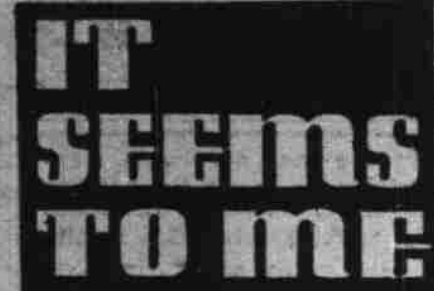


\$769,706 School Tax Levy Oked

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman

Salem school district voters will be asked June 2 to approve a tax levy of \$769,706, the district board and budget committee decided Tuesday night.

This proposed levy represents



By Charles A. Sprague

At the state election May 19th the only contest on the judicial ballot is for the position on the supreme court now held by Justice J. O. Bailey who is retiring at the end of his term after long and exceptionally able service. There are three candidates for the position: Robert F. Maguire, Portland attorney, Sen. Austin Dunn of Baker, and Walter L. Toozee, circuit judge of Multnomah county. I wish very strongly to recommend Robert F. Maguire for this very important office.

Maguire is one of the leaders of the Oregon bar whose personal and professional standing is of the highest order. Coming to Oregon in 1909 he practiced law first in Medford, then moved to Portland where he served as assistant U. S. district attorney and later as chief deputy district attorney for Multnomah county. For over 30 years he has been engaged in private practice, his present association being as partner in the firm of Maguire, Shields, Morrison and Bailey.

His leadership in his profession is shown in the fact that when the Oregon State Bar was established as successor to the former Oregon Bar association he was its first president and served for three years on its board of governors. He has also served as a member of the board of governors of the American Bar association.

His ability was further recognized by the government when he was asked to sit as judge at the Nazi war crimes trial in Nurnberg, Germany where he served for 18 months. I concur in the concluding paragraph in the Voters' Pamphlet, submitted by the Maguire Committee, F. Leo Smith, chairman:

"Seldom are Oregon voters offered the services of such

(Continued on editorial page 4)

Senate Group Votes Postal Cuts Canceled

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—The senate postoffice committee voted 9 to 0 today to direct Postmaster General Donaldson to cancel the cuts in mail service he ordered in a recent economy move.

Before twice-a-day home mail delivery could be reinstated and other postal service reductions set aside, both the senate and house would have to agree to the two bills and a resolution approved by the committee.

Donaldson ordered the cutbacks in service April 18, explaining they must be put into effect to prevent another big deficit in postal operations.

Postoffice expenses in the present fiscal year are expected to run above \$2,240,000,000. Donaldson asked \$2,235,807,000 appropriation for the next fiscal year which starts July 1. Congress has not acted finally on the request, but the house appropriations committee has recommended that the fund be held to \$2,207,500,000.

First Break in Lumber Negotiations Reported

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 9 (AP)—The first break in Pacific northwest lumber negotiations came today in a northern California settlement, granting a wage increase but denying workers life insurance benefits.

It gave about 2,500 AFL pine industry workers a 7 1/2-cent hourly wage increase. That boosted the minimum to \$1.42 1/2 for box factory work and \$1.50 for other AFL lumber and sawmill workers.

Animal Crackers



By WARREN GOODRICH

"Sometime soon you may want to putter about on a little farm, devote your leisure time to your favorite hobby, or become active in civic affairs..."

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Ex-Red Links U.S. Atomic Scientist to Party

'Plane Wreck' Figures in Campus Election



Today will wind up student political campaigning at Willamette university, prior to filling next year's student body offices. Tuesday morning the campus blossomed with signs, posters and various attention-getters boosting different candidates. Among the more bizarre stunts were the wrecked airplane and roaming tractor shown above. Others included a wrecked car piled against a cypress tree and a howitzer. (Statesman photo.) (Story on page 6.)

President Raps Reds in China

Reorganization Plan Issued

Symington Gets Top War Post

Poster Pastors Warned City's Land Off-Limits

Russia Said Taking Food

Second Town In Canada Guttled by Fire

McKay Slight Told by Aide; Report Denied

Slight Progress Reported as Rail Walkout Nearing

Step Toward Relocation Of State Fair Area Taken

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UP Defense Funds

CAR THEFT ON TRADE

UNION MEN ARRESTED

THE WEATHER

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

COAST LEAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Rescue Crews Battle Time in Attempt to Save Trapped Man

NEW YORK, May 10 (Wednesday)—Sweating rescue workers tunneled under the floor of a Brooklyn garage early today in a touch-and-go effort to save a well-digger trapped in a shaft and badly burned by an explosion.

