13—(AP)—Shirley Temple's marriage to handsome John Agar ended on the Hollywood shoals today. The little Miss Marker of yesteryear filed suit for divorce.

"For two and a half years we have been trying to make this marriage work," 21-year-old Shirley, onetime child idol of moviegoers, told reporters. "We have both tried hard, we really did. But it just didn't work."

"We reached a decision last night. John is no longer living in our home."

Even blame filmland—inured to such things—was surprised at the split-up. Only a year ago, Shirley had said: "We have never exchanged a single harsh word. Two careers in one family works out wonderfully for us."

The divorce suit followed a familiar Hollywood pattern, charging "extreme cruelty and grievous mental suffering." Attorney George Stahlman, who filed it, said there is no community property. Apparently Shirley, who reputedly made a million before she was in her teens, and Agar had kept their finances separate.

She asks custody of their only child, and return of her maiden name.

Agar, 28, declared: "I have nothing to say other than that I hope the thing can be handled in a dignified manner. I haven't thought it out clearly as yet, but I do not think I will contest

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Helpless Canton Awaits Arrival of Red Army

Jury Deliberates Fate of 11 Top Communists

Federal Jury Resumes Talks This Morning

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—(AP)—A federal jury was sent to bed at 10:21 p.m. EST tonight, leaving the fate of the nation's 11 top communists still in doubt after about five hours of deliberations.

The jury was directed to resume its secret debate at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The jury got the historic case at 3:53 p.m. this afternoon.

They argued it in private until 5:40 p.m. when they went to dinner. Then they resumed deliberations at 7 p.m. and continued to the overnight adjournment.

In all, they were closeted for five hours and 2 minutes without reaching a decision.

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Talbot Hop Yard Fire Kills Girl, Burns 8 Cabins



JEFFERSON—Linda Lenora Spence, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Spence burned to death Thursday when fire swept through a row of eight cabins at the William Krebs Hop farm, three miles northwest of Talbot. Sam Taylor, a workman at the farm who attempted to rescue the girl, is showing inspecting the ruins of the cabins a short time after the fire. (Statesman photo.)

Detroit-Idanha Sector Rejects Merger Plan

DETROIT, Oct. 13—(Special)—Voters in a special election today voted 206 to 99 against the proposed merger of Detroit and Idanha.

The 2 to 1 defeat of the proposal came after a heated campaign over the consolidation move. Because it has not been decided whether a small Detroit area was included in the territory involved, the results will not be official until confirmed by county election officials.

Proponents of the merger contended the merger would lead to improved street and water facilities. Opponents said the Santiam canyon cities, six miles apart, were too far separated to make the merger practical. Detroit proper will be under water when the Detroit dam basin is filled in late 1952.

DP 'Filibuster' Halts Plan for Adjournment

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—(AP)—Democratic leader Lucas tonight abandoned hope of congress adjourning by Saturday. He said a senate "filibuster" against legislation to liberalize the displaced persons law was responsible.

The Illinois lawmaker said Senator Cain (R-Wash.) had made it clear that he and other opponents of the measure intend to talk at length against it.

"It's a filibuster, of course," Lucas said.

He talked to newsmen when Cain was more than four hours along in a speech against the bill. Congressional leaders had been shooting at adjournment by Saturday evening.

On the other side of the capitol, Democratic Leader McCormack told the house the outlook now is for congress to adjourn Wednesday of Thursday.

The DP bill, already passed by the house, was pried out of the judiciary committee yesterday by a 7 to 3 vote despite the opposition of McCarran. It was sent to the floor without recommendation. It increases from 205,000 DPs who may come here in two years to 339,000 in three years.

Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, chief of naval operations, made the complaint before the house armed services committee, investigating a bitter row in the high command over grand strategy.

Denfeld said that under the unified defense setup, the army and air force can actually control the navy, and often do. He said also that the air force has argued for complete elimination of the carrier task force, the "most powerful instrument of modern warfare." The army, he said, has urged

Nationalists Quit City; Reds Take Airport

HONG KONG, Friday, Oct. 14—(AP)—Chinese communists troops have seized Canton's civilian airport, seven miles northeast of the city, telephoned reports from there said today.

Eight Chinese Air Lines planes were said to have been caught on the field, which is "White Cloud" airport.

Chinese press dispatches from Canton said the city was scheduled to be turned over to the communists this afternoon.

CANTON, Friday, Oct. 14—(AP)—Intermittent gunfire today raged through the center of Canton, which has been abandoned by its garrison.

Up until 7:15 a.m. Canton time, however, it was established that the communists had not entered this big south China city.

Resistance in the north has collapsed. The tense population expects red regulars to enter some time during the day.

There was little looting. Police were on the job. Markets which hurriedly closed last night reopened this morning. A few nationalist soldiers were seen on Wai Oi, the main street.

The main body of nationalists went west on the highway. (Estimated to total about 80,000 men, they may be aiming at a linkup with the 200,000-man force of nationalist Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi, Pai, who earlier in the week pulled southwest from the front north of Canton, has his headquarters at Kweilin, 250 miles northwest of Canton. The swift communist advance might prevent such a junction and hem the garrison against the seacoast in southwest Kwangtung province.

Most residents indoors. Most of Canton's million residents stayed indoors. Families had organized all-night watches to guard against looting.

HONG KONG, Oct. 13—(AP)—Abandonment of Canton has smashed a fatal hole in the nationalist air and sea blockade of communist China.

Over 200,000 government units stand between red China and British Hong Kong. Trade can soon start flowing from Hong Kong up the 85-mile stretch of the Canton-Kowloon highway. This should make the blockade of Shanghai and other red ports little more than an annoyance.

Nursery Gets License Again

PORTLAND, Oct. 13—(AP)—Sherwood Gardens, which yesterday was ordered to stop operating without nursery license, got its license today.

The state department of agriculture granted the license after an investigation. It was only yesterday that the firm was told to operate until the license action was taken.

Sherwood Gardens bought equipment from the defunct Sherwood Bulb Gardens, which took bankruptcy after losing its nursery license.

14 Degrees In Bend Area

By The Associated Press

Another cold day was forecast for the Pacific northwest today, after the mercury dropped below freezing in many areas.

Oregon's coldest towns yesterday were Bend and Prineville, with 14 degrees. Potato diggers held off work until the sun warmed the ground, to prevent the potatoes from freezing.

Madras recorded 16 degrees yesterday. Baker had 18, Redmond, 19, La Grande 22, Lakeview 27, Medford 31, Eugene 33, The Dalles 34, Salem 35, Roseburg 37, Portland 38.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fog and low clouds hitting by noon. Fair this afternoon with gradual increasing high cloudiness tonight. High today near 60, low tonight near 20. Weather will be favorable for most farm activities today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

This Year 2.72 Last Year 4.41 Normal 2.80