

Blossom Drive on Today's Schedule

(Map of route on page 20). The Salem area's early blossoms on cherry and other trees will be on display today as the Cherrians conduct the annual Blossom day sight-seeing tour. Only one route in Polk county, is to be emphasized this year because blossoms are not yet out on higher levels and because many Marion county orchards have been uprooted, said Wallace Doerfler, chairman for the event. The second route for years has been south of Salem. Uniformed Cherrians will be at strategic corners beginning at 10 a.m. to hand out maps of the

blossom route. The 17-mile trip is, following the arrows to be posted, across the Center street bridge, right on Wallace road, left on Orchard Heights road, over the Zola hills summit to a road that leads left to Brunk's corner, then left on Salem-Dallas highway to the starting point. In addition, the capitol will be open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the state forestry building on State street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cherrians' annual Blossom dance will be Thursday night at Crystal Gardens.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Lao Tse, the Chinese philosopher, said: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." And any journey, no matter what the length, ends when one steps across the threshold of his own home, as we did Saturday, concluding a motor trip of just under 7,000 miles from Michigan east to the environs of New York City, south along the Atlantic coast, along the Gulf to New Orleans and thence diagonally across the continent to the northwest. And as every traveler will agree, arrival home is one of the happiest experiences of any journey. My last travel letter was written from Colorado Springs. I can take up at that point and report that easily the most spectacular part of our journey was the crossing of the mountains at the backbone of the continent between Denver and Salt Lake City. Thrilling as any season it has been early inspiring when the rocky crags and ridges were covered with snow, as they were at the time of our crossing. Leaving mile-high Denver, Highway 40 climbs steadily to Berthoud Pass, over 9,000 ft. high, to drop of the divide. The road then drops to the valley of the upper Colorado coming out just above the west portal of Moffat tunnel. After a run through Byers canyon, a miniature of the Grand Canyon, the highway starts climbing again, and crosses the divide at Rabbit Ears Pass, over 9,000 ft. high, to drop into Yampa Valley, which reminded us very much of our own mountain-locked Wallowa Valley. Steamboat Springs, where we passed the night, alt. 7,000 ft., is in the heart (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

Court Martial Gives Corporal 5-Year Term

GARMISCH - PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany, April 15 (AP)—A U. S. air force court martial convicted Cpl. Gustav Mueller today of attempting to give American military secrets to Soviet Russia and sentenced him to five years in prison. He had denied the charge in tearful testimony. Described in a report by army doctors as "immature and emotionally unstable," the young airman from St. Paul, Minn., insisted he was only trying to trap some Russian spies with the melodramatic activities that led to his arrest last fall. In a clipped, British-type accent, he said: "I never meant to betray the United States. I am not a communist. I hate communism. I am loyal to the United States and always shall be. I know I did wrong and I am sorry. I tried twice to kill myself because of this affair. But I already have been punished by six months in jail at hard labor while awaiting trial. I would never do such a thing again." He repudiated stories he told U. S. army agents who posed as Russian operatives and obtained documents from him after he sent a telegram to the Soviet consulate in Bern, Switzerland, last September asking for contact. They testified he told them he believed in communism and wished to help out the party cause.

Man Missing As Boat Tips

PORTLAND, April 15 (AP)—An overturning boat dumped two sports fishermen into the Columbia river today, and one of them, Lee Talley, 23, was swept downstream in the swift current and clung to it until two fishermen saw him and came to the rescue. The accident happened near Bonnaville point. Talley and Martin W. D'Volve, 36, had gone out salmon fishing early this morning. They dropped anchor, and the line fouled, tipping the boat. Talley, heavily dressed, was swept rapidly away. D'Volve grabbed the boat and clung to it until two fishermen saw him and came to the rescue. The accident happened near Bonnaville point.

Last Call to Register

Registration books for the May 19 primary election will close at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Twins Monopolize Hospital Prizes

ASHTON, Idaho, April 15 (AP)—Memorial hospital in Ashton offered prizes to the parents of the first boy and girl babies born at the new institution. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kirkham collected both. Twins, a boy and a girl, were the hospital's first arrivals.

