

Parrish junior high school now boasts the newest and one of the best school auditoriums in Salem. Above is a photo of the first assembly held Wednesday in the new addition to Parrish, showing the direct and indirect lighting, ample stage and comfortable seating arrangement. There is a seating capacity of 988 persons and a large orchestra pit for 56 musicians or extra seating. The latest in stage equipment includes complete lighting and lighting effects switchboard, backdrop panel rails and also dressing rooms. The auditorium makes it unnecessary for Parrish students to use the nearby senior high school auditorium, a trip frequently made in the rain. Carl E. Aschenbrenner, principal, halls the auditorium as the final achievement for many Parrish teachers after years of planning and working for such a unit for the school. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

In Chicago the wreckers are tearing down the old Potter Palmer mansion. Vacant and gaping it has been for years, a dead monument to its former glory. Mrs. Potter Palmer reigned there as regent of Chicago society. Her mansion was the social capital of the city and she was hostess to the elite of the nation and of such titled foreigners as penetrated to the interior of the continent.

Potter Palmer was an early State street merchant, along with Marshall Field; one of the coterie of merchants that made State street the shopping center of the mid-continent. Later he was proprietor of the famed Palmer House at State and Monroe, which, housed in a new building and under the ownership of the Conrad Hilton interests, still flourishes. The mansion on Lake Shore drive was a symbol of 19th century America, ornate, elaborate, spacious. It was a crowning glory for a Chicago which only a few decades ago had emerged from the swamp around Fort Dearborn to become the Number Two city in the United States. Now it comes down to give space for apartments to match the other towering structures of steel and concrete that provide habitation for city dwellers.

Chicago's great development came just after the civil war and particularly after the great fire of 1871—the one started when a cow kicked over a lantern. Illinois basked in the reflected fame of Abraham.

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River Rising; Temperature At Year's High

The Willamette river and its tributaries continued their booming rise Saturday, but river forecasters expected a crest Monday short of flood stage. Rains tapered off throughout the area Saturday and little was forecast for today and tonight. The day's maximum temperature of 63 degrees was the highest on record this year and tops since November 5 last year when the mercury climbed to 65.

The Santiam river crested at Jefferson Saturday afternoon at 19.8 feet, nearly seven above flood stage but apparently did little damage except to riverside pastures.

At Salem, the Willamette had climbed six feet to 12.3 in the 24 hours ending at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. At midnight it had risen to 17.4 feet, 2.6 short of flood stage of 20 feet. The Willamette was expected to crest Monday at 19 feet.

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THE WEATHER

Table with 4 columns: Location, Max., Min., Precip. Rows include Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York.

Time Switch Issue on City Council Agenda

Whether Salem is to have daylight saving time each summer, in 1950 only or not at all are the alternatives to be offered at the city council Monday night in two ordinance bills prepared Saturday by City Attorney Chris Kowitz. The council will meet at 7:30 p. m. in city hall.

One bill would establish the fast time as official in Salem from 2:01 a. m. on the last Sunday in April to 1:59 a. m. on the last Sunday in September. The other would make a similar change only for this year.

Kowitz said the measures were not sponsored by any member of the council but were prepared only to be ready in advance for the annual issue. Last year the council adopted fast time in May only after Portland had moved its clocks ahead.

Seasonal Rise In Employment Starts Early

The seasonal upswing in jobs has come much earlier than usual in Oregon, the state unemployment compensation commission said Saturday. Resumption of lumbering and construction, halted by the severe winter, has given jobs to 6,000 idled men this month. And some 15,000 more jobs are expected within about 30 days.

The commission said prospects indicate that March will bring more employment than last year. The seasonal increase has come earlier than at any time since the war.

'Prepare for Confusion,' Say Portland Police

PORTLAND, Feb. 25—(P)—Out-of-towners planning to come to Portland Monday had better prepare to be confused. Most Portland motorists will be. At least that's the pessimistic expectation of the city's police force, which has to begin enforcing a new one-way street system at dawn Monday.

