

# Nation's Fourth Largest Steel Firm Signs with CIO

## Waits for Mother to Be 'Found'



"I'm not lost, my mommy's lost," Janice Ann Bye told City Police Captain Glenn A. Bowman Monday afternoon at the station. Janice said she was "coming three," and she didn't cry a bit. But police gave her the time-honored candy bar and police hat treatment anyway. Mrs. Ruby Bye, Salem, claimed her daughter 25 minutes after she went astray downtown. (Statesman photo.)

## Idanha to Get Separate Ballot on Incorporation

The Detroit-Idanha merger squabble took a new turn Monday when the Marion county court, on the basis of a petition with 147 certified signatures, set December 9 as the date for a vote on a proposal to make Idanha alone an incorporated city.

Previously, the court set December 13 as the date for an election on the plan to incorporate Detroit and part of Idanha, including intervening territory, into one city with the name of Detroit.

Under the situation as it now stands, the vote to incorporate Idanha alone would come four days before the Detroit-Idanha plan and a favorable vote would void the December 13 election in the two North Santiam towns.

Several weeks ago, the Detroit-Idanha merger and incorporation program was defeated 206 to 99 at an election participated in by both communities. A second one was called for December 13 on the grounds that changing of the proposed boundaries (to eliminate that part of Idanha west of Main street, as well as a nearby CCC camp) would switch the result of the vote.

The Detroit-Idanha merger proposition has been led by Edson Vickers of Detroit.

The opposition to the merger, and support for the new plan broached Monday to incorporate Idanha alone, are being led by Lloyd Girod, Charles Haseman, G. Cochran and Sam Palmerton.

The Idanha merger proposition calls for incorporation of the area from about 2 1/2 miles east of Detroit to a point one mile east of Idanha, including the entire Idanha community and such industries as the Harvey Lumber, Idanha Vinegar, Idanha Lumber, Idanha Shingle, B & W Logging, Seitzinger and Pamela Lumber.

The election board for the December 9 election at the Idanha Fire hall was named to include LaVelle Haseman, chairman; Gladys Alvin, Freda Ray, Rilla Schaffer and Elsie Girod.

Oregon was the first state (1941) to enact such legislation. Here the act was not challenged. Instead owners of timberland accepted the legislative plan and have observed its requirements with few instances of violation. This provision for natural reforestation, with artificial seeding and planting where nature fails to do the job, will insure a permanent timber supply for the state and for the country.

That this legislation has been upheld, though it does invade the traditional "sovereign right" of the landowner, is a real milestone in maintaining our economy.

**FIRE STATION PROJECT**  
PORTLAND, Nov. 7-(AP)—City officials broke ground in a ceremony here today marking the start of construction on Portland's new \$450,000 central fire station.

**Animal Crackers**  
By WARREN GOODRICH



"I tell ya he's driving me nuts! Every day for fifty years he says 'It's later than you think!'"

## Pension Plan Ends Walkout

Jones, Laughlin Signs; Republic Still Negotiates

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7-(AP)—The country's fourth largest steel producer signed a strike-ending contract with the CIO United Steelworkers tonight. Officials hoped the agreement would hasten settlement of the whole steel-coal shutdown.

Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation and the steelworkers reached their agreement at Pittsburgh. Effective immediately, the contract provides for company-financed pensions.

The steelworkers reached a like agreement last week with the Bethlehem Steel company, second largest producer.

Chances glowed bright for an early peace between the union and Republic Steel, third largest producer. Inland Steel will resume talks with the union tomorrow. Wheeling Steel is drafting a contract proposal.

But "Big Steel," U. S. Steel Corp., was still out of the settlement picture.

Meantime, John L. Lewis, meeting in Chicago with his big United Mine Workers policy committee, was reported aiming anew at cracking the operators' front by reaching contracts with segments of the coal industry. But operators appeared indifferent.

## Supreme Court Upholds Fines Against Lewis

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7-(AP)—For a second time, the supreme court upheld today the contempt-of-court fines with which the government in the past has cracked down on walkout by John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

The court acted indirectly in upholding \$1,420,000 fines imposed on Lewis and his union as a result of the 1948 walkout. By a 5-3 vote it refused to review a decision by the U. S. circuit court here affirming the fines.