Pastor Admits Inventing Story Of Shooting

LAKEVIEW, Ore., April 15 (AP)—The sheriff and district attorney of Lake county said today that the Rev. Homer Ido admitted inventing the story that someone had attempted to shoot him. Sheriff Tommy Elliott, District Attorney Robert Welch, and State Police Sgt. Mark Sullivan said the Methodist pastor told them the shooting incident was a tale which he had invented in a moment of mental turmoil. The minister, who had reported receiving threatening letters since October, told police April 5 that someone had forced his car to the roadside and fired at him. Today the officers said the minister told them that he made up that incident when, in a moment of despair, he had thought no one believed that he was being threatened. He said he actually had received the threatening letters, but had come to think that the police thought he was writing them to himself.

So he decided to "wake up the community," the district attorney quoted him as saying. The officers said he told them he drove out on a side road, stopped his car, hung his overcoat on a fence, fired three shots through the left sleeve, fired through the window of his car, and returned to town to report that someone had attacked him. They quoted the minister as saying he had been under great pressure here because of small attendance at his church and opposition to some of his work, and that he "cracked" up when he thought police did not believe the threats against him. The pastor said the threatening letters were actually received. Police told him that they had never suspected him—as he thought—of writing those letters. The district attorney said the case would be turned over to the grand jury Monday morning to clear the records. It was not believed likely that any action would be taken against the pastor.

Gates Votes To Incorporate

GATES, April 15 (AP)—The erstwhile community of Gates became a city Saturday when the Marion county court certified Friday an incorporation in which residents voted by two-to-one for a measure to incorporate. The tally was 46 to 23. City officials will be elected soon. Better fire protection and a more adequate water supply are goals of the new city. The incorporation was the first since the city of Astoria was incorporated in 1904. The city of Gates is located in the northwestern part of Marion county, about 10 miles north of Astoria. It covers an area of about 1,000 acres. The population is estimated to be about 100. The city is named in honor of the late Gates family, who owned the land on which the city is located. The city is expected to be a residential community. It is expected to have a school, a church, and a few small businesses. The city is expected to be a part of the Astoria metropolitan area.

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: Gene Malecki (r)

Candidate for State representative (Marion)

Gene Malecki, young republican and public relations man of Salem, known for his "Beans to Boston" and "Turkey to Turkey" promotions, is a candidate for state representative. Malecki is now public relations man for the 1950 Oregon Shakespearean festival in Ashland. He just recently completed a very successful campaign for the 1950 March of Dimes as Marion county executive secretary. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the University of Detroit and the Detroit Institute

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9 Springfield Officials Quit as Recall Fails

Chief of Police, Recorder Turn In Resignations

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., April 15 (AP)—Nine Springfield city employees including the city recorder and the police chief submitted resignations today after the mayor won a recall election. The nine gave various reasons for the action, but all of them had been supporters of Fred Cheatham, who was fired as city manager two nights ago. Six of them were policemen, and their resignations were not accepted. They agreed to stay on temporarily to give the city police protection. They said they would discuss the situation tomorrow. Resignations of the other three were accepted. They presented their resignations to the city council when it met to canvass the ballots of yesterday's recall election against Mayor B. P. Larson. The official count showed that Springfield voted, 1200 to 908, to retain the mayor.

City Recorder Kenneth Gile, in announcing his resignation, said he felt it was best for him to leave. His wife, a stenographer in the recorder's office, also resigned, saying there had been complaint because both of them were working for the city. Police Chief Clell Pryor turned in his resignation and said he no longer saw a future here. Six policemen—a sergeant and five patrolmen—also handed in resignations, despite the chief's recommendation that they stay on. The city council voted to give the police chief and the discharged city manager 30 days' pay for vacation.

Heavy Vote The voting in yesterday's recall election was unusually heavy—only 19 votes less than the all-time record for a special election. Mayor Larson interpreted his victory as a vote of confidence in his plan to set up a public power system here.

Woodburn Council To Vote Anew on Daylight Saving

WOODBURN, April 15 (AP)—The Woodburn city council, one of the few remaining daylight time holdouts in the Willamette valley, will decide Tuesday night whether this area will go on fast time. Woodburn councilmen went on record against the proposal April 4, but the issue was forced to a new vote when Salem adopted daylight time last Monday. Neighboring cities of Gervais, Silverton, Mt. Angel and Canby have adopted the stepped-up time to conform with Salem and Portland.

