

IT SEEMS TO ME
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Ever since June the bulls on the New York stock exchange have been ranging around, heads down, tails in air, tossing the bears about with some degree of roughness. The spell of melancholy that afflicted traders the first of the year—and businessmen generally—lifted in midsummer, and the "market" has enjoyed if not a boom, then a mild boomlet.

In spite of the price rise in common stocks the disparity in yields of stocks and bonds remains extremely wide. In August common stocks were yielding 2.9 times as much as high-grade corporate bonds, according to a study made by the Cleveland Trust company. In this century such a spread was reached only twice before, one in 1912 and then in June and July this year. The price rise in stocks since August has of course reduced the yield, but the ratio remains very high.

On the bond side it may be noted that interest rates have been declining ever since 1930. The average yield in the past 50 years was 4.28 per cent, while the yield in August was only 2.60 per cent, and yields have declined, if anything, since then.

This low interest rate is due to two things: government policy for easy-money, and the over-abundance of capital, wanting "security."

On the other hand common stock prices remain relatively depressed for a variety of reasons: the jolt of the long depression undermined confidence; the tax structure constrains business management to use earnings for plant expansion rather than dividends partly because of the difficulty of floating stock issues; and heavy taxes.

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Christian Youth Council Elects Wallace Riches

Wallace Riches of Turner, Oregon State college student, was elected president of the Oregon Christian Youth council in closing minutes of the council's assembly here Sunday morning.

Riches succeeds David Poindexter, Willamette university student, who directed the three-day session. Other officers elected Sunday include Ann Otto, vice-president, and Joan Wood, secretary, both of Portland, and Douglas Van Dyke of Salem, treasurer.

Members who are to represent their denominations at council meetings this year also were elected. They include Methodist, Richard Scott of Salem, and Judy Fullager of Portland; Presbyterian, Ted Baltz and Ann Otto, both of Portland; Congregational, Dean Bennett of Forest Grove and Gloria Lloyd of Portland, and Disciples of Christ, VanDyke and Joan Wood. The Baptist representatives are to be elected later.

The Christian young people from over the state attended communion Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church and a closing worship at Willamette university. The Rev. G. Hayden Stewart of Seattle was the main speaker.

The students divided into workshops Saturday and studied various aspects of Christian vocations, devotional life, Bible music and recreation. At a banquet Saturday night in Salem high school cafeteria students from foreign lands, now attending Oregon colleges, spoke briefly.

Kaiser Intends to Produce Car in Low-Priced Field

NEW YORK, Nov. 6—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser disclosed today Kaiser-Frazer intends to produce a low-priced automobile.

Kaiser, chairman of the Kaiser-Frazer board, announced a nationwide contest with cash awards of \$200,000 for naming the car.

The announcement said the standard sized five passenger car "will be in the low-priced car in the low price field retailing within the income of millions who have never before been able to own a new automobile."

