

City News Briefs

HALEY TO TOASTMASTER
George Haley will be acting toastmaster at the Thursday night meeting of the Willamette Toastmasters club at 6:15 o'clock in the Bright Spot cafe. Stated speakers include Henry Tiano, John Gallagher, Al Cramer, Clarence Prange and Cyril Mougey.

Johns-Manville shingles applied by Mathis Bros., 164 S. Com'l. Free estimates. Ph. 34642.

OVERCOME BY GAS
City first aid men reported that Esther J. Briggs, 687 N. Front st., a waitress, was overcome by gas at her residence about 5:15 p.m. Sunday. Attendants revived her and she was not hospitalized.

Insured savings earn more than two per cent at Salem Federal Savings Association, 560 State st.

DUNIWAY TO SPEAK
State Archivist David C. Dunaway will discuss the duties and headaches of his work in care of historic Oregon documents, at the Salem Optimist club luncheon Thursday noon.

ON OUTSTANDING LIST
Warren W. Cooley, Salem representative for Guarantee Mutual Life company of Omaha, achieved 10th place in production for the entire company for 1949, it was announced Sunday. The record was made in Cooley's first year in the life insurance business. He is associated with the E. J. Knutson agency of Portland.

NOTICE! Hearing Aid Users. Our new office hours are from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. including the noon hour, every day except Saturday, when we close at 3 p. m. Come in and let's get acquainted. Batteries for all kinds of hearing aids. James N. Taft & Associates, Belmonte, 228 Oregon Bldg., Salem.

ROTARIANS FETE WIVES
Salem Rotary club will have a noon round table instead of the regular luncheon Wednesday at the Marion hotel, since that evening will be a Ladies' night program at the hotel.
Spencer Corsetier call 3-5072.

Exchange Teacher in England Describes Visit to U.S. Air Base

How the United States air force promoted, of all things, a teachers' convention in England recently, is described in a letter to The Statesman from Sylvia J. Claggett of Salem, an American exchange teacher in England.

Miss Claggett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Claggett, 1820 Chemawa rd. She is spending a year at Salford, England. Her letter follows:

"The American exchange teachers were invited to have a teachers' convention. Now this is novel in that it is the first time in the history of Great Britain that American teachers have held a convention on British soil.

"We were invited by the chief information officer, Captain W. Hill, to be guests of the United States air force at the air force base, Burtonwood, near Manchester, on the week end of January 27, 28.

Maintenance Base
"We toured the base, and saw the manner in which a peacetime air base is operated. This is the largest maintenance base here, and all the maintenance for the large transport ships in England and for Europe is carried on at this base. Burtonwood played a great part in the air life to Berlin during the Russian blockade.

"We had a personal example of American ingenuity when we drove through the trailer site on the base. The air force has made available to its non-coms an area and has allowed them to rent trailers and park them there. These are no ordinary trailers. Additions have been built to them in a functional and not unappealing design and have been painted to harmonize with the trailers. But that is not all. The residents have planted little gardens of flowers that bloom in profusion in the spring.

Expenses Reduced
"A note which will be of interest to the tax payers at home was the recent cut in the cost of operation at Burtonwood. Personnel was cut by a large percentage and economy measures are being pursued. Capt. Hill assured us that the base was adjusting very favorably to these changes.

"It was very interesting to be with Americans again, to speak the American language, to visit the post-exchange and see American products lining the shelves in neat rows. This we haven't seen in six months."

Oregon Streets Conclave to Hear Local Engineers

Several Salem area engineers are slated as speakers and leaders for the second annual Oregon Roads and Streets conference at Corvallis on February 23-24, sponsored by Oregon State college engineering department.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock of Salem will be one of the principal speakers. Others on the program include Salem City Engineer J. Harold Davis and Marion County Engineer Hedda Swart, as well as Linn County Engineer W. W. Larsen.

Births

SYLVESTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sylvester, 4010 Alana ave., a son, Sunday, February 5, at Salem Memorial hospital.

