

Witnesses to Tell Need for UAL Service

Businessmen and civic leaders interested in air transportation will make their wishes known in Salem Wednesday when a civil aeronautics board examiner takes testimony on whether United Air Lines, West Coast Airlines or both should serve Salem.

Salem Chamber of Commerce and the city of Salem will support their prepared case by calling witnesses to show why the chamber and the city favor retaining UAL service here. Among the witnesses will be mushroom shippers, florists and growers, other air freight users and organization officials. City Attorney Chris Kowitz will coordinate the city-chamber witnesses' testimony.

The CAB examiner will be J. Earl Cox, the chamber has been informed. His hearing, opening at 10 a.m., will be open to all interested parties. Main part of the hearing on a CAB show-cause order asking why UAL should not be replaced by the West Coast feeder airline will be conducted March 13 in Washington, D.C., before the federal board. A Salem representative will go to the nation's capitol for the hearing. This representative will be selected by the Salem mayor and chamber president.

The chamber committee on aviation met in a strategy session Monday to prepare for the hearing. Expected here for appearances before the examiner also are officials of both airlines and delegations from several northwest cities interested in the air service through Salem.

Call for Bids on Reforestation Bonds Made

Bids for \$400,000 worth of Oregon forest rehabilitation and reforestation bonds, the first offered to the public, will be opened March 23, the state forestry department announced Monday.

The funds are expected to be sufficient for the remainder of the biennium, ending June 30, 1951. They provide for tree-planting, snag-felling and seeding on any state forest lands, although most work under way is in the Tillamook burn.

The new issue will also allow an initial study of reforestation needs and possibilities on 40,000 acres of the Nicolai mountain area in Clatsop county and preliminary studies in Marion, Linn, Lincoln, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties.

At the same time, the forestry department announced that planting crews are to start early this week in the Tillamook burn, where the heavy snows have prevented work since fall. About 100 men will operate in two crews, in addition to a contract crew.

This is the second issue of the bonds since they were authorized at the November, 1948, general election and by a legislative enabling act in 1949. Last year's issue was for \$300,000. The bonds yield a maximum of 2 per cent interest. They are issued for 15 years, callable in five years.

County Drops Check Cases

Check-writing against two men held in California for Marion county authorities were dropped Monday on advice of the district attorney, Sheriff Denver Young reported.

James M. Miller, 260 Marion st., had been arrested at Eureka on a district court warrant charging obtaining money by false pretenses. Sheriff Young said the charge involved checks Miller allegedly passed after receiving a parole on

Excavation Starts for Addition to Hotel



Excavation for the basement part of the Senator hotel's new addition is well under way this week. The new addition will give greater room capacity to the hotel, making one of the largest in Salem. It will occupy the space formerly used as a bus loading and unloading zone when the bus station was in the hotel. Above is a view of the area showing how the old canopy covering the loading zone has been removed at a truck being loaded by a power shovel at left. (Statesman photo.)

First Red Cross Drive Report Luncheon Scheduled Friday

The annual drive for funds to enable American Red Cross activities was under way today in Marion county, whose goal is \$42,000. The first report luncheon will be Friday.

Advance gifts were totaled Monday at nearly \$4,000, about the same as a year ago. The county campaign opened Monday with a breakfast attended by some 90 leaders and solicitors in the drive. Immediately after, they and others began contacting businesses and knocking on residential doors. Walter Musgrave, campaign chairman, characterized the first day as being "a good start in an important effort."

Speaker at the breakfast was L. A. White, Albany insurance man, who called the Red Cross program of service to the community and humanity in general a prime example of democracy at work. He lauded its practice of service to others, the strong aiding the weaker.

Others on the program included Musgrave, Co-Chairman John Adlon and Charles H. Huggins, county chapter chairman for the Red Cross.

Report luncheons will be Friday noon at the Senator hotel and March 7, 10 and 15. Campaign headquarters is at 339 Court st.

Odd Fellows Groups Form Leaders Board

Formation of a Marion county leaders' council by officers of Rebekah and Odd Fellows lodges was announced Monday. Heading it are D. George Cole of Stayton, president, and Mrs. Clem Ohlsen of Salem, secretary. Next meeting will be March 18 at Stayton.

The recent meeting to form the group was conducted by W. R. Massey, special district six deputy grand master. Work of the Northwest Odd Fellows association, with which the council will work, was outlined by George Zweifel of Portland, chairman.

Other speakers included Grand Master Warren M. Young of Clatskanie, Grand Warden George Lyons of Oswego and Grand Secretary Earl H. Shank of Portland.

A similar count here recently.

The other charge was against Carl A. Glunz of Stayton. It involved allegedly writing a check with no bank account.