Animal Crackers



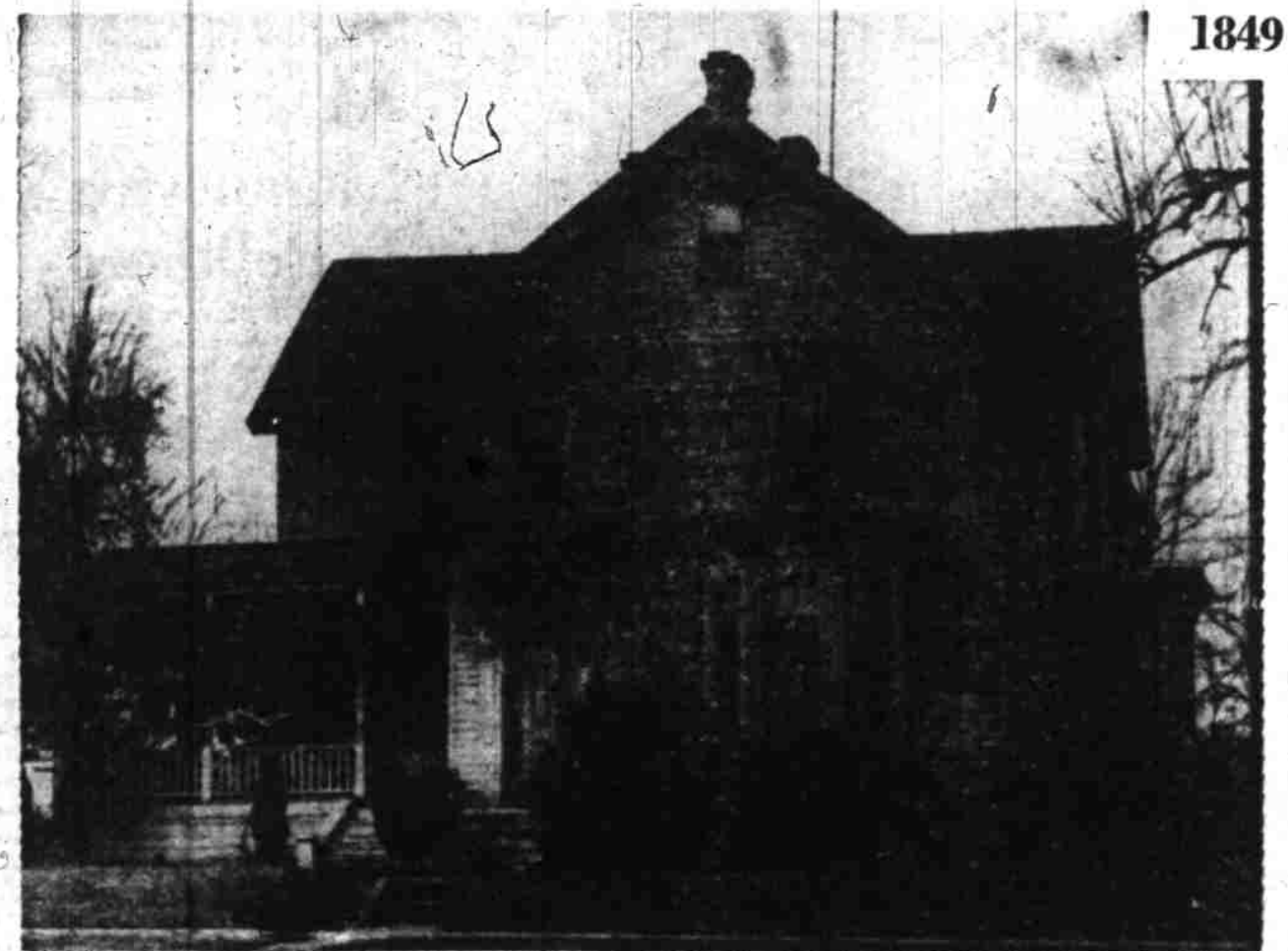
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Portland	62	38	.00
San Francisco	65	49	trace
Chicago	60	36	.00
New York	47	35	trace

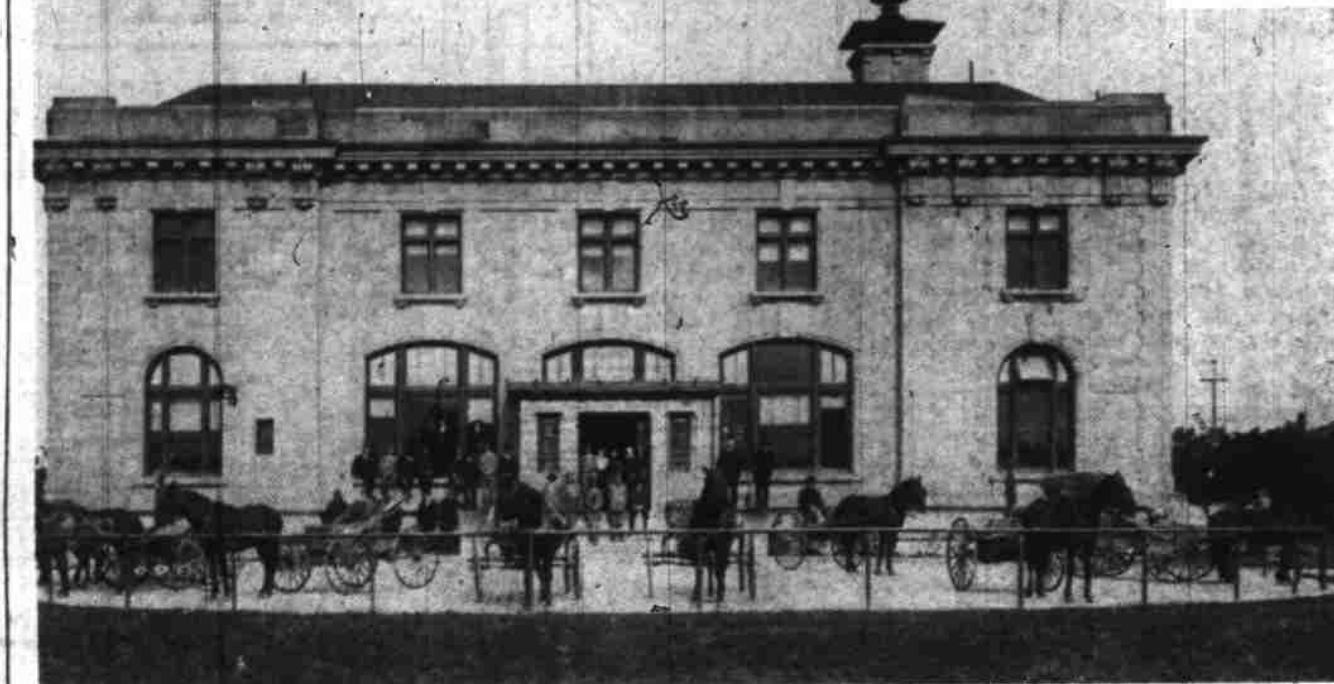
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with considerable smoke and fog this morning and again tonight. High today near 65 and low tonight near 35.