Nearly a third of the city's patrolmen will be delegated to shut the motorists down the right streets. The heart of the business district is being changed to a one-way system. You travel south on odd-numbered avenues; north on even-numbered ones. East and west routes are harder to remember; they are named—not numbered.

Albany Girl Struck by Car

ALBANY, Feb. 25—Shirley Ann May, 11, Albany route 1, was in an Albany hospital tonight with injuries incurred when she was struck by a car as she crossed highway 90E at Sherman street. The girl's condition was termed satisfactory by hospital officials late tonight.

Warren Keeps Jimmy Waiting

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Feb. 25—Republican Gov. Earl Warren, a candidate to succeed himself, spoke to a Young Republican meeting today, then hurried to the airport to fly to Los Angeles to keep another engagement. He was a little late, so the airline held the plane for him. The passengers cooled their heels about 20 minutes.

Wreck Near Albany Fatal to Philomath Man

ALBANY, Feb. 25—A Philomath man was killed and two Seattle residents were seriously injured in a highway crash a mile west of Albany on the Corvallis highway tonight.

The dead man was identified as Glenn Robert Gimeson, 23, Philomath route 1. In an Albany hospital were two passengers in the Gimeson car, Elmer Ward and Lawrence Kotke, both of Seattle. The trio, in a westbound car, collided with a truck operated by Albert Armstrong, Albany, about 6:45 p. m. Armstrong told state police that the car was being driven on the wrong side of the road and that he drove onto the shoulder in an attempt to avoid the crash. The truck was turned over in the ditch by the impact by Armstrong escaped with only minor injuries.

Gimeson, an employee of the Moser Lumber company at Kings Valley, is survived by a sister, Mrs. Robert Bunch, Kings Valley.

Coal Dumped Into Wrong Hole

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 25—(P)—William H. Friedrich, early today, was one of Peoria's lucky citizens; he had a load of coal coming to the house. The truck arrived, the men lifted a round metal plate set in the ground, and set about pouring two tons of the scarce fuel through a chute into what they thought was the basement. It was an abandoned cistern.

Statesman Board Sounding

To provide more and more of an open-forum hearing on public issues, The Oregon Statesman today is inaugurating a new feature — "The Statesman Sounding Board." It belongs to you—everyone. You may mail your opinions, via letter or postcard, in "yes" or "no" style, or you may drop them in a ballot box just inside The Statesman's main door at 215 S. Commercial st. The first question: Do you favor Daylight Saving Time this summer? (Please indicate whether you class yourself as a "farmer" or "city dweller.") The Sounding Board supplements, but certainly does not displace, The Statesman's Safety Valve of "Letters to the Editor."

Wallace Party Takes Mild Slap at Russia

CHICAGO, Feb. 25—(P)—Henry A. Wallace's progressive party mildly criticized Russian foreign policy today in a move apparently aimed at bringing red-fearing voters into the third party fold. Delegates to the second national progressive convention adopted an indirect rebuke to communists by a one-sided vote after two hours of lively debate.

The controversial wrist-slapping statement said in effect that the Soviet Union as well as the United States has made mistakes in foreign policy, and that the progressives are not "apologists for Russia."

Wallace demanded such action in a keynote address last night. He said the 1,100 delegates from 35 states must erase the party's red tag—a tag he said was pinned on the party by its enemies. His supporters explained the strategy in the floor fight today. They declared that the third party must get a foot in the door to explain its domestic policies to prospective progressive voters. But it can't even talk to such persons unless the party shows it has no red ties.

The controversial paragraphs state: "The progressive party recognizes that while the United States and the Soviet Union have both made mistakes in foreign policy, these two great countries can rise above their respective shortcomings, to work together fruitfully for international peace and co-operation."

"We are not apologists for Russia, but in so saying we want it understood that our supreme objective is one world at peace, and that to end it is essential that an understanding be reached between the United States and the Soviet Union."

Salem to Play 'Tag' Again This Spring

Salem area residents will be playing tag again on Thursday, March 23, according to plans for Spring Opening, announced Saturday by Salem Retail Trade Bureau.

