the New Mexico border. Cultivation extends through Texas virtually to the border. The tilled land is interrupted by big patches of waste land, rough, ero-ded, with mesquite, yucca and sagebrush for vegetation. But the broad flat plains are devoted to dry farming:-wheat and cotton as far west as near Amarillo, which is the "capital" of the Panhandle. In New Mexico you get into mountains, the ranches being typical stock ranches.

The whole area suffers severely from drout this year, the first and worst since the dry years of the 1936's. There was virtually no snow and spring has brought lit-tle rain. Instead, dry winds blow, filling the air with dust and sucking moisture from the ground. Wheat is already hurt. Cotton seed isn't planted till May but will rains to bring it to producing thrifty plants.
All this is big scale farming, the

same as we have in eastern (Continued on editorial page 4)

Doctors Widen Effort Toward Public Service

The Marion-Polk County Medical society, already embarked on a program of medical service to all, Wednesday announced two innovations designed to establish still further cooperation between the medical profession and the general public.

The society said: (1) Any person requiring medical care, and who is unable to communicate with his physician, may call 3-9187 (day or night) in order to locate him; the personnel at this number will also provide the names of physicians willing to take emergency calls for those patients who have no local family

(2) Any patient who has grievance against any physician in the Marion-Polk County Medical society may address a letter to the grievance committee, in care of Dr. Howard Kurtz, president.

The society's statement said it wished "to provide a better mutual understanding between patients and physicians; misunderstandings in this delicate personal relationship do occasionally occur, and can best be removed by consulting with a group of doctors Bates Backed cur, and can best be removed by who have earned the respect of the public and their professional

It also said it was recognized that "it is our duty to provide . . . For Director services to all, regardless of ability to pay," and "to provide services at all times, including nights and week-ends."

China Ratifies Russian Pact

TOKYO, Thursday, April 13-(AP) rooms Wednesday. The Peiping radio announced today communist China has ratified fill the place now held by Peter its 30-year treaty of "mutual aid Henning of Arlington, Wash., and amity" with the Soviet union, whose term expires at the close This Year The alliance binding the world's of this year. Both Clackamas and two largest communist countries Washington county clubs have alwas signed in Moscow Feb. 14 by ready voted their approval, direc-Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei tors reported. Washington State Vishinsky and Chou En-lai, pre- club members have indicated that mier and foreign minister of Red its membership would endorse

The Peiping broadcast, monitord here, said separate agreements for the state club milk committee, with Russia covering the future of urged the appointment of a Jerthe Changchun railway, Port Ar- sey fieldman to promote a "good thur and Dairen, all in Manchuria, also have been ratified.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Junior! Stop scribbling—tee

Weather

100th YEAR

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): De-cressing cloudiness today and tonight. Scattered light showers today. High today 60-62; low tonight 42-44.



The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Thursday, April 13, 1950

Pilot's

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tionalists said today a Russian-

down along the China coast and

was not disclosed.

The dispatch added:

Downed by Gunboat

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Five Will Become Cherryland Royalty

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night at the Salem high school auditorium. There they will model gowns given to them for that night by Salem merchants, and judges will choose the five princesses on basis of personality, poise and appearance. The girls are, front row, Doris Haworth, Jefferson; Patricia Kirk, St. Paul; Marlene Hartmann, Sublimity. Second row, Martha Storruste, Silverton; Margaret Nicholson, Aumsville; and Nancy Miller, Salem. Third row, Winona Locke, Independence; Darleen Thomas, Gervais; and Doreen Place, Turner. Fourth row, Vera Pantle, Woodburn; Wanda Nelson, Monmouth; and Donna Dunbar, Stayton. Top, Eva Miller, Dallas; and Dwynn Herberger, Sacred Heart academy, Salem. (Story or

Pudding River Bridge Project Set by County New Defense

Preliminary plans to reconstruct one bridge and to accept another were made Wednesday by Marion county court. The building project would be replacement of the Pudding river

By Cattlemen

By Lillie L. Madsen

Farm Editor, The Statesman

dorsement came at the April meet-

Should Bates be elected, he will

Bates at their next meeting.

John Gale of Canby, reporting

and cream sold to the retail mar-

The directors favored Dale Dean

of Meadowridge Farms, Mich., as

judge for the Jersey show at the

state fair and completed plans for

the spring shows which will open

at McMinnville on May 25 with

COAST LEAGUE

ttle 0-6, Oakland 6-11

Washington on May 31.

