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Hundreds of youth organization leaders and workers are in Salem attending the governor's conference on youth at the state capitol. Part of the opening day crowds of delegates are shown above in the state house of representatives as they listened to Dr. Martha Branscombe, (lower right), director of the Elizabeth McCormick foundation, Chicago, give the opening address. Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar, (top left), chairman of the conference, presided. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

Local Committee Takes Aim at Traffic Hazards

City Editor, The Statesman

Thirty Salem citizens took dead aim Thursday night on local Uregon Youth touncil as if they meant business.

This was the mayor's traffic safety council as it organized for the safety campaign which has been assigned to it under chairmanship of Dave Hoss. All agreed to a working basis of

and pedestrians than the making

and enforcement of traffic laws.

of the Salem citizenry.

1,000 cars by the end of this year.

(Additional details on page 20.)

Rock Crusher

Salem city council today will-

trades and labor council, announ-

ced Herbert E. Barker, executive

Mayor R. L. Elfstrom said last

night the city faces a season of

heavy construction and is having

difficulty buying the right grade

of crushed rock. In some cases it

has been necessary to substitute

a finer grade than needed for re-

council agenda Monday night to

\$7,750 worth of rock crushing

equipment provided suitable land

withdrawn without discussion.

labor council had resolved its op-

position to any such move at a

wage scales by using city-employ-

as \$1. 121/2. Barker declared com-

mon labor on comparable union

projects is paid about \$1.65 per

ging company at Valsetz was still

cent works, he added.

lem city council.

Springfield **Council Fires** City Manager

SPRINGFIELD, April 13 - (AP) The city council fired City Manager Fred Cheatham tonight in a willing to work as individuals tocall election for Mayor B. P. Lar- as members of local groups to

The council took the action in a expected to be only a routine meeting to check on polling places in tomorrow's election.

The fireworks started from the floor as a resident, Russell God- gram recently authorized by Sadard, long an opponent of the city manager form of government, proposed that Cheatham be asked to resign.

Cheatham and the mayor long have opposed each other in coun-

Councilman Alvin Reed then offered a motion requesting Cheatham's resignation. It passed, 4-2. When Cheatham refused to step down, Reed offered another motion to discharge him. It passed by the same margin. The mayor did

City Considers The motion gave no reason for the firing, but in discussion of the matter Cheatham's opponents accused him of failing to co-operate with the council and mayor, of failing to follow orders and of

The council indicated a successor would be appointed within two weeks.

The voting tomorrow will be conducted in 11 precincts. (Additional details on page 3)

SCHOOL BOND APPROVED CORVALLIS, April 13-(AP)- A \$400,000 bond issue for construction of new schools was overwhelmingly approved, 766-165, by the Corvallis school district yesterday. Voters also approved a 1950-51 budget \$198,771 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"See what I mean, daughter always wait till AFTER shearing time to pick a mate."

persistent, well-publicized public education in traffic safety—aimed more at the attitudes of drivers

(Pictures and stories also on

Leaders in education, child safety problem is complex enough welfare and health reported on to dictate a slow, thoroughgoing those fields to delegates who fillapproach-as evidenced by the vaed the state capitol's house chamriety of "main points" voiced by ber Thursday night for a general members in a round of individual session of the governor's youth appraisals of the traffic situation. conference which brought hun-Hoss called for a committee dreds of delegates to Salem for surprise move on the eve of a re- ward the end of greater safety and the two-day meeting which continues today.

enlist the aid of large numbers "There is growing recognition that high school is the terminal 4-2 vote after opening what was last night at the city hall meeting said Dr. Thomas C. Holy of Ohio From questionnaires circulated of education for most students," Hoss will fix regular meeting State university who is conducttimes and form subcommittees to ing a survey of Oregon schools.

work out details of the safety pro-Holy said the "three r's" were getting more attention and noted that more funds were available Since a major specific problem, to teach physically handicapped cited by many in addition to in- and slow-learning children. dividuals' attitudes, concerned Predicts Expansion downtown parking congestion,

Holy saw increasing public inmember James R. Beard pointed terest in what schools are doing out that plans already underway call for new public and private and predicted a continued expanoff-street parking space for nearly sion of adult education programs. He, reviewed courses offered by Salem's adult program as an example of what adult education is

offering today. Dr. Frank M. Douglass, Seattle, representing the American Acad- Raises Question emy of Pediatrics, said a recent

In Rural Areas

Douglass said the survey showed deaths among pre-school children are most frequent in rural areas. He attributed this to fewer health facilities in country areas, consider the possibility of a city- but said that more counties are operated rock crushing plant.