SIMON—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simon, McMinnville, a son, Sunday, February 5, at Salem Memorial hospital.

GRIFFIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffin, 248 Marion st., a son, Sunday, February 5, at Salem General hospital.

SHELTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Perry Shelton, 685 Edina ln., a son, Sunday, February 5, at Salem General hospital.

VAWTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Ruf Vawter, Slayton, a daughter, Saturday, February 4, at Salem Memorial hospital.

Meet Stresses Social Hygiene Teacher Need

The need for additional persons trained to teach in the field of social hygiene and for getting such information into the home were stressed at the annual Oregon State Conference on Social Hygiene in Portland Friday and Saturday, according to Marion county delegates.

The conference recommended in its long-range program that medical schools, teacher training schools and other such institutions add courses to equip persons to teach social hygiene—both with knowledge and ability.

In-service training in the field among present health workers was also urged as valuable, according to Howard Pyfer, Marion county health educator, who was recorder for the conference section including health officers, physicians, nurses and law enforcement officers.

The ninth annual meeting put its stress on the 1950 national theme of "Social Hygiene is a Family Affair."

Others attending from here included Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer; Mrs. Bernice Yeary, nursing supervisor; Lyndall Birkbeck, assistant nursing supervisor; public health nurses Evelyn Krueger, Claudia Donnelly, Helen Wangsgard and Mrs. Jean Wright; student nurse Mary Mordloch, all of the county health department; Mrs. Ruby Bunnell, executive secretary, and Mrs. Lillian Zinn and Mrs. Bessie Edwards, all of Marion County Tuberculosis and Health association.

Speaker
Frank Branch Riley (above), widely known speaker whose specialty is promotion of the northwest's beauty and potentialities, will make the principal address at the Marion county Lincoln Anniversary rally Friday night.

'Ambassador Of Northwest' Due at Rally

A speaker nationally known as "ambassador of the Pacific northwest to the world" will share some of his enthusiastic experiences and ideas Friday night, with persons attending the Lincoln Anniversary rally in Salem armory. That is Frank Branch Riley, Portland attorney.

Riley is credited with having brought thousands of visitors to the northwest, by virtue of his 28 transcontinental lecture tours, his appearances before all types of audiences, and his picture and word illustrations of this section. He is also a mountain climber, explorer and world traveler and has been featured on many college lecture courses, since his discourses include not only the scenic story of the old Oregon country but also the industrial and scientific resources.

The program will be centered around Riley's talk, free ticket and fiddling, with some 10-second talks added.

Italy Commies Paint Signs on U.S. Consulate

VENICE, Italy, Feb. 5 (AP)—Communists today painted on the U.S. consulate here signs attacking an American diplomat connected with American arms aid for Italy.

The slogans were aimed at Joseph E. Jacobs, special assistant to U.S. Ambassador James C. Dunn. They read "down with Jacobs." Others said: "We want work and bread" and "down with the H-bomb."

Public Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Albert LeRoy Crow, Salem, charged with assault with intent to commit rape; held in lieu of \$3,500 bail.

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Begin Probe of Atomic Security



WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.) (left) committee member, and former AEC Chairman David Lilienthal (center) listen as Sen. Brian McMahon (D-Conn) chairman of joint congressional atomic energy committee discusses extraordinary hearing being opened in Washington, to probe the case of Klaus Fuchs, British physicist who worked on atomic bombs in the U. S., and is now being charged in a British court with giving away atomic secrets. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Salem Eagles Celebrate 25th Anniversary

(Story also on page 1)
Salem's Willamette aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary this week, was instituted Feb. 1, 1925, with 129 charter members led by Charles Shaw as president and S. N. Willett as secretary.

This month is also the 52nd anniversary of the national order's founding in Seattle.

Charter members who have been in the aerie continuously since 1925 are Shaw, Cash Roberts, Lester Jones, O. J. Lewis, William Clements, Lewis Swift, A. A. Priem and Floyd Smith.

