

Kiss 'Electrifies' Oklahoma Town

BETHANY, Okla., Feb. 20-(P)—One little kiss has electrified the 2,500 folks in this town, just west of Oklahoma City.

People of Bethany are split into two camps over whether punishment is necessary because the basketball queen was kissed Thursday night at her coronation ceremony.

The uproar all started when Riddell Riggs, 16, crowned Charlotte McLain, 16, as basketball sweetheart—then kissed her.

Things began popping Friday. The students—about 30 of them—walked out of classes. They said they feared the kissing episode would cause them trouble.

The youths staged an automobile parade downtown but were stopped by police who said they needed a permit. They stormed the mayor's office, but he refused to grant permission for the parade.

Then teen-agers took their fight to the press. Bethany is a town where things like kissing in public are not done. It even frowns on cigarettes, beer, school dances and women in shorts.

Over the week end, everyone in town took sides on the kissing controversy. Some parents charged school officials were too strict. The students were back in school today and received this warning from Buford Ingram, president of the school board:

"We're going to clamp down on this thing—we're going to rule it with an iron hand."

The school board will meet in regular session tomorrow night, and Ingram said the matter would be taken up then.

Parents of the students have called a meeting for tonight at the home of W. E. Reavis.

McKay Asks 3-State Defense Conference

Civil defense chiefs and governors of California and Washington were invited Monday by Gov. Douglas McKay to meet with him March 3 to discuss air raid warning and ground observation setups.

The Oregon governor wrote that "it is important that we discuss all angles of the recent order of Defense Secretary Louis Johnson." He noted that the three coast states and part of Idaho are pegged by the federal government as a critical defense area.

The meeting McKay suggested would coincide with the next conference of the Pacific coast board of intergovernmental relations, set for March 3 in Portland.

Governor McKay also announced that letters have gone out to 10 western state governors calling their attention to the American Legion's western area counter subversive and national security conference in Portland Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. The letters recommended that the officials and law enforcement agency representatives be encouraged to attend the conference which will deal largely with the communist problem and methods of combatting communist infiltration.

Louis E. Starr, head of the Oregon civilian defense organization, is now in Washington, D. C., attending conferences with the secretary of defense and his aides. In the meantime, Jack Hayes, assistant civil defense director, is setting up the air raid observation plan.

Governor McKay emphasized that the new air raid observation organization would be active and not just a "paper organization."

Speech Writer For Truman Said Pro-Red

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20-(P)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) told the senate tonight that a White House speech writer, whom he did not name, is a member of communist-front organizations.

McCarthy made his charge at an angry session during which the senate sergeant-at-arms was instructed to go out and arrest absent senators to provide a quorum.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, democratic leader, repeatedly tangled with McCarthy, who also said he has case histories of 81 subversives—including what he called a "big three"—who are working in and with the state department.

Lucas challenged McCarthy to name names. McCarthy refused, saying Lucas or any other interested authorities could get the names at McCarthy's office.

Concerning the White House speech writer, McCarthy said:

"Both he and his wife... are members of communist-front organizations."

He added that the man "has a relative who has a financial interest in the Daily Worker," official publication of the communist party in this country. But the senator said that "cannot be held against him."

McCarthy said he was "doing Mr. Truman a favor" in telling him about the speech writer.

"I do not think he knows it," McCarthy said. "I do not think he would have this individual writing speeches for him if he knew it."

Winnie's Paintings To Appear on Cards

NEW YORK, Feb. 20-(P)—Winston Churchill's paintings are going to appear on American Christmas cards next December.

The Hallmark Greeting Card Co. said today it has arranged to use 18 paintings by the former British Prime Minister, long an amateur painter.

Dayton Voters Approve Grade School Bonds

DAYTON, Feb. 20—A \$249,000 bond issue for a new grade school building was approved today, 203 to 80, by voters of the Dayton grade school district.

The new building will be located west of Dayton near the present high school building and will include 16 classrooms, a gymnasium and offices. It will be of frame construction with cement floors and a brick veneer exterior.

Construction contracts will be let in late April or early May. Frederick H. Eley of Salem is architect.

Animal Crackers



"You and yer big families!"

C. H. Vickerson Appointed to Silverton Council; Glenn Briedwell Joins Planning Commission

SILVERTON, Feb. 20—C. H. Vickerson, acting mayor of Silverton, was appointed to the city council at a special meeting called by Mayor Errol Roos Monday night.