The move is opposed by Salem nurses. hiring fulltime health officers and

Public and private child welfare groups must work together to face increasing problems, said Spencer Crookes, New York, director of the Child Welfare League of America. "There is a need for both," he added.

"In a country that seems over-

A resolution was on the city lous deficiences," Crooks said. Many child welfare cases spring reports can be believed. authorize the city manager to buy from the nation's 6,000,000 disrupted families and the 100,000 children born out of wedlock each could be leased for the project. year, according to Crooks, who This resolution, however, was stressed the need for more funds and facilities for welfare pro-Labor Secretary Barker said the grams.

regular meeting Tuesday night. Woodburn Garden pressed that in such an operation the city might circumvent union Club Completes common labor at scales as low Spring Show Plans

WOODBURN, April 13 - Plans for the Woodburn Garden club's 29 were completed this week when Portland San Francisco ALSETZ STRIKE CONTINUES General Chairman Harold Colgan DALLAS, April 13-(AP)- The named committees and listed clasweek-cld strike of Western Log- sifications.

Invitations to compete have in effect today, with no hint of a been sent to garden clubs at New-settlement. The 200 employes, berg, Canby, Mt. Angel, Gervais, members of the CIO Internation- Brooks, Lake Labish and Scotts for time and a half pay on Satur- petitive displayed are also being This year

Chief Waxes Judge Blames Government for U.S. to Discuss \$200 Million Texas City Blasts Rate Reduction Optimistic as

last year, ruled:

6th Year Starts Mammoth Damage Suits Filed in Three-Year-Old Tragedy At Conference

trial of the \$200,000,000 in dam-

age suits was to determine lia-

Judge Kennerly, who heard

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commission on the part of defen-

Truman Orders Crackdown on Crime

HOUSTON, Tex., April 13-(AP) WASHINGTON, April 13-(AP)--A federal judge today pinned President Truman said today he responsibility for the Texas City has ordered the justice department disaster on the U.S. government to get to the bottom of nationwide and accused the government of "blunders, mistakes and acts"

ing ammonium nitrate.

Federal District Judge T. M.

Kennerly ruled in a test damage

suit. He then extended his rul-ing to cover \$200,000,000 in dam-

age suits filed by 8,485 parties.

The 76-year-old jurist's rul-

ing-three days short of three

years after the great disaster-

means each of the suits must be

tried separately before a federal

Several hundred Soroptimist

club members from throughout the

hotel for the three-day sessions.

Other convention highlights will

Saturday afternoon's business

include a ranch dinner at the Lee

The president told reporters he of negligence.' More than 500 persons were nimself called for setting up a fedkilled in April, 1947, by explo-sions and fires which turned the eral grand jury which for several months has been at work on the crime situation in Kansas City, Mr. Texas harbor town into a holocaust. The disaster began with Truman's home bailiwick. an explosion aboard the Frenchowned, S.S. Grandchamp, carry-

Some senae republicans are in-sisting that forthcoming senate investigation of organized gambling and interstate rackets in general take in Kansas City, where Charles Binaggio, a democratic party figure, was mysteriously slain this month.

The senate will fight it out shortly over which committee shall run its inquiry with republicans opposing the democratic idea of a special panel of five senators. The political battle developing could carry over into the congressional campaign.

Killings Brought Up

crime rackets.

The Kansas City killing was brought up in the president's news conference when a reporter stated that Binaggio, and an ex-convict slain with him, had been witnes-ses before the Kensas City grand jury investigating rackets.

cutive's suggestion. He also observed that his request for grand jury investigation had included both Kansas City and St. Louis, but that the crime problem is a national one.