COFFEE PRICE CUT

ket to carry the proper label.

bridge on the old Salem-Silverton road, so it may serve as a detour when the main road to the south is rebuilt this summer. The court

> 152 feet long, is 18 years old and is now subject to a five-ton load

when the lumber is delivered. The court said it would accept temporary bridge across a Floyd Bates, Salem, president slough at the east end of the new of the Marion County Jersey Willamette river bridge at Inde-Cattle club, was endorsed unani- pendence, when Macco Construc- governor concerned local appoint-

American Jersey Cattle club. En- with it. The firm wrote it would turn ing of the directors of the Ore- over the span, used during congon Jersey Cattle club held at struction, to the county for con- has been reactivated at the rethe Salem Chamber of Commerce sideration of one dollar. However, the county does not plan to main- secretary of defense. A stand-by day in the house. tain the bridge.

> SALEM PRECIPITATION Normal Last Year

Salem to Join Net Program

Salem will give its full official directed ordering of lumber for cooperation in the new state program of air raid warning and Commissioner E. L. Rogers said ground observation, Mayor Robthe present wood piling bridge, ert L. Elfstrom said Wednesday. The mayor planned to consult city officials on selection of a limit. The new bridge will also be local supervisor and other maton piling. Construction will begin ters suggested by Gov. Douglas McKay in a letter to 92 Oregon mayors. The communication

reached Elfstrom yesterday. Principal requests from mously for western director to the tion company, contractor, is done ment of ground observation supervisors and possible location and building of observation posts. The state's civil defense agency

force of 6,000 volunteer Oregon citizens is sought, along with 300 observation posts, four key warning points and a filter center in

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

milk program". He also urged enforcement of a minimum butterfet labeling law, requiring milk

> Today's subject: Mark Hatfield (r) Candidate for State representative (Marion)

Polk and Yamhill holding a joint said to the passenger standing on event. Marion county will hold the platform between cars, "Misits show on May 29 to be followed tah, dat plat-

by Clackamas on May 30 and form's to git in on, not to stanc (Additional farm news on page on. Such is often the case with those who have PORTLAND, April 12 -(AP)- It political ambicosts 2 cents less a pound for tions. They forcoffee now. The price cut became mulate highgeneral on most brands after one sounding

brand led off by reducing its price. phrases, promise the moon, and change their be- Mark Hatfield

liefs to fit their audience. Having been training in legislation and state government and having worked at the grass-roots may be fortunate enough to parin state-wide political campaigns, I have no naive opinions regarding politics-in-action. However, it is my earnest con- none, but open-minded to all.

(Editor's note: Comments in this I pin my ambition to become a series are made by or for the candidates without restriction, and may or may not reflect the opinion of this that inefficiency in the legislative process lends itself only to ineffective government.

We cannot stress too much the importance of local and state government, and the vital check it should make on our expanding federal government as it is operating in Washington today.

To make the state and local government a contributing and effective influence, we must constantly strive to improve the structure and operations of our home front through the elimination of waste, overlapping uneconomical procedures.

As our democracy has grown and prospered, interest groups have girded themselves with political armament and have, too often I think, blinded themselves to the overall objective - a dynamic, well-knitted United States, so strong in even its weakest link that it need have no fear of inroads by other ways of life. In any legislation in which I tocipate, I will support those measures which will benefit the

total population - obligated to viction, and the thing on which (Tomorrow-Roy L. Houck.)

'Worldless' Man Requests Asylum Criticize

Weather Stops Hunt for Plane

The "man without a country" advice in the field of plastics in had nothing on a visitor who call- which he is an expert. ed on Gov. Douglas McKay Wed-TAIPEI, Formosa, Thursday, April 13 -(AP)- The Chinese na-

built fighter plane has been shot its pilot captured. His nationality

A dispatch from Chushan island said the plane was shot down tonian, Linda Sider, whom he south of Shanghai Monday while plins to marry if he can just find know. strafing nationalist guerrilla country in which to live. troops operating against the Chinese communists on the mainland.

Eire called him to that country for for help. The plane was downed by a nationalist gunboat while it was flying with another Russian-built

lighter in strafing. The pilot of the downed plane parachuted and was captured and was being taken to Chusan, nationalist air and naval base 100 miles southeast of Shanghai.