The mayor also appointed Glenn Briedwell to the planning commission to take the place of I. B. Alfred whose term expired in January and who refused to be considered for reappointment. Both appointments were ratified by the city council. A resolution was adopted asking the state highway commission to help rebuild the James street bridge which has been open to very restricted traffic in recent years.

The state highway commission

Severe Cold Hits Coal-Hoarding East States Miners Cited for Criminal Contempt of Court

UMW Told to Explain Failure To End Strike

By Harold W. Ward
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20-(P)—Federal Judge Richmond B. Keech today hurled a criminal contempt of court citation at John L. Lewis' striking union for defying the court's order to dig coal.

The United Mine Workers, which twice before has paid heavy fines for flouting a judge's command, must appear Friday and explain why 372,000 soft coal workers have refused since last Monday to obey.

If the union's story doesn't satisfy the court, a trial will be held next Monday.

Lewis himself was not named in a government petition which asked the court to take action against the union for civil and criminal contempt. The UMW chieftain has publicly called on his men twice to bow to the court's directive issued under the Taft-Hartley act.

10-Day Supply

The action came as the east suddenly found itself in the grip of bitter cold with many a household's coal bin nearly empty. The nation's pile of bituminous coal for all purposes was below a normal 10-day supply.

Keech signed the citation at request of the justice department a few hours after he had renewed his back to work order for another 10 days.

Extension of Order

The original restrainer was signed Saturday, Feb. 11. The extension allows time for the judge to rule on President's Truman request for an 80-day national emergency injunction against the strike under the Taft-Hartley law. The renewal followed a two-hour conference in the judge's chambers with both sides.

Elsewhere another session of the extended negotiations between union and operators over a new contract ground to a fruitless recess.

Federal Mediator Cyrus S. Ching, and observer, said he saw no sign of progress.

Technically the citation is a "rule to show cause" why the union should not be punished.

Avenue Left Open

Assistant Attorney General H. Graham Morrison indicated that the union could "purge" itself of the charge by returning to work before Friday.

Apparently the only chance of this was an unexpected agreement between Lewis and the operators. The miners were angry and defiant, insisting on a contract to replace the one that expired last June 30.

Thus there was a prospect of another heavy fine on the United Mine Workers. Their treasury, now worth between \$13,000,000 and \$20,000,000, has given up \$2-130,000 for two contempt convictions. The first fine was \$710,000. When that one was doubled.

The federal court can make the fine as heavy as it likes, but there was a question whether a fine would get the mines back into production. There was some talk that President Truman might ask congress for powers to seize the mines, although he said he does not want such power.

Salem High School Youths Deny Societies Aimed at Secrecy; Court Testimony Starts

By Winston H. Taylor
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Three Salem high school students denied Monday their club had held secret meetings, as the trial of 18 students against the Salem district school board opened in Marion county circuit court.

The 18 plaintiffs were expelled from school last October by school board action alleging secret society activity. They were reinstated under a temporary injunction, pending trial of the injunction proceedings.

Origin and program of the boys' club were described on the witness stand by Jim Kroepelin, Gene Lebold and Eugene Wegner. They said they had planned to seek school board approval for the out-of-school organization.

Plaintiffs' attorneys Lawrence Osterman and Reginald Williams said they expected to call to the witness stand all 18 boys and some of their parents. The defense expected to call school officials as witnesses.

Not Questioning Law

Counsel for the plaintiffs said they did not intend to question the constitutionality of the Oregon law forbidding secret societies among high school students.

More than 100 spectators crowded a Marion county circuit courtroom all afternoon, and scores were turned away. The trial will resume at 9:30 a.m. today and will continue several days, it was indicated by attorneys.

Circuit Judge Dal M. King of Coquille is hearing the case. He gave notice Monday he expects the attorneys to stick to issues in Parents Knows.

Kroepelin, Lebold and Wegner testified that all of their parents knew about their group, which was formed in Salem last July as an offshoot of a Portland high school group, known variously as Alpha Beta Chi or American Boys' club. They said all meetings were held in local members' homes, with parents in the meeting or at least in the house.

The ABC's purpose, said Kroepelin, the president, was fellowship and promotion of social activities, with its rules including bans against drinking and profanity.