He said he did not include other cities in his request at the time because grand juries already were Delegates Due meeting elsewhere. Mr. Truman said he intended T

that the investigation be nation-wide in scope to get at the bottom wide in scope, to get at the bottom of the widespread rackets if pos-

Starts 6th Year WASHINGTON, April 13-(AP)embarked on his sixth year in the northwestern region of American nation's highest office, said today Federation of Soroptimist clubs. the United States is prosperous and the world situation improved. He made this oral report to a

-years that have spanned the losing months of a world conflict and the subsequent period of cold The chief executive appeared in a challenging mood. In some of his replies he snapped at his questioners. He also hinted at the line

of attack he will take in his cross country trip next month. For example he: 1-Said he expects to take credit for the nation's prosperous condition, despite what he called claims by some parts of the press that

these conditions would exist even if a moron were in the White House.

2-Raised the question whether survey showed Oregon had the it is possible to libel Senator Mc- Program. nation's lowest infant mortality Carthy, Wisconsin republican who charges that Red influence is rampant in the state department. (Story on page 6.)

3-Upheld the Brannan plan as the answer to the farm surplus commerce will feature Gov. Dougproblem, and said Maine legislators had brought on the chief surplus-potatoes.

-Said every effort will be made ing breakfast at the hotel. to get through a bill for a fair employment practices commission. A question "are the first five years the hardest?" got Mr. Truman off on a discussion of economics and peace.

He said the first five years were rather difficult, but that the country is still on its feet. Despite some unemployment, he stated, flowing with potatoes and pow- more people are employed than dered eggs, there are current ser- ever before, and we have a prosperous setup if the Wall Street

Max Tucker Estate Valued Near \$3 Million

PORTLAND, April 13 -(AP)- The total estate of Max D. Tucker. who left most of his money to charitable and educational purposes, was appraised today at

Plywood company, died two mon- house of representatives. Voters

THE WEATHER

Chicago New York Willamette river 3.5 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Generally
fair and warmer today with increasing cloudiness this afternoon and members of the CIO InternationBrooks, Lake Labish and Scotts tonight. Rain Saturday. High today al Woodworkers of America, struck Mills. Commercial and none-comfor time and a half nay on Satura displayed are also being SALEM PRECIPITATION Normal

ently dangerous fertilizer. (He referred to the ammonium nitrate which was manufatcured in government-owned ordnance plants and destined for shipment overseas.) "And from the beginning of its

manufacture on down to and after the day of the Texas City disaster, the record discloses such disregard of any lack of

judge, on its merits. The mass and of persons manufacturing, handling and transporting and using such fertilizer as to shock The explosions - in the

French-owned S. S. Grandchamp on April 16, 1947, and in the S.S. High Flyer early the next morning-turned the shipping town ligence both of omission and into a bedlam of destruction. dant, its agents, servants and employes in deciding to begin the manufacture of this inher-It is the largest damage action

ever brought against the govern-ment. Should the full \$200,000,-000 be allowed it would cost each man, woman and child in the U.S. about \$1.30.

In Washington, Assistant At-torney General H. Graham Mor-to slash their tariff duties on ison said the government will American goods. immediately appeal to the circuit court of appeals at New Orleans. It was indicated the case will be taken to the supreme court if necessary.

By Eddie Gilmore

regard the U. S. navy patrol plane

"Now the American authorities

are trying to hide their faces,"

newspaper.

fruitless.

In return, the United States will Help Solve 'Dollar Gap' "It is the belief of the United States that general acceptance of these principles will help solve the problems involved in United

September 28.