The supreme court action has the effect of letting the circuit court decision stand.

Those who voted against the UMW's petition for a review were Chief Justice Vinson and Justices Frankfurter, Jackson, Burton and Minton.

Among other things, the court also agreed to review two major school segregation cases.

One arose in Oklahoma. A negro, G. W. McLaurin, contended that his rights were violated because the University of Oklahoma required him to sit in an ante-room, apart from white students in the same class.

The other segregation case came from Texas. A negro, Herman Marion Sweatt, asked the court to throw out sections of the state constitution and law which require separation of races in public education.

**Mill City Vote Due on Charter**

MILL CITY, Nov. 7—Mill City will decide Tuesday on acceptance or rejection of the first city charter in a special election at the city hall from 1 to 8 p. m.

Opponents state the election is merely a formality since more than 100 voters have signed a disincorporation petition circulated recently. The original proposal to incorporate carried by only a seven-vote majority.

Proponents, however, said they believe benefits derived since the city was incorporated will lead to a favorable vote on the new charter.

**Sub Launches Buzz Bomb**

ABOARD USS SPANGLER, OFF HAWAII, Nov. 7-(AP)—The navy today gave its first public showings of guided missile launches by submarines.

A "loon" navy adaption of the German wartime buzz bomb zoomed gracefully from the submarine Carbonero and thundered eastward under power of its jet engine. About 10 minutes later word came from ships on the first task fleet—50 miles away—that the missile was on course. It was flying along the ships lined up in a column 21 miles long. The ships were trying to bring it down with anti-aircraft fire.

**Barkley Top Grandfather**

CHICAGO, Nov. 7-(AP)—Vice President Barkley, who could claim to be the bridegroom of the year, learned today that he is officially the Grandfather of the Year.

He accepted a plaque with some surprise but unruffled good nature from representatives of the National Federation of Grandmothers' clubs.

Barkley has seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls. Noting that the award acclaimed him "Grandfather of 1949," the vice-president made a few courtly remarks of acceptance, assuring grandmothers present "that is a very great honor."

**WU Dean Heads Atlantic Union Chapter; Brand Takes State Post**

By John H. White  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

A Salem chapter of the Atlantic Union committee was organized Monday night with Dean Robert Gregg of Willamette university's liberal arts college as president.

Nearly 65 Salem residents turned out for the organizational meeting at the chamber of commerce and about 30 joined the group.

Justice James T. Brand of the state supreme court, announced at the meeting that he would accept responsibility as president of the Atlantic Union committee for Oregon and would "coordinate work of various cities in the state."

In accepting the position, Brand complied with a telegraphed request from Justice Owen Roberts of the U. S. supreme court, a national leader in the movement founded by Clarence Streit, a recent speaker here.

Aim of the Atlantic union chapters is to press congressional ac-

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## \$1.5 Billion in Northwest's 'Package' Projects To Cover 6 Years

Department of Interior Reveals Advance Plans

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7-(AP)—The interior department said today it is getting ready to present to congress something new — its first packaged program for a section of the United States.

The initial program calls for spending \$1,500,000,000 over the next six years for interior department work in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior C. Girard Davidson said the regional presentation "is not in any way a substitute for a Columbia Valley authority," such as has been proposed by President Truman.

Davidson has already presented the regional program to the budget bureau, which reviews government spending plans before they are submitted to congress. The program is due to go to congress next year.

Davidson told reporters that of the Pacific Northwest expenditures proposed for the six years starting July 1, 1950, 85 per cent will be for construction and operation of major irrigation and power projects.

The projects are now being operated, built or planned by the reclamation bureau and the Bonneville Power administration.

Davidson said that while the Pacific Northwest presentation is the first for the continental United States, a similar budget picture has been drawn for the third consecutive year for all of Alaska.

**Hog Prices Fall to Near Last OPA Level**

PORTLAND, Nov. 7-(AP)—Hog prices tumbled as much as \$1.75 on the North Portland livestock market today, falling to within 30 cents of the last OPA ceiling. The drop came as shipments here more than doubled last Monday's receipts.