Fights Result as CIO Members Desert Leftist Unions

Salem Postoffice Centennial Tuesday



Vote to Join New Groups



Fact-Finders Proposed for Mine Walkout



Three buildings pictured above have housed the Salem postoffice at various stages of its century-long existence. The local postoffice is officially 100 years old Tuesday, and its mail delivery history is said to go back even earlier than 1849 when J. B. McClane opened a government postoffice in Salem's first house, the Jason Lee Mission house which still stands at 960 Broadway st. (Top photo). Just over half century later, after the local postoffice shifted from house to house and store to store with changes in postmasters, the first postoffice building was erected at the site of the present postoffice on Church street. The early photo of this postoffice shows horses and buggies ready for rural mail delivery. When the present postoffice (lower photo) was built in 1935, the 1903 building was moved up State street to Willamette university where it now houses the law school. (Story on page 12.)

Gen. Vaughan Resorts to Head-On Crash Art to Lampoon Probers Injures Eight

NEW YORK, Nov. 6—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aid, has resorted to art to portray what he thinks of last summer's congressional inquiry into "five per centers."

Vaughan was one of the targets of the sensational investigation. His reaction to it is summed up in his painting, "The Path of Investigation," which will go on exhibit here Tuesday along with other canvases by "famous amateurs."

The Vaughan canvass shows a road trailing off into the distance with a question mark at the end of it. Two heads—presumably pumpkins—peer down on the road.

A description of the painting by the sponsors of the exhibit said that Vaughan, "smarting" from the inquiry, painted it and "made pumpkin heads of the senators" who conducted the investigation.

Vaughan Surprised

At Washington, Vaughan expressed surprise that the painting was being exhibited and that anyone knew what kind of title to give it.

"It's just my impression of most futuristic art," he said. "You look at it and you can't tell just what it is."

He said a man with painting materials came into his office one day and they got to talking about impressionistic art.

It was in the middle of the senate investigation in which Mr. Truman's army aide was linked. The man, according to Vaughan,

Vote to Join New Groups

Fighting broke out today at two United Electrical Workers meetings in Sharon, Pa., and Fairmont, W. Va., in the wake of the union's expulsion from the CIO last week.

At both meetings of Westinghouse Electric corporation workers, members voted to desert the leftist United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America and join the CIO's new International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers.

The UE group in Sharon staged a 10-minute fist-fight. No injuries were reported. At Fairmont, union President John Everhart got a punch on the nose from one of the members.

At Dayton, O., seven Ohio UE locals with nearly 20,000 members voted to secede from the UE and join the CIO's new right wing organization.

The bolters included the 11,500-member local 801 at the Frigidaire plant in Dayton, and the 5,200-member local 755 at the Delco plant, also in Dayton.

Another Ohio local, the 3,200 member Westinghouse local 711 at Mansfield, pulled out of the UE and took a charter in the new CIO group last week. Members of the local have ousted nine of its members, President Joseph Hawkins reported. He said the nine were charged, among other things, with "furthering the communistic stand taken by the national UEW officers."

Fact-Finders Proposed for Mine Walkout

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6—(AP)—High government officials tonight seriously weighed creation of a presidential fact-finding board to hammer at the tightly-jammed coal strike if this week's mediation efforts fail.

Roughly a week has been assigned for last ditch efforts to end the seven-weeks tieup. The picture was black. No settlement talks between operators and union were even hinted.

Decisive action in some form was expected at the end of the new drive for a negotiated peace. President Truman gave no sign that the national emergency has arrived which he said would call into play the Taft-Hartley act.

In the gradually brightening steel picture, federal officials forecast "some more settlements early this week."

A strike-settling pact was ratified by the CIO at Lukens Steel Co. today, and a proposed agreement was being drafted at Republic, the nation's third largest producer.