States foreign assistance programs and the 'dollar gap'," the department said. Along with its formal announcement, the state department made public a 78-page list of foreign

By John A. Scall

The United States gave notice to-

day it would try to lower Ameri-

can tariffs on about 2,500 items

as part of its campaign to help

other countries earn more dollars.

a United States delegation will be

empowered to negotiate with 17

foreign countries for reduced rates

at a 40-nation trade conference

to be held at Torquay, England,

The state department announced

WASHINGTON, April 13'-(A)-

products which may be affected by The items ranged from reinders meat to steam engines and included such "controversial" preducts as these: Wool, fish, clocks, wines, whiskey, paper, textiles, MOSCOW, April 13-(AP)-Pravda toys, china, rayon, and dairy pre-

left no doubt today that Russians ducts. In the past, American producers hunted in the Baltic areas as the have objected vehemently and time that existing tariff barriers Lansing ave., were overjoyed late ment said exchanged shots with on these items have been changed. Thursday night when they learned a Soviet fighter over Latvia Sat- Their argument has been that with that their son, Frank Vernon Mi- urday and then disappeared to- reduced duties the foreign preducers threaten to undersell Amerment announced the award of the employment in this country. ican companies and thus cause us

Third and Biggest

The Torquay conference will he 1946. He was with a medical team cree, issued here and broadcast the third and biggest international attending account for more than four-fifths of the world's trade. Russia and its satellites are not expected to attend.

For the first time since the war ended, western Germany, Austria, and south Korea will be re-American air force in Wiesbaden presented. Japan, however, will be barred even though the United ample, that an American plane States sought to get it invited. was missing, allegedly during a

Dr. Clifford Patton of New York City, liaison officer with the United Nations, arrived in Salem by plane Thursday afternoon to be the main speaker during the conference. At the opening session ference. At the opening session this afternoon at 3 o'clock Dr. The description of the description of New York lege, Miles took courses in relief and reconstruction at Guilford college, N. C. before joining the Friends organization. Mrs. Miles expects her son to come directly to the United States from Hong Kong and to visit Sates from Hong Kong and Hong Kong A Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Chicken Crops Y. Vishinsky protested to the U. S. embassy, that a bomber of the B-29 super fortress type had vi-

PORTLAND, April 13-(AP)-The on a fighter group that directed end of price supports of chickens and turkeys was greeted drearily today by poultrymen, who foresaw (The widely publicized hunt for the navy plane,—a four-engined further skids in an already declining market.

The price of hens promptly fell one cent a pound. C. W. Norton manager of Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products company, said the breeder turkey market might be flooded.

Another industry member, E. L. Martindale of Columbia Produce company, predicted a squeeze between the unsupported poultry and supported feed. The price of feet has climbed in the last 10 days.

"It does not make sense," he complained, "to support grain at present high levels and remove price supports on the by-products. The revenue from Oregon chickens, turkeys, and eggs fell sharping. last year, despite the fact that

more of them were sold. Lower prices cut income from \$35,652,000 in 1948 to \$31,281,000 in 1949.

Last Call Today For Guesses . . .

It's going to be a bit of work ascertaining who wins the \$40 in prizes offered by The Statesman for the three closest guess-es as to Salem's 1950 popula-

Nearly 2,000 guesses have been entered. None can be ac-cepted after midnight tonight (no matter when they are post-

In event of a tie (or ties), it'll be veritably a toss-up. The winners will be announced the day after the official census figures are made known by District Census Supervisor Cornel-ius Bateson—probably within a week or two.

Your COMPLETE Newspaper

Salem Man Released Russ Convinced From China by Reds Fight Involved HONG KONG, Friday, April 14-(P)-Five Americans were among the 88 foreigners who have just arrived from communist Shanghai

by way of Tientsin.

He said that McGrath had called the grand jury at the chief executive's suggestion.

All five said they were happy to be outside red China. They left shanghai on a special train for Tientsin, in north China, where they boarded the steamer Jessen for Hong Kong. Among the five Americans is Frank Vernon Miles, Salem, Ore.,

a relief worker. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Miles, 49 same aircraft the Soviet governles, was among the 88 foreigners ward the sea. to be evacuated from communist A few hours later the Shanghai.

Miles, a relief worker with the Red Banner to four Soviet air American Friends Service com- force lieutenants "for excellent mittee, has been in China since fulfillment of their duty." The declub members from throughout the in Honan province at the time of northwest will arrive in Salem to- the red conquest there and spent into detail about what they did not spent three years. The 40 nations President Truman, who has just day for the 13th conference of the a year in north China. Recently he to win the citations. has been chairman of the Friends unit at Shanghai.