The market opened briskly at \$1 below last week but buyers later cut their offers and a third of the supply sold for \$17.50 a hundredweight. This was for butcher hogs of good and choice grades. The last OPA price was \$17.20 in October, 1948.

Cattle shipments dropped sharply below last week and prices advanced 50 cents to \$4 a hundredweight.

Fresh pork on the wholesale market went down 2 cents a pound. Loin was quoted 42 to 45 cents, down 10 cents from a month ago.

**Chain Letters Back Again**

Like flies, fleas and the fidgets, they always seem to come back at times—meaning chain letters.

Postmaster Albert O. Gragg said Monday there had been a new influx of such missives, asking each recipient to send on so many copies of the same, on pain of bad luck or losing empty-million dollars.

Gragg pointed out that chain letters are illegal, even though no money is involved, and advised against anyone participating in their perpetuation.

**Camera Catches Young Burglar in the Act**

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Nov. 7—With this photograph as evidence, sheriff's deputies today arrested Robert C. Thurlow, 19, of suburban Mattydale, on burglary charge. Sam Barin, owner of store in which it was taken, said picture was by combination automatic camera and burglar alarm, which also set off lights, rang bell summoning deputies. (AP wirephoto to the Statesman.)

## New Reservoir, Pipeline to Replace West Salem Wells, Franzen States

Fire Insurance Inspection Starts in Salem; May Save \$150,000 for Area

An inspection which may save Salem residents up to \$150,000 annually in fire insurance premium began here Monday.

Two engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters arrived in Salem to begin a two-weeks' scrutiny of this city's fire protection, as requested by the city administration in a move to get Salem reclassified for lower fire insurance rates.

Making the inspection are Carl A. Weers and Walter G. Wells, who said Monday their examination will embrace fire department setup, alarm systems, water supply and distribution, structural conditions, fire hazards, construction regulations and other phases affecting fire control.

Salem, which has not been inspected by the board since 1938, now holds a class 5 rating, considered about normal for cities of its size. Grading is made by counting "deficiency points" considered detrimental to fire protection. Out of a possible 5,000 points, the lower the number of points awarded, the better the

fire insurance classification a city gets.

Most cities of Salem's size are in class 4, 5 or 6, while most larger cities are in 3 or 4, said Wells. On the coast only Portland and Seattle are in class 2, and throughout the nation there is no class 1 city, he added.

Local insurance men have estimated that if Salem can win a class 4 rating, the annual saving in insurance premium payments will approximate \$100,000 to \$150,000.

## Highway Board Office Building Bids Opened

PORTLAND, Nov. 7-(AP)—The state highway department today got a \$1,599,931, low bid for construction of its proposed five-story building in Salem.

The bid, submitted by the Sound Engineering and Construction company, Seattle, was \$334,333 lower than an earlier bid. The department rejected that one as too high.

The highway department received six bids today with a spread of only \$56,500 between highest and lowest. The state highway commission is expected to make a decision on the matter tomorrow.

Other bid action today included: Polk county—Construction \$9 of a mile of highway roadbed and 182 feet of reinforced concrete viaduct on the Little Luckiamute river bridge section of the Kings Valley secondary highway. Low bidder, J. C. Compton company, McMinnville, \$48,750. Awarded.

**Armistice Day Parade Slated At Woodburn**

WOODBURN — Service organizations of the Woodburn area will stage their annual Armistice day parade Friday, November 11. Announcement of the event was made by the local American Legion post which will coordinate the day's activities.

Other features will include a football game, an open house in the new Legion hall and a dance. The parade will start at 10:30 a. m. Woodburn high will tangle with Canby at the local field at 2 p. m. and the dance will be held at the armory from 10 p. m. to 1 a. m.

E. J. Hughes is in charge of the Legion committee. He will be assisted by Joe Kirsch, Leonard Hewett, Arvid Ostrom, William Merritt, Cornelius Donnelly and Adrian Schooler.

## Merchants Split Over Armistice Day Closing

Salem merchants are divided on whether to close their stores for Armistice day Friday.

Following a poll of all merchants affiliated with the Retail Trade bureau, President James R. Beard said the reaction was too evenly split for the bureau to set a policy on store closing.