The nationalists have charged that at least some of the Russian-built planes fighting for the reds have been piloted by Rus-Blackout Ordered

The growing threat of red air a tight security cloak on most deattacks caused the nationalists to tails of the tragedy. order a blackout at Hoihow, capital of Hainan island off the south

All red efforts to establish stantly. Towering flames were beachheads on Hainan have fail- visible 17 miles distant in downpossible preparations are being ed beyond recognition. made, nationalist sources said. Air raid precautions also were strategic air command's 508th

Child, Youth Conference **Opens Today**

Child and youth problems will get concentrated attention from several hundred Oregon citizens in a conference which opens today

The governor's state committee on children and youth will open the two-day meeting with a general convocation at 10 a.m. in the house of representatives at the capitol

Attendance of nearly 1,000 during the conference was forecast Wednesday as the advance guard of conference leaders began ar-

Various phases of youth studies will be discussed in separate meet- Immediate senate consideration of ings today and tomorrow, with fair employment practices legisfinal reports to be summarized in lation was demanded today by Siletz Tribe to Resume a closing session at 1:30 p.m. Fri- republican leaders.

sion today will be Dr. Martha committee, said a democratic de-Branscombe, director of Elizabeth cision yesterday to postpone ac- Siletz Indian tribes will resume McCormick Memorial fund, Chi- tion on FEPC "throws doubt on their old-time spring feast custom cago, Ill., Gov. Douglas McKay the good faith of the majority in with a celebration in the long and Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, chairman of the state committee.

The Oregon conference is preliminary to a national conference delay was "inspired by demo- a spring Thanksgiving feast there. on the subject, called by President cratic political considerations to

Salem's Size? 1.435 Guesses

So far, 1,435 persons have entered The Statesman's guessing contest regarding Salem's 1950 census figures.

Forty-six persons have guessed under 40,000. Fifteen have guessed more than 100,000. Heaviest concentration is in the 53,000 bracket (109 guesses) and the 54,000 bracket (128 guess-

The contest is open to every one-one guess to a person. To qualify for the \$25 first prize, \$10 second prize and \$5 third prize, guesses must be in The Statesman office before midnight Saturday, April 15.

You can use the form on page 2 today, or write your guess on any piece of paper.

It'll be fun to see who wins. And it might well be someone from outside of Salem, too Scores of guesses have come from other valley towns.

Deadline-Saturday, April 15. % Oregon Datatesman

By July 16 he is supposed to return to Germany but intervening Hugo Visnapu, a former Eston- changes in displaced proons laws ian, can't even call the world his now prohibit this move. Eire of-home. He may have to settle for ficials warn he also cannot return ril 12-(AP)-Fliers hunting life rafts Mars, Mercury or a flying sau- to Eire after the July deadline. Visnapu is a displaced person temporary visa which expires May slick on the squall-flecked Baltie who is visiting Willamina, now 16. On that day he must leave sea today, but a concerted search home of another former Es- this country. Where will he go? He doesn't results.

He asked McKay for advice. Briefly, Visnapu was in a dis- The governor said he would noti- foot-long fish storage box used by placed persons camp in Germany fy the Oregon congressional del-two years ago. The government of egation of his dilemma and ask

Crash of Superfort Claims Lives of 13

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 12-(AP)-A B-29 superfortress plowed straight into a mountain instead of turning and killed 13 airmen near here last night.

The ship cracked up in a highly secret area of Sandia base, which is engaged in atomic and other special weapons work. Result:

bomber died in the fiery explosion which followed almost in-All aboard the four-engined ed. Nationalist, authorities, however, expect a big blow soon. All possible preparations are being of the possible preparations. d beyond recognition.
Plane and men were from the By Pearson

strengthened on the main nation- bomb wing, stationed at Walker had landed at Kirtland base here and refueled on what was official- not withdraw as a democratic Yellow Objects Spotted ly labelled a navigation training candidate for governor as deflight. Authorities declined to manded recently by State Senator vised B-17 search plane spotted amplify that description of the

The superfort took off eastward said they were unable to explain why it did not execute a 90-degree bank to avoid the rocky crest, as is prescribed for all craft operating from the field. Such a course prevents takeoffs over congested

Albuquerque districts. None of the crewmen was from the Pacific northwest.

EP Sidestep

WASHINGTON, April 12-(AP)-

Headliners at the opening ses- ing for the senate GOP policy the whole civil rights program." house at Siletz Sunday. ern primaries are largely out of ASSOCIATES ASSOCIATE

the way." This was denied yesterday by foreign aid legislation.

State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson Wednesday declared he would

candidate.

toward the Manzano mountains ning against Flegal but against seas. from a runway more than 10,000 Gov. Douglas McKay, republican May Have Been Raft feet long. Kirtland authorities incumbent. "I am conducting my own campaign and am not paying attention to statements made by said one could have been a life democratic opponents," Pearson raft.

The state treasurer refused to lary in regard to private vs public ownership of power.

Pearson believes that, if elected, he can appoint his own successor as state treasurer and break republican domination of the board of control. Flegel and several prominent lawyers contend that McKay would be entitled to make the appointment before Pearson could be sworn into office.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), speak- Spring Feast Custom

PORTLAND, April 12 -(AP) - The He told reporters that policy It will be the first time in many committee members feel that the years that the Indians have held

DALLAS, April 12 -(AP)-Mrs. other census taker.