McKay Sounds Optimistic Note At C of C Talk

Praises of Oregon were sung by Gov. Douglas McKay Monday before an overflow crowd for Salem Chamber of Commerce's weekly luncheon.

The governor gave his popular talk calling upon Oregon's citizenry for active support of their state government, especially in matters of conservation of soil, water, timber and wildlife resources.

"Oregon's future looks bright over the long haul," declared the governor. But he added a word to the wise: "Meanwhile, we'll have our problems, including financial ones."

WRECK INJURIES FATAL
PORTLAND, Feb. 27 - (AP) - Injuries suffered in a head-on collision near here yesterday proved fatal to James E. Owens, 45, Portland, in a hospital today.

Valley Births

Statesman News Service

PEDEE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spinney, a three pound, 12-ounce daughter, February 21 at Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. H. Glenn Rhodes are the parents of an eight pound, 12-ounce son, February 21 at Bartlett hospital.

LIBERTY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thiel, a daughter, LaDonna Joy, February 26 at Salem General hospital.

SILVERTON—Born at the Silverton hospital February 24, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vachter of Mt. Angel, and daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Budeau of Silverton and to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hawkins of Aurora; February 21, sons to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dederick, Jr., and to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Holland, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bochsler of Mt. Angel.

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Fire Ravages Business Block In Wheeling

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 27 - (AP) - Fire ravaged half a business block in downtown Wheeling tonight, hospitalizing at least two persons and causing untold damage.

A crumbling wall of the six-story Danny Phillips building, where the fire started, toppled over in the immediate vicinity of a number of firemen. It was thought at first they were trapped under the debris, but the fire fighters had cleared the area in the nick of time.

One person hospitalized was a 78-year-old man suffering from shock. He was evacuated from his bed in one of the fire-damaged buildings by rescuers.

Another was a woman whose injuries were not determined.

Firemen rescued at least 60 persons with ladders. They included a group of dancing pupils and instructors, many of them scantily clad in dancing costumes.

The fire swept from the Phillips building next door to the Arlington hotel, then spread rapidly to other buildings in the crowded business block.

Storm Damage To Highways Less Than '49

Winter storm damage to Oregon highways was far less severe this year than during 1949 when a record \$2,800,000 repair bill was incurred, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock announced Monday.

Baldock said he would have no accurate damage figures for another 30 days but stated that deep snow in January insulated roads against severe frost damage.

Ten extra patching and five extra clearing crews will begin repairing roads April 1, Baldock said.

Baldock also announced Wednesday that he would leave Salem March 8 for Washington, D. C., to appear at congressional hearings on the federal highway appropriation bill.

The bill would give the states \$576,000,000 in federal aid for two years, compared with \$450,000,000 in the past two years.

Baldock will be one of 10 members of the executive committee of the National Association of State Highway Officials to testify at the hearings.

Salem School News

By Gilbert Bateson
School Correspondent

GRANT SCHOOL

Nelson Ayres, student in Miss Williams' fourth grade at Grant school has received an award for the "picture of the week" on KOAC's School of the Air art contest.

Linda Barker, in Mrs. Mundinger's first grade, won first place in the first grade division.

Gary McNall, second grader in Mrs. Calloway's room, won first place in the division for his grade. Diane Sadowsky, Georgia Brown, and Herbert Howell won honorable mentions.

ENGLEWOOD SCHOOL

Students of Mrs. Louise Wharton's sixth grade room gave a South American party for the other sixth grade rooms. Emil Kraft, who has been in South America as a missionary, told the students of some of his experiences. The party was concluded with folk dancing.

Three new flags were presented to Englewood school by the Women's auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Joe Chapman and Bobby Hunt received the flags.

A play, "The Greedy Mouse," was presented by Mrs. Sadie Grant's first grade. Norma Adams was announcer for the production. All the students in the room participated.

Filings for May Primary Vote Continue Slow

Filings for the May primary election continued at a slow pace Monday with only three additional candidates announcing their intentions to run for office.

The state elections bureau Monday reported that only 76 candidates had filed for all congressional, state and legislative offices. Most offices still were without any candidate.

New filings Monday included: E. H. Mann, Medford republican, for state representative from Jackson county.

Charles W. Swan, Vale republican, for re-election as district attorney in Malheur county. Robert L. Welch, Lakeview republican, for re-election as district attorney in Lake county.

Israel Will Face More Rationing

TEL AVIV - (AP) - The People of Israel, already deep in "austerity," are going to have more of it. Rationing of tea and coffee is expected to start soon. Officials say the step is necessary because of continued hoarding of both. Coffee served in Israeli hotels, cafes and restaurants, is mostly a combination of two-thirds coffee

beans and one-third barley. It's strong, and costs about 16 cents per cup. The cost of tea is equivalent to 20 cents per cup.

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