Similar to the Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at Christmas-time, there will be a Mr. and Mrs. Spring. Those who tag them will be in line for presents from merchants, according to James Beard, bureau president. The bureau also plans for prizes to windows judged best decorated. An automobile show is projected.

Pedestrian Hit South of Salem

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, 34, 660 Ewald st., suffered serious head injuries Saturday night when she was struck by a car as she walked along highway 90E just south of the Salem city limits. Mrs. Maxwell was taken to Salem Memorial hospital where her condition was termed "fair" early this morning. Police said the woman was walking north along the highway about 9:30 p. m. when she was struck by the car driven by Malcolm Henry Hanks, Eugene. Hanks was also driving north at the time of the accident.

Attlee to 'Carry on' as Premier Russia Sets Up Navy Ministry

New Agency to Help Build Red Navy Power

LONDON, Feb. 25—(P)—Russia has set up a separate navy ministry in her drive to build up sea power to match her strength on land, radio Moscow disclosed tonight. The presidium of the supreme Soviet announced creation of the ministry divorced from the rest of the armed forces, the radio reported. The disclosure followed by only two months a report by the authoritative Jane's Fighting Ships that Soviet Russia was building up its naval strength through construction of at least three ultra-modern battleships and 1,000 submarines. The new ministry will be headed, the radio said, by Admiral Ivan S. Yumashev, former deputy minister of the armed forces and commander in chief of the Soviet fleet.

Observers here speculated that the reshuffle was part of a general expansion of the Soviet armed forces which would include creation of a separate Soviet ministry of military aviation. Jane's fighting ships reported last December that Russia was building three 35,000-ton battleships equipped to fire radio-controlled aerial torpedoes and rockets. It also said the Soviets were constructing a fleet of more than 1,000 submarines "with a great range and a very high submerged speed."

The report was greeted with startled interest in many western naval quarters. Since publication by Jane's last December of the building program, authoritative reports have said at least one of the battleships, the Sovietskaya Soyuz, had been completed and outfitted at Leningrad. Jane's said 400 of the new Russian submarines were intended for service in the Pacific. Since then there have been many unconfirmed reports of Soviet subs operating from Siberian and Communist Chinese ports. In October the government announced opening of a naval academy in Leningrad to turn out officers after a two-year course. Russia's ever-rising role as a sea power obtained a big boost in January with the announcement of the appointment of Viacheslav A. Malishev as minister of shipbuilding. Malishev, formerly deputy chairman of the council of ministers, is one of the foremost engineers and organizers in Soviet industry.

MOSLEMS KILLED IN INDIA

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 25—(P)—At least eight Moslems were killed and 15 injured today in communal violence. The city has been paralyzed since noon, when all business and transport stopped as a protest against recent disturbances in East Pakistan.

PHILIPPINE BLAST KILLS

MANILA, Sunday, Feb. 26—(P)—Three persons today were reported killed and 49 injured in an ammunition explosion and fire that destroyed a Philippine constabulary base and one wing of the provincial capitol at Batangas yesterday.

Leopard Escapes In Oklahoma City Causes Near-Panic; Night Halts Search

By Saul Feldman OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 25—(P)—A vicious jungle-bred leopard—in captivity only a few weeks—bolted from his 18-foot deep pit at the Oklahoma City zoo this afternoon and caused near-panic among scores of visitors. Six hours later—after a methodical but fruitless search—zoo Director Julian Frazier said the hunt would be called off until morning because of the danger of someone being shot in the dark. An armed guard was to patrol the 620-acre park throughout the night, however. No one was injured. A by-stander said the cat did not appear to realize he was free for several minutes. The animal, he added, perched atop some rocks for almost 15 minutes before slinking into the zoo grounds underbrush. Frazier issued this grim warning: "I would advise people in the northeast section of Oklahoma City to be extremely cautious. Especially I would warn all those who have small children to keep them indoors."