A slight majority of reporting stores indicated they would close, but nearly all the larger stores said they would remain open. About 10 per cent said they would follow the majority.

For the holiday, most public offices will be closed, including the postoffice, city hall and most county and state offices.

Salem's celebration of the holiday will feature a 10:30 a. m. parade followed by ceremonies at the courthouse, for which Gov. Douglas McKay will speak. (Details on page 5.)

**Gold Found at Bottom of Well**

CASTAIC, Calif., Nov. 7-(AP)—Reports of a gold strike at the bottom of a 137-foot well had this town's 300 inhabitants in a turmoil today.

Charles Allen, onetime gold miner in northern California's mother lode country, reported finding the precious metal while deepening a well in the back of his cafe.

The value of the strike has not been determined, Allen said, because the assay report is still incomplete.

Castaic is only about 10 miles from Newhall, scene of the historic Placerita canyon gold strike in 1842. That was six years before the famous Sutter's mill discovery in northern California 101 years ago.

**Fighters Work to Halt Blaze South of Lebanon**

LEBANON, Nov. 7-(AP)—Foresters recruited workers here today to fight a fire that burst out of control 37 miles southwest of here.

Logging operator Joe Gilbert said the blaze had destroyed two logging donkey engines by the time it had spread through 50 acres of downed timber.

## West Salem Council Holds Final Session

By Robert E. Gaagware  
City Editor, The Statesman

Future planning for a 50,000,000 gallon water reservoir in the West Salem area was divulged by Salem City Manager J. L. Franzen Monday night.

He made this announcement to the West Salem city council as it adopted a resolution commencing the merger of the city across the Willamette river with the city of Salem. The merger will be effective at midnight next Monday.

West Salem's 35-year history as a growing incorporated city, a residential center which in recent years has become also an industrial center, neared an end as Mayor Walter Musgrave adjourned the final city council meeting at 8:45 p. m. in West Salem city hall.

Immediate and long-range water developments were briefed by Franzen for the retiring West Salem council as he and other Salem city officials sat in on the final meeting.

Franzen said he had ordered already enough 12-inch pipe to put a new booster water line across the Willamette river, under the bridge, to West Salem. This would increase the volume of Salem water already relayed to West Salem via an eight-inch pipeline.

Water shortage at dry seasons and flooding in the winter have long been West Salem's biggest problems.

Franzen said he planned to eliminate West Salem's wells as soon as possible, probably after construction of a second Willamette river bridge here permits installation of a 24-inch water line from Salem to West Salem.

The city manager said arrangements are already started for a 100,000-gallon water storage tank on the West Salem heights, plus doubling the capacity of the existing reservoir.

Larger Reservoir  
Then later on, Franzen continued, a much larger reservoir will be needed on the west side of the river to match the recently projected 50,000,000-gallon reservoir to be built near Turner.

Franzen said the west side reservoir would be of similar capacity.

The city manager also told West Salem officials, "I am sure all our (Salem) employees will be pleased to serve all the residents of West Salem. . . We will be asking your assistance in seeing that we get a good start and do a good job in this respect."

City Attorney Chris Kowitz and City Engineer J. H. Davis also attended the final West Salem council meeting.

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**County Tax Collections At \$748,324**

Marion county tax workers had counted \$748,324 paid against the current tax role Monday night. The figure represented over-the-counter transactions. Many additional thousands, received by mail, have not been computed.

Monday's figure represented more than 16 per cent of the \$4,656,272 tax roll and 9,230 statements. It was less than the \$831,626 totaled at a corresponding date last year.

Spokesmen at the tax office again cautioned people who want information before the deadline to do so in person. Persons sending queries by mail should not count on an answer before November 15 after which the 3 per cent discount ceases and penalties start.

**Centennial Cancellation At Postoffice Today**

Stamp and stamp-cover collections will have their time in Salem today. Cancellations at the postoffice will bear the imprint of the office's centennial.

**SPANISH TRAINS COLLIDE**  
MADRID, Spain, Nov. 7-(AP)—Two trains collided north of Madrid tonight and first reports said at least 12 persons were killed and more than 30 injured.