But officials awaited with misgivings the outcome of John L. Lewis' meeting in Chicago tomorrow afternoon with the United Mine Workers' 200-man policy committee.

Lewis has announced the committee will be asked to authorize "further procedures" in the strike of 380,000 soft coal miners.

This might mean, as the mine chief hinted a week ago, that the 80,000 anthracite workers and 20,000 miners west of the Mississippi would be called out to reinforce the bituminous shutdown.

Albany Stores To Remain Open On Armistice Day

ALBANY, Ore. — For the first time since Armistice day was inaugurated, there will be no observance of the day in Albany this year.

It was determined by representatives of the veterans' organizations in Albany—in business firms voted at a ratio of 8 to 2 to remain open on November 11, according to a report of the merchants' committee.

Another influencing factor was the fact that for the first time, the annual Corvallis-Albany football game will be played in the evening instead of Armistice day afternoon.

EISENHOWER EVASIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 6—(AP)—The New York Herald Tribune tonight quoted Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as saying in response to a question as to how he would vote in Tuesday's election:

"I shall vote for those candidates whose principles support the preservation of the freedom and the liberty of the American citizen."

'New War Would Dig Grave Of Capitalism,' Soviet Told

'Kidnaped' Child Killed By Fall, Mother Admits

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 6—(AP)—State police announced tonight that Mrs. Stella Komorek admitted that her six-week-old son died of a fall and that she threw the body in a millpond near her home.

Dr. Preston R. Clark, Oneida county coroner, issued a verdict of accidental death after the mother admitted at an inquest that the baby had fallen from her arms.

Police said no charges would be placed against the 29-year-old Mrs. Komorek.

She had previously reported the child was kidnaped late Friday night by a strange man who, she said, entered the kitchen of her home in nearby Clayville.

Admission at Inquest

Mrs. Komorek's admission came at a coroner's inquest called after the baby's body was found today encased in half-submerged barlap bag in the pond 500 yards from the house.

Police quoted the mother as saying that she dropped the baby accidentally. Finding it dead, she decided to dispose of it, she told them.

An autopsy disclosed that the child's skull was fractured.

The inquest was called after several hours of questioning of the child's mother by state police and Oneida county authorities had failed to clarify Mrs. Komorek's kidnap version.

Dr. Clark had said "we believe the child was dead before he was placed in the water."

Mother's Story Doubted

From the outset, state police had doubted the mother's original story and had continued to question her closely since she reported the child was taken from his bassinette by a tall man wearing a felt hat and a black coat.

Mrs. Komorek's husband, Henry, 34, was at work in a Clayville paper mill when the baby disappeared.

State police took the Komoreks to the New Hartford station, where they questioned Mrs. Komorek for six hours. She finally broke down as the inquest started and admitted that she had dropped the baby.

Timber Fire Rages Along Cascades Ridge

LEBANON, Nov. 6—A fire in cut timber at the Joe Gilbert logging operation east of Holley along the Calapooia river had consumed an estimated 30 acres and was still raging Sunday night.

It was discovered by Gilbert and Walt Bowman, manager of Lebanon to Big Lake airport near the top of the Cascade mountains. Bowman described it as "a violent fire with plenty of red flames visible."

Gilbert rounded up a crew of fire-fighters at Sweet Home to start battling it. He said there had been no other fires in the vicinity and he had no idea how it started. Two donkey engines were engulfed in the flames. Two others and valuable standing timber were in danger.

Mel Crawford, warden of the Linn county Forest Fire patrol, said he would go to the scene to determine need of men and equipment.

Couple Has to Name Twins All Over Again

PORTLAND, Nov. 6—(AP)—Jack and Helen Phipps decided it was time to stop playing a "this one" and "that one" game with their twin daughters.

The girls are now ten months old—and were named Merrilee and Carolee at birth. But which one? This one, or that one?

That's the sort of thing that has been going on in the Phipps home for months now.

Mrs. Phipps said it started soon after she brought the twins home from a hospital. Each had a bassinette. They were bathed, fed and fondled one at a time—and replaced carefully in the same bassinette. Then, while Mrs. Phipps was at a hospital again, the woman who cared for the family children got them mixed. Or maybe daddy did. Anyway, neither mother nor daddy Phipps are sure which is Merrilee or Carolee.

Four-year-old sister Merilyn calls them "twin" and "twinnie." But she can't tell them apart either.

What to do? Well, the Phipps called in city police fingerprint expert Joseph Morgan. "Simple," he said, "get the hospital record footprints." He did—but they were smudged. "No ridge characteristics, no identification," reported Morgan.

But he had a suggestion. Make new footprints and fingerprints—and start over.

"Which one do you want to call—ah, ah—this one or that one?" Said Officer Morgan.