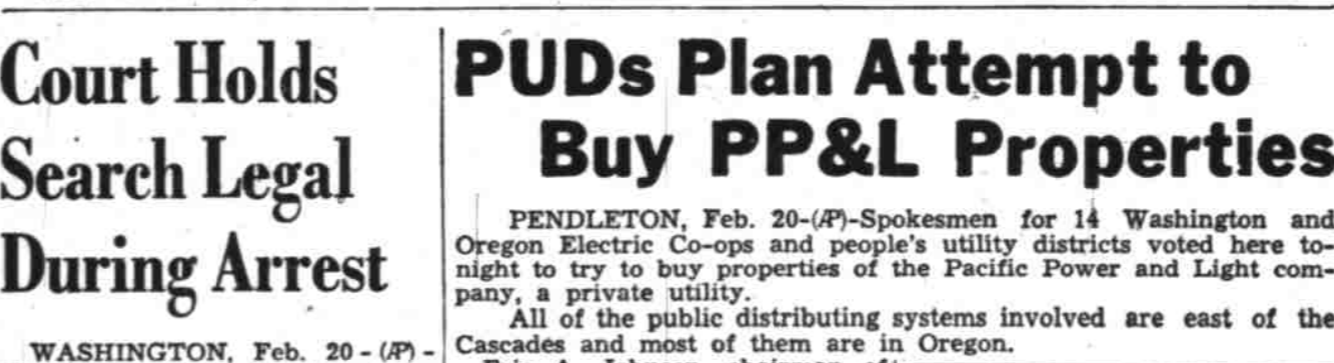
Planned to Get Advisor

In response to cross-examination by defense attorneys George Rhoten, Robert DeArmond and Donald Young, the youths said they had planned to get a faculty advisor when better organized, and hadn't told school officials about the club when school opened because "we weren't ready yet." They said their parents had planned to meet with school officials to seek approval for the group.

While the witnesses said they had never had an open meeting, they stressed that they had "never had a secret meeting," and were never told to keep anything secret.

(Additional details on page 9.)

Bridge Project Idle; Eastern Strikes Blamed



Fate of the new bridge between Marion and Polk counties at Independence still lies uncertain as coal shortages tie up production of structural steel needed for the spans. The Marion county approach shown here has been virtually completed since last fall, and steel beams for the Polk county approach are also in place. At the left, extending across the Willamette, can be seen the concrete piers ready for the superstructure. (Statesman photo.)

Court Holds Search Legal During Arrest

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20-(P)—The supreme court ruled today that when police legally arrest a man they may also search a limited area under his immediate control for evidence of a crime.

But the court laid down no sharp guide as to how far they may go. The vote was 5 to 3.

Justice Frankfurter, who dissented, protested that the decision "makes a mockery of the fourth amendment" of the U. S. constitution, which bans unreasonable search and seizure.

In a somewhat similar case, the court ruled 6-2 that a home owner may refuse to admit a city health inspector who does not have a search warrant. The case arose here.

In the first case, which involved a New York stamp dealer, Frankfurter said the court had overturned a long series of unanimous decisions, some of them handed down in recent years.

The court should show "respect for continuity in law," Frankfurter said, in a seeming reference to the tribunal's newer members. But the majority opinion in the case was written by Justice Minton, the court's newest member. Also in the majority was Justice Clark. Minton and Clark were appointed last year following the deaths of Justices Rutledge and Murphy.

Also in the majority were Chief Justice Vinson and Justices Reed and Burton. Justice Jackson joined in Frankfurter's dissent, and Justice Black wrote another dissent. Justice Douglas took no part.

PUDs Plan Attempt to Buy PP&L Properties

PENDLETON, Feb. 20-(P)—Spokesmen for 14 Washington and Oregon Electric Co-ops and people's utility districts voted here tonight to try to buy properties of the Pacific Power and Light company, a private utility.

All of the public distributing systems involved are east of the Cascades and most of them are in Oregon.

Eric A. Johnson, chairman of the meeting and manager of the Wasco Electric cooperative, said the public power group committee planned to negotiate immediately with the private power company buyers. He said the aim of the public power group was to acquire the properties that they may be operated by "the people of the northwest."

The common stock of the Pacific Power & Light company (P. P. & L.) was recently purchased for \$16,125,000 from the American Power & Light company. Representatives of the investment firms buying the company arrived today in Portland for a week long inspection of the utility properties. They reported the common stock of the P. P. & L. would be up for sale in six to nine months.

PP & L serves 102 communities in southwestern and central Washington and northern Oregon.

Farmer Offers to Post Warning if Water Blocks Road

Unwary motorists, many of whom have been stalled in high water over South River road near the new Independence bridge, were given a lifeline Monday in a private offer to put out "road closed" signs when necessary.

Marion county court readily accepted the proposal, which members said was highly gratifying.