Blood Donor Program
The lodge grew to 264 members in 1927, and in 1939 and then soared to 2,115 last June. Outstanding projects of those years have included the conduct of a blood donor program for several years and in 1949 the successful public campaign for an iron lung for the Salem infantile paralysis treatment center.

Presidents of the group have included, in order, Shaw, Lester Jones, Claude Seagrove, Ed Stewart, Sam Eshleman, Reynolds Ohmart, H. B. Scofield, Earl Filsinger, H. G. Coursey, Cecil Lantz, A. Warren Jones, Frank Marshall, Ralph Emmons, S. Stevens, L. W. DuBois, A. C. Friesen, Lloyd Moore, Mark Cappe, Dr. F. L. Uter, E. E. Gettman, the late L. T. Wallace, Emory Sanders, James Sim, J. Wayne Sipe, Leslie A. Hamilton, secretary since 1939 and state secretary since 1946, was given last year by the grand aerie the rank of honorary past worthy president.

Former Secretaries
Secretaries prior to Hamilton were S. N. Willett from 1925 to 1929 and Louis Tumbleson from 1929 to 1939.

Salem members who have held state offices include Lester Jones, A. Warren Jones and A. C. Friesen, all as president; Dr. F. L. Uter as conductor; Reynolds Ohmart as conductor and vice president; W. W. Doss as trustee.

Other Salem officers this year are Ed Gregson, vice president; Merl Main, chaplain; A. M. Zahare, treasurer; Victor L. Withrow, conductor; C. D. Garver, inside guard; Lawrence Zielinski, outside guard; William H. Porter, Charles Gruver, Arthur Martin, trustees; Dr. M. K. Crothers, physician.

Oil consumption in the United States has increased about 28 times since 1900.

Choice of Richmond Students



New officers of Richmond school for the remainder of the year are the boys and girls above, pictured just after the final count of ballots Friday. Left to right they are Judith Ann Seely, 1899 Court st., president, sixth grade; Josette Wood, 2375 Lee st., treasurer, fifth grade; Larry Merk, 760 S. 25th st., vice president, fifth grade; Alan Boyer, 565 S. 25th st., sergeant-at-arms, fourth grade; and Barbara Smith, 582 S. 20th st., secretary, sixth grade. (Statesman photo.)

County Given Survey of South Road Up North Santiam Branch

A survey of a possible southside road up the Little North fork of the Santiam river, based on a 1913 survey, was presented to Marion county court last week by Surveyor Dale Graham.

The court soon will investigate the establishment of a road along the south side of the stream and abandoning the present hilly and difficult route along the north side.

Lumbermen and residents in that area have complained to the court of the hazardous driving problems on the present road in bad weather. A proposed plan, if adopted, would have the road cross to the south side of the stream, at the west foot of the mountain about five miles east of Mehama. East of there the road is already south of the river.

The north side road was built by county crews in 1914. A county surveying report at the time, however, indicated that the south side would provide a better location for a road bed. The proposed change would send the road up the south side for about three miles where it would merge with the existing road, which crosses to the south side on Lumker's bridge.

Holly berries are comparatively scarce because only female trees produce berries, and then only if weather is right.

J. A. Wright, Employe at Postoffice, Dies

John Albert (Jack) Wright, 65, a long-time Salem resident and a local postoffice employe for nearly 30 years, died unexpectedly Sunday afternoon at his home here.

Wright had just returned home from work at the postoffice when he collapsed of a sudden heart attack. He was one of the oldest postoffice employes in point of service and would have retired in September. He was a clerk at the registry window.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Annabelle Wright; brother, Luther Wright of Tacoma, Wash.; sister, Mrs. Ethel Workman of Castle Rock, Wash.; daughter, Mrs. Allen Frazer of McMinnville; three grandchildren, Dale Shepard of Sacramento, Calif., Dorothy Meier of Salem and Jerry Robinson of Eugene, and by four great-grandchildren.