Red Cross to 'Kick Off' Money Drive Monday

Chairmen and workers heading the 1950 American Red Cross fund campaign in Marion county will get an early start in their work, with a kick-off breakfast and program at 7:45 Monday in Salem Chamber of Commerce. All divisions and teams will start out immediately following the breakfast to begin solicitation toward the county's quota of \$42,000. Walter Musgrave, general drive chairman, in outlining plans for the kick-off said: "The meeting is to be short and snappy. We are hopeful all chairmen and division heads, as well as many of the campaign workers, will turn out for the Monday breakfast."

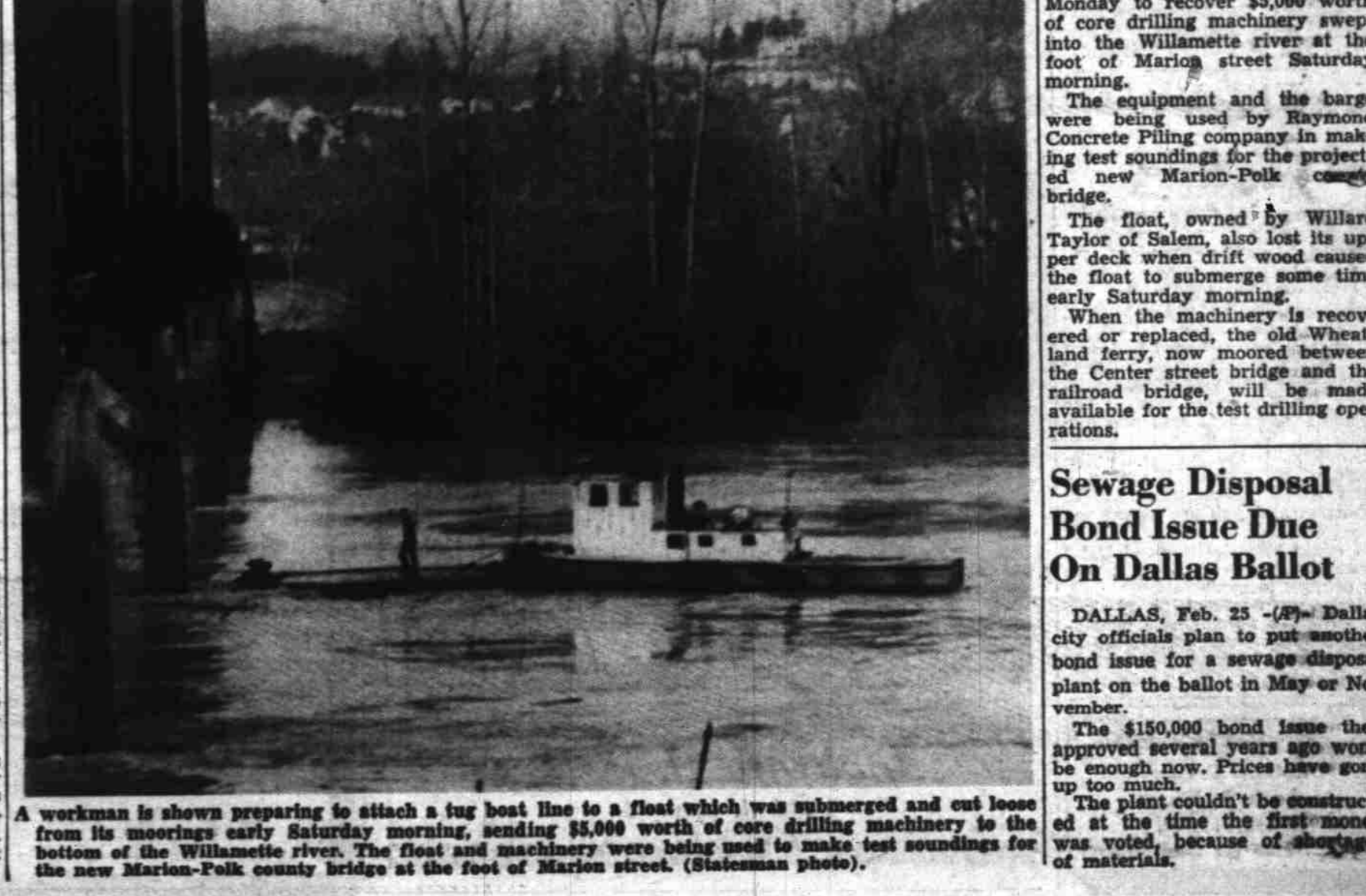
Eugene Man Dies in Brooks Auto Crash

Cleo C. Monticue, 26, a railroad section hand from Eugene, died at a Salem hospital Saturday morning from head injuries incurred in an auto crash near Brooks about 7:20 a. m. His companion was only slightly injured when their car went out of control, according to state police. Acetylene torches were required to cut Monticue out of the car, which had smashed through a power pole. Monticue and Chester Perry, another section hand who owned and was driving the auto, were headed north on highway 99-E, according to state police. They said Perry attempted to pass another auto, saw he couldn't make it, cut back into his own line of traffic. He lost control and the car went off the road. Many power wires were snapped and on the ground when the pole was smashed. Monticue is survived by his mother, Mrs. Hazel May Williams Genebata, Ark. Funeral arrangements will be made later by the Howell-Edwards chapel.

SP'S TRAIN DERAILED

WASHTUCNA, Wash., Feb. 25—(P)—A Spokane, Portland and Seattle passenger train, was derailed near Washtucna tonight when the engine hit a rock on the track. None of the approximately 60 persons were seriously hurt.

Equipment Falls into River as Float Submerges



A workman is shown preparing to attach a tug boat line to a float which was submerged and cut loose from its moorings early Saturday morning, sending \$5,000 worth of core drilling machinery to the bottom of the Willamette river. The float and machinery were being used to make test soundings for the new Marion-Polk county bridge at the foot of Marion street. (Statesman photo.)

Tells King of Decision to Form Cabinet