Eugene P. McCarthy, of D. P. McCarthy and Sons, Salem route 3, wrote that their ranch's tractors had often been summoned to retrieve cars in over their depth, when the river rose suddenly. Noting that he realized the county could not check constantly on conditions in that area, he asked the court to provide proper signs and a flarepot, which he would see were put out when necessary.

Nine Members of Jury Chosen in Sander's Trial

MANCHESTER, N.H., Feb. 20-(P)—Dr. Herman Nelson Sander kept his head high today as he watched the seating of nine of the 13 jurors who will try him for murder as an accused "mercy slayer."

Appearing calmly confident of acquittal, the 41-year-old country doctor broke through a poker game with an occasional faint smile as the stage was set for a trial that has already rocked the medical world.

Dr. Sander is specifically accused of killing Mrs. Abbie Borroto, 59, Manchester housewife, by giving her air injections to cut short her suffering from cancer.

Of the nine jurors seated six are Catholics. Catholic doctrine is irrevocably opposed to euthanasia. Of the other three jurors chosen one is a protestant episcopalian, one is a baptist and the third a presbyterian.

Frost Deals Heavy Blow to Florida Crops

By the Associated Press

Severe cold hit coal hoarding eastern states Monday.

New England bundled up for 15 to 25 below zero weather expected early Tuesday.

Even Florida was chilly. Weekend frosts dealt heavy damage to truck crops after 53 frost free days.

The Florida forecast was for 27 above in the extreme north and a low of 40 above in the south before warmer weather Tuesday.

Subzero weather was common in New England states and in northern New York state all day Monday.

Sub-Zero Night Due

New England, with its lowest temperatures of the winter, braced for a sub-zero night. Monday night readings were expected to hit 15 to 25 below in New Hampshire and Vermont, 10 to 20 below in Maine, five to 15 below in the interior sections of southern New England five above in the coastal areas.

New York state faced its second sub-zero night, with predictions of readings as low as 20 below along the Canadian border. The southern portion of the state was expected to have five to 10 below temperatures.

36 Below Zero

Owls' Head, New York state's coldest spot, had 36 below zero Sunday.

Backwaters of the Red, Black and Mississippi rivers continued rising slowly in east central Louisiana. A million acres are flooded and 8,900 persons have fled their homes.

But flood dangers declined in upstream areas between Cairo, Ill., and Memphis, Tenn. Warmer weather checked the hoariness.

The Washash river, along the southern Indiana-Illinois border, surged upward again Monday. It drove 200 from homes they had re-occupied only a short time after January floods receded near Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Dreyer Files For Congress

PORTLAND, Feb. 20-(P)—Phil Dreyer, 29, state representative, today became a candidate for the democratic nomination as U. S. representative from the third (Multnomah county) district.

Dreyer is a World War II veteran and a member of Portland's Central Labor Council.

The congressional seat is held by Rep. Homer Angell (R).

Holiday to Find Only Dog Tag Office Open

Public business is going to the dogs in Salem. Unless you want to license your pup, you might as well stay home Wednesday. Other city, state and county offices will close in observance of Washington's birthday.

But County Clerk Harlan Judd said a worker will be on hand in his office to issue dog licenses which, he added, are running far behind last year.

City buses will operate on their Saturday schedule, according to R. J. Davidson, manager. Firemen, the city first aid crew and law enforcement agencies will be on duty as usual.

The Salem postoffice will be closed and there will be no city or rural mail delivery. The city library also will be closed.

Ray Smith, in charge of the state income tax division, said he had hoped to keep state tax commission offices in Salem and Portland open because of taxpaying time. The closure was necessary, Smith said, because the state civil service board had ruled against overtime pay for auditors who receive in excess of \$265 a month.

The services of auditors are necessary in making out income tax returns, Smith added.

Dolls Due with Built-In B.O.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20-(P)—And now—a doll that "smells like a baby."

This word comes from Benjamin F. Michom, official of a New York toy company, who returned tonight from a European trip.

He said he had arranged with a French perfume company to manufacture a perfume essence which, molded into the doll's skin, would give it a lifelike smell.

THE WEATHER			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	58	37	trace
Portland	48	38	trace
San Francisco	58	41	0.00
Chicago	27	14	.01
New York	9	—	—
Willamette river	2.5	feet	—

FORECAST for U.S. weather bureau: McNary (Salem): Mostly cloudy with a few showers today and tonight. Little change in temperature with high today near 50; low tonight near 36.

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
This Year	Last Year	Normal
20.92	21.94	20.20