Chinese Down Russian Fighter Soviets Search

By Ole Arnfast

from a missing U.S. navy plane He is in the United States on a spotted yellow objects and an oil of the area ended with negative

At least one of the yellow objects turned out to be a three-Baltic fishermen.

Bad weather interrupted the quest tonight. The score or more of air crews planned to take off again at dawn in the search for traces of the plane, a four-engined privateer that vanished with its 10-man crew Saturday on a flight from Wiesbaden, Germany to Copenhagen.

Resemblance Noted The hunt drew newspaper crilicism in Soviet Russia, which protested yesterday that a U. S. bomber of the B-29 type exchanged shots with a Soviet fighter over Latvia Saturday and then headed toward the Baltic. The theme was that the search was just an excuse to conduct aerial maneuvers off

Soviet territory. American officials have indicated a belief the Russians might be referring to the privateer, which resembles a B-29 in profile. But they said it was unarmed, that a flight to Latvia would have been more than 300 miles off its Wiesbaden-Copenhagen course and that it was under instructions to stay away from Soviet territory. The formal American answer to the Russian protest is still awaited.

U.S. air force officials were ad-Austin Flegel, another democratic four yellow objects. Navy escape equipment is colored yellow to Pearson said he was not run- give its high visibility against dark

> The pilot referred to the objects as "debris" after he landed, but

"Just before I set course for Copenhagen," he said, "a Danish comment on Flegel's criticism of minesweeper reached the spot and his senate voting record, particu- picked up some of what I thought was debris. The Danes reported by radio that the first thing they picked up was a wooden box, used by fishermen for storing fish. What happened after then, I don't know.'

A Danish pilot expressed belief the American searchers might have been misled by a buoy marking the deep sea burial ground of thousands of tons of mustard gas the Russians dumped in the Baltie last year.

The discovery of the fish box raised the question whether all the other objects sighted might have come from fishing boats. Optimism lowered at U.S. air force headquarters in Wiesbaden.

Year Precipitation **Tops Mean in City**

Even if it didn't rain another drop from now to September 1, the 1949-50 season could be considered a wetter than usual one. Wednesday's .55 inches of rain-Nell R. Short, a census taker, call- fall boosted the year's total te Democratic Leader Lucas of Il- ed every night for almost a week 38.91, just .35 inches above the linois. He said President Truman at a certain house in Dallas. Fin- mean precipitation of the past 59 felt it was more important to ally she found the occupant at years, the weatherman reported. give right-of-way at this time to home-Mrs. Hazel E. Hansen, an- And there is still four and a half months to go on the weather year.

First Quarter Business on Uptrend; -Industrial Expansion Slackens Pace

The president's council of econom- congress, "Economic Indicators," refund checks prudently.

building set a record. National in- ter, up nearly \$3,000,000 from price decline, it represents \$58 come, which means buying power, late last year but not yet back more buying power. rose after falling in each quarter to the level of a year ago when

year rise in joblessness.

sion in industry and investment that we need to absorb the steady all-time peak rate of \$181,000,000,- business to the government, is exincrease in the labor force," Key- 000 a year. This represented a pected to run behind 1949 by

the skid began.

But the council's acting chair- A "sharp rise" in consumer's were important ones - farm inman, Leon Keyserling, told a re- spendable income, or earnings af- come, and industry's investment porter that the gains still fail to ter taxes, was attributed largely in new plant and equipment. show an economic growth rapid to the \$2,800,000,000 GI life insurcouncil said, "was not spent in the hind a year ago.

Outlays for industrial expansion. "We are not getting the expan- first quarter."

the quarter, and indicated that per cent over the full year.

WASHINGTON, April 12-(P)- The council's monthly report to most veterans were spending their

ic advisers today reported to con-gress an upturn in virtually every business index in first-quarter the number of jobseekers but said after taxes, was estimated at an the improvement was "seasonal." annual rate of \$1,323 for every Industrial output bounced back Production of all goods and ser- man, woman and child. This exin March; it more than made up vices reached an annual rate of ceeded the average for boomtime the losses of the coal strike. Home \$258,000,000,000 in the first quar- 1948 by \$21. Because of the slight

Only two of the major economic indexes pointed down, but they

Farmers' income was running in enough to prevent a slow, year-by- ance refund-most of which, the February about 10 per cent be-

Consumer spending rose to an a forecast based on reports by erling said. "That is a serious modest gain of \$1,200,000,000 for per cent in the first half and 11

Next Tuesday, April 18, Is the Final Day for Registration; Make Sure You Can Vote -