Train Engineer Blown from Cab

HILLSBORO, Nov. 6—(AP)—A Southern Pacific engine fireman was blown off a locomotive when the boiler exploded near here tonight while he worked on a pressure valve.

The Jones hospital reported Harold Holmes, 40, Hillsboro, was later transferred to a Portland hospital. His condition was not revealed by hospital aides.

Mother Slashes Throats of 4 Children, Attempts Suicide

STERLING, Ill., Nov. 6—(AP)—Police said a 35-year-old mother wielding a kitchen butcher knife tonight slashed the throats of her four children, the oldest only four years old. She then tried to cut her own throat, police said.

The two oldest children were given a 50-50 chance to live. The two youngest—one not even three months old—were termed in "pretty good condition." All are in Sterling Public hospital.

The mother, Mrs. James Moughan, suffered minor cuts. Sheriff Boyd Kimmel of Whiteside county said Mrs. Moughan, wife of a steelworker, was examined by psychiatrists. About three hours after the slashing, Judge W. J. Stevens ordered her committed to the state hospital at East Moline.

"She told us some story about a saint telling her to do this," Sterling Police Chief Edward E. Ohda said.

He said she made an Oral statement admitting the slashings. She declined to sign the statement, he said.

Ohda identified the children as Mary Ellen, age two months; Richard Patrick, 20 months; Michael Joseph, three this coming December 15; and James Peter, four last August 17.

Anniversary Speech Given By Malenkov

MOSCOW, Nov. 6—(AP)—Georgi M. Malenkov, a rising star in Soviet inner circles, threatened today that any new "blood bath" of war would dig the grave of capitalism. Russia, though she "possesses the atomic weapon," does not want war and is doing "everything to prevent it," said the 48-year-old member of the Politburo and vice-chairman of the council of ministers. But the United States, he warned, has plans for a "World American Empire" which dwarf the schemes of German and Japanese aggressors together.

Malenkov, who appears significantly at the immediate left hand of Prime Minister Stalin in official photographs of the Politburo, spoke amid the brilliant red velvet and gilt of the Bolshoi theater at the gala celebration on the eve of the 32nd anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution.

Among his 2,000 auditors was U. S. Ambassador Alan G. Kirk. As official orator of the occasion, he succeeded V. M. Molotov, former foreign minister, who delivered the addresses in 1948 and 1947. Molotov, who appeared at the right hand of Stalin in official Politburo pictures, was succeeded as Foreign Minister by Andrei Vishinsky last March.

Replaces Beria

(The order in the anniversary pictures suggested that Malenkov, at the left hand of Stalin, has replaced L. P. Beria as No. 3 man in Russia. Beria had that position in the May Day pictures this year. Andrei Zhdanov, whose death in August, 1948, appears to have cleared the way for the rise of Malenkov, delivered the anniversary oration in 1946. Beria formerly was head of the secret police, but lately has been reported in charge of Russia's atomic development program.)

An order of the day dated Monday from Marshal Alexander Vasilevsky, minister of the armed forces, declared that Russia fights for peace but that the Soviet armed forces "must not forget the tasks confronting them."

Asks Arms Reduced

Malenkov, who is one of the best orators in the U. S. S. R., spoke in a clear, firm voice in demanding reduction of world armaments and the outlawing and destruction of the atomic bomb.

Atomic energy in capitalist hands, he declared, "is the means of bringing death" while, "in the hands of the Soviet people, it must and will serve as a mighty weapon of unprecedented technical progress and further speedy growth of the productive forces of our country."

"The American people are beginning to understand that if there is a new blood bath there will be weeping mothers, wives, sisters and children also in America."

"America's atomic diplomacy is now fully exposed. The U. S. A. thought they had a monopoly. But in fact the Soviet Union possesses the atomic weapon."

Loud applause greeted this statement.

Merchants Polled On Armistice Day Closure Issue

The attitude of local merchants toward closing their stores Friday in observance of Armistice Day will be studied today by the board of directors of Salem Retail Trade bureau.

Bureau Chairman James R. Beard has circulated cards to ascertain the wishes of merchants in this regard.

Armistice day annually has posed the question here of whether the stores could follow a consistent practice of closing or remaining open.

It is understood this year that some of the merchants would prefer to stay closed until noon and then open for business on the holiday.

Sen. Pepper Calls GOP 'Scrub Team'

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 6—(AP)—Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) doesn't want the republican party to win any elections, but he wouldn't want it abolished either.

"We need the republican party like a varsity football team needs a scrub team on which to practice," the senator said in a talk at a party rally today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

This Year	Last Year	Normal
3.88	7.50	8.86