By Edward Curtis LONDON, Feb. 25—(P)—Prime Minister Attlee elected today to try governing Britain on his labor party's razor-thin majority. After an emergency cabinet meeting of an hour and a quarter, he announced "we are carrying on" and sent word of his decision to King George VI. The shy, unassuming labor party leader will be attempting to run a nation of some 56,000,000 with what may be the smallest government majority in the house of commons for a century. Excluding the non-partisan speaker of the house and four rebels to be reported later, labor holds 315 seats in the 625-seat commons. The conservatives 294, the liberals 8, independents one and Irish nationalists 2. This gave Attlee just two votes over a bare majority of 313 and a margin of only 21 over his most dangerous opposition, Winston Churchill's conservatives. Four Districts Still Out The four districts still out were those in Scotland which are not scheduled to report until Monday and a Manchester district which holds a delayed election March 9 because of the death of a candidate. Three of these districts went conservative in 1945 and one went labor. Two districts reported today. The western Isles district of Scotland, reporting ahead of time, added a labor victory. M. K. MacMillan won a three-way race with a liberal and an independent by 1,437 votes. Labor won the seat in 1945 by about the same margin. In the other contest, Capt. J. MacLeod, an independent liberal, got 10,912 votes against laborite A. C. Reid's 6,522 in the Scottish constituency of Ross and Cromarty. Depends on Tactics How long Attlee might last with so slim a majority depends in a large part of tactics. Back in 1947 the liberals (Whigs) defeated the conservatives of Sir Robert Peel by a single vote and remained in power five years. In 1852 the liberals again formed a government with a margin of only 13 votes which also lasted five years. In Britain's last close election, 1910, Liberal Prime Minister Herbert Asquith won only two more seats than the conservatives. But the situation was not comparable. Asquith was able to reach a working agreement with a substantial number of labor and Irish nationalist members in the house. Both the labor and conservative leaders sought retreat in the country today to organize their thoughts.

Sewage Disposal Bond Issue Due On Dallas Ballot

DALLAS, Feb. 25—(P)—Dallas city officials plan to put another bond issue for a sewage disposal plant on the ballot in May or November. The \$150,000 bond issue they approved several years ago won't be enough now. Prices have gone up too much. The plant couldn't be constructed at the time the first money was voted, because of shortage of materials.