The deceased was born in Dade county, Missouri, in 1884. He was a graduate of Willamette university. He spent a number of his earlier years on a farm near Zena in Polk county prior to coming to Salem. He was married in Salem 37 years ago.

Wright was a member of Pacific lodge 50, AF & AM, of Modern Elks lodge 336, and of Modern Woodmen of America. Funeral services are being arranged by the W. T. Rigdon chapel.

Tel Aviv Police End Red Sidown Strike

TEL AVIV, Israel, Feb. 5 (AP)—Police ended a communist sitdown strike today by ejecting 12 demonstrators from the Jewish agency building in the heart of Tel Aviv. The strike started two weeks ago. The demonstrators said they had been discriminated against in distribution of seed on communal farms. This was denied by settlement officials, who said the strike was political.

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Salem School Census Already Outgrowing Expansion Allowed By Passage of '48 School Bond

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles on the Salem public schools' salient problem—where to put the war and postwar babies as they reach school age.)

By Marguerite Wittwer Wright
Staff Writer, The Statesman

A \$3,500,000 bond issue, proposed by the school board two years ago to make possible an extensive school expansion program, was defeated overwhelmingly in February, 1948.

Voters dumped the proposal then because it seemed unsound to vote bonds in excess of what appeared to be immediate needs, especially in a time of high building costs. A group of local businessmen objected to the extra 15 mills the issue would add to district taxes and opposed paying interest on borrowed funds that might not be used for several years.

They advocated reducing the bond issue to \$1,500,000 on the premise that this amount would answer school enlargement requirements until 1950. After the \$3,500,000 bond issue failed to pass (the first time in this century Salem voters vetoed a school bond issue), Superintendent of Public Schools Frank B. Bennett laid out a curtailed expansion program to fit the \$1,500,000 fund.

This issue was okayed by the voters in April, 1948. It made available two new schools, Washington and Lincoln, and 36 additional classrooms—all of them filled to capacity.

When the public school enrollment reached 7,540 last fall, the school board took another deep breath and peered into the future. It saw the prospect of at least 15 more classrooms necessary this coming fall. It saw that today's teenagers, products of the depression's low birthrates, make up probably the smallest classes Salem high school will ever have.

It saw that Marion county births have averaged about 2,500 the past three years—three times as many as were born during the years that provided the current high school student body.

It saw that today's first graders, born when the wartime birthrate was at its peak, are only the advance guard for the big crush to come. And it wondered how district 24 is to provide housing for at least an estimated 4,000 more students 10 years hence. So once more the board turned to Bennett for the facts and forecasts.

"Carry the story to the public" was Bennett's advice to the school board last year. Tell the parents and taxpayers and businessmen the story of increasing population through birth and immigration, increasing classroom requirements every year. Tell them how much it's going to cost to build the necessary additions to hire the teachers, to administer the plant.

To "carry the story" Bennett has prepared a bulletin of charts (showing birthrates and subsequent increases in school population) to back up his estimates of future needs. Predictions for the next six years are based on birth rates to date, and forecasts for the more distant future are conjectured on the supposition that a downward trend will follow the 1947 World War II birth peak in a similar pattern to the decline following the 1921 birthrate peak of World War I.

It is fairly certain that Bennett's studies and predictions will form the basis for planning Salem's future school expansion. They are to be released for publication this week and will be examined in the next article in this series.

China Reds Say U.S. Officials Free to Leave

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5 (AP)—The Chinese communists declared officially today that American diplomatic personnel were free to leave any time but most of them have made no move to do so.

The Peiping radio, heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press, broadcast a statement by a spokesman of the communist foreign ministry to the communist new China News agency.

It said that, although the department of state had attempted "to intimidate our people" by announcing plans January 14 to withdraw all official personnel from China, "the action of the U.S. government has fallen astonishingly behind its statement."

The spokesman declared, "The overwhelming majority of the former American diplomatic personnel in China have up till now shown no sign of moving."

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