TUG SEARCH CONTINUES

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15 (AP)—Six airplanes and two coast guard cutters combed a 60,000 square mile area of the Pacific today, searching in vain for the disabled tug Omar. The ship has not been heard from since last Thursday. While the constitution provides for a debt limit of \$400,000, the court held that the unpaid warrants do not constitute a "debt" such as the borrowing of money from an outside source would.

of Technology. Before entering the service he did public relations work at the Packard Motor Car Co. While at Packard's he organized the first union-management Post-War research committee to investigate postwar problems in industry. During the war he was stationed at Camp Adair, and returned to Salem after receiving his discharge. He married a Salem girl and they now have two sons. Malecki has been in charge of the North Marion County fair in Woodburn for two years; the Pacific Coast Turkey exhibit at McMinnville; the Independence Hop festa; the Santiam Bean festival at Stayton for two years, and last year attracted national and worldwide attention for Oregon with his promotions. He is a member of the Young Republicans, Oregon Republican club, American Legion, Eagles, chamber of commerce, and has been very active in many civic affairs. His slogan is, "To promote efficient, representative state government for all the people." Malecki if elected will devote all his time to studying, listening and voting for the best interests of the people. (Tomorrow—Ivan Martin)

Tall Girls Featured in 1950 Cherry Fete Court



Petite Pat O'Connor, Salem's 1949 Cherryland festival queen, is almost overshadowed by the height of the 1950 princesses, here on either side of Queen Pat, third from right. One of the five girls chosen Friday night for the royal court will be selected to take the 1950 crown next Thursday night. In the court are, left to right, Marlene Harimann, Sublimity; Patricia Mae Kirk, St. Paul; Martha Storrust, Silverton; Queen Pat; Nancy Miller, Salem high school; and Dwynn Anne Herberger, Sacred Heart academy of Salem. (Statesman photo.)

Mill Creek Fish Derby Attracts 400 Young Anglers; 13-Inch Catch Wins

(Picture and additional winners in sports section.) An estimated 400 youngsters from the entire Willamette valley swarmed over Mill creek before sunrise Friday to compete in the first annual opening day Mill Creek fishing tournament. When the near-panic had subsided, 14-year-old Jim Richmond of Mehama walked away with first honors for his 13-inch catch. A judging committee awarded second prizes to two boys: Donald Emmons, 13, of 1687 N. Summer st., and Burton B. Edwards, 10, of 1659 St. Paul. Each hooked a 12 1/2-inch trout. A special prize for the youngest boy angler went to three-year-old Steven Crossley, 1275 Vista ave., for his catch of two fish.

Verdict Eases Finance Crisis In Washington

OLYMPIA, April 15 (AP)—The state supreme court in a unanimous opinion approved deficit financing of state government today in an opinion that may forestall the calling of a special session of the legislature. Possibility of a special session still existed, however, because of a separate problem involving appropriations for social security. Fiscal experts predict the appropriation for general assistance and medical aid for welfare recipients will be exhausted before the next legislature meets in January. The general assistance funds may be gone by July 1.

Leopard Raises Havoc in Yakima Furniture Store

YAKIMA, April 14 (AP)—Bongol the leopard put on a show for the fascinated Yakima shoppers today when he ran wild in a furniture store and tore up a couple of davenport, overturned lamps and slashed carpets. Bongol, appearing in the store on a publicity stunt, did more than the store bargained for—but the only ones scared, apparently, were the store manager and the leopard. The leopard's owner and trainer, Capt. Pat Anthony, said minors and children upset the jungle cat, but added that his scared leopard just hunts for a place to hide, not a place to bite. Bongol didn't hide, though. He stretched out in the rug department and let Capt. Anthony sooth him by soft words. Bongol and master are resting quietly tonight. The store manager is resting, silent on future wild cat entertainment plans.

Mt. Angel to Change Time

MOUNT ANGEL, April 15 (AP)—This town's city council said today it would vote for daylight time, because Salem and Silverton are changing to that time. But the council added that it was doing it "under protest." The chamber of commerce at Independence meanwhile asked that town to stay on standard time regardless of what surrounding communities do.

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