Mrs. Miles said Thursday night said a front-page editorial in Members of the service womthat she had received a letter from Pravda, the communist party en's club will be here from Washher son last week in which he held news conference after looking back and Oregon. SHRDLU U SHRU the hope he would be permitted over five years in the presidency ington. Idaho, Montana, Alaska to leave Shanghai. He had expectand Oregon. Conference head- ed evacuation in January but it on April 11 declared, for exwas postponed. quarters will be at the Marion

A graduate of Oregon State col-

delphia to attend school.

Eyerly home this evening, business sessions Saturday morning at the hotel, nomination of officers, Hotel for Sale luncheon at noon at the American Legion club with Dr. Patton as guest speaker. His subject will be On Lonely Atoll it to land, drew fire in return and then turned toward the sea. The Philippines in the UNESCO HONOLULU, April 13-(AP)-For

sessions will be at the American Sale, probably very cheap: One PB-4Y privateer smaller than the Legion hall, with election of offi- 66-room hotel. cers slated. A formal banquet in The catch is that it's on Palmyra, the evening at the chamber of lonely atoll 1,100 miles southwest

of Honolulu. las McKay as speaker. Mayor The hotel owner, the civil aero Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portnautics administration, has abandland will speak at a Sunday mornwill accept bids for the hotel at (Additional details in women's its office here until May 24.

Politics on Parade . . .

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Comments in this series are made by or for the candidates without restriction, and may or may not reflect the opinion of this newspaper). Today's subject:

> Roy Houck (r) Candidate for

State representative (Marion) Republicans in Marion county Tucker, president of Cascade can elect four candidates to the

have a right to know who the candidates are, what they stand or, and on what background of education, and reputation they are qualified to The informa-

tion presented covers my here a u a lifications, which I trust fortifies me with sufficient background to promote college. and pass on helpful legislation.

A native Oregonian, 54 years of age and a life-long republican. A graduate electrical engineer of Oregon State college, 1917. A general highway contractor, building many sections of the major highways of Oregon. Owner and operator of a 238 acre farm, near Salem for 22

years. Served on Community Chest, Red Cross, Polio, and Bond drives. Past Marion County chairman and state vice-chairman of the advisory board of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, and now Marion County Rural chairman for the 1950 Red Cross

Chairman of the Salem Airport

Member of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Elks 336, and rites in the sacred river. Knife and Fork club, a Mason, and Shriner. Married and have three sons:

Roy L., Jr., a general highway contractor, Carlos (Cub) and James, students at Oregon State dancer, publicly exchanged vows

today in a Quaker-like wedding (Tomorrow-H. R. Jones.) in city hall plaza.

oned its station on Palmyra and will accept bids for the hotel at its office here until May 24 In Indonesia

olated the Soviet frontier by a

flight over Latvia Saturday, fired

B-29, but looking somewhat like

it - was three days old Tuesday.

The search Thursday proved

then turned toward the sea.

JAKARTA, U. S. I., Friday, April 14 - (AP) - Scattered fighting broke out in Makassar last night after President Soekarno of the U. S. I. said he had ordered his army to break the rebellion in East Indonesia's capital.

Neutral military sources reported that the outburst of violence had been quieted without serious casualties. Maj. Harjono, a spokesman for

the United States of Indonesia

army, said today that the federal army "will invade the island of South Celibes at any moment." Rebel armored patrols have been crisscrossing Makassar in defiance of Soekarno, after Aziz had spurned a summon: to come to the federal capital in Jakarta and account for his activities.

BATHING RITES TRAMPLE 30 NEW DELHI, India, April 13-(AP)-Thirty persons were reported trampled to death today as near-Zoning board and a registered ly 1,000,000 Hindu pilgrims swarmed to the banks of the Ganges for ceremonial bathing

> WORLD CITIZEN WEDS ELLSWORTH, Me., April 13-(AP)-World Citizen Garry Davis and Audrey Peters, Hollywood