The trapped man was Dominick Atteo, 49, father of six children. More than 12 hours after a slide of earth and stones engulfed him, he was conscious but in a state of shock. A doctor lowered into the pit said his condition was "very bad."

Workmen operating a pneumatic drill estimated it would take at least until 3 a. m. (11 a. m. PDT) to reach Atteo, who tried desperately to dig himself free with bare hands until an explosion in the 20-foot shaft burned him painfully.

Thousands thronged the street outside the garage while the rattling of the drill clanged through the searchlight-pierced interior.

The tunnel was started 30 feet away from the collapsed well and was dug in terraces toward a point directly under Atteo's wounded body, so that a boulder holding one of his legs might be dislodged.

City workmen propped up the roof of the garage, which threatened to collapse on the rescue workers as the floor, sustaining a single steel girder that held up the roof, was weakened by the digging.

Atteo was buried to the armpits shortly after 11 a. m. yesterday in the cave-in of a well he was digging to provide the garage water for washing cars.

The husky, genial well-digger scooped handfuls of earth and stones away from his imprisoned body for hours while police, lowered cautiously into the shaft on ropes, gave what help they could.

Explosion at nightfall. The explosion came at nightfall. Although the air inside the shaft was heavy with oxygen, one of Atteo's sons yielded to his father's plea and lowered a lighted cigarette.

There was a sharp blast. The already shaky walls of the well sent down a fresh shower of dirt and rock.

Atteo cried out with pain from the burns on his unprotected face, arms and shoulders.

The son became hysterical. Three times, up to early morning, Dr. Harold Berson was lowered into the pit.

He administered first aid, then morphine, finally blood plasma. Condition very bad.

Wary and dirt-stained, his clothing torn, the doctor emerged at last and reported: "His condition is very bad."

Police emergency squads lowered a steel oil drum, with the ends knocked out, over Atteo's upper body to shield it from any new cave-in.

They lowered a steel helmet for further protection, then tied a rope under his arms to prevent him from sinking deeper.

Until 11 p. m. despite the constant risk of new earth slides, they labored with garden trowels to enlarge the opening around the steel tube encasing Atteo.

Finally, authorities decided the danger was too great and the tunneling operation got under way.

Chest Agencies Hold Discussion

Representatives of Salem Community chest agencies conducted a panel discussion on "What Your Community Chest Dollar Buys" Tuesday night at a Salem trades and labor council meeting.

Al Loucks, Salem Community chest president, proposed that every member of organized labor who was able to be asked to give five hours' pay to the chest campaign next fall.

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. They may or may not reflect the opinion of this newspaper.

Today's Subject: Peery T. Buren Candidate for Salem Municipal Judge

"A challenge to our system of law enforcement exists unless the general public respects our municipal courts."

That is the opinion of Peery T. Buren, candidate for municipal judge. He is an able and experienced attorney with a solid professional and personal background upon which to base his opinion.

Since the majority of people make their only contact with law in the lower courts, obviously it is essential that the public have a favorable impression of such courts. The

juvenile offender usually has his first brush with the law on the city level and the handling of his case by the judge can either push him down the path to crime or guide him to adjustment and good citizenship.

Peery T. Buren believes the municipal judge must be fair and impartial, deciding each case solely on its merits, guided by training and experience, tempered by an understanding of his fellowmen.

Buren is a graduate of the University of Oregon and George Washington University law school, Washington, D.C., where he did special work in the field of municipal law and received a Juris Doctor degree. He is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Oregon. Buren, an active worker for worthwhile community projects in Salem, is a war veteran, member of the Presbyterian church, a homeowner, married and has a daughter.

Peery T. Buren's background of education and experience and his interest in affairs of the municipality merit the support of law-abiding citizens on May 19.

(Tomorrow—Howard Latourette)

Oppenheimer Denies Word In Testimony

OAKLAND, Calif., May 9 (AP)—An ex-communist testified today that Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer once held a closed communist meeting at his home in Berkeley—testimony flatly denied tonight in Washington by the top atomic scientist.

The witness, Mrs. Sylvia Crouch, appeared before the state senate un-American activities committee which is seeking to determine if there were communists connected with the University of California's atom-smashing laboratory.

Mrs. Crouch, an admitted communist from 1929 until 1942, said she attended the meeting in 1941 and that photographs of Dr. Oppenheimer which she saw later convinced her he was one of those present.

Disclaims Membership. In Washington, Dr. Oppenheimer said in a statement tonight he never had been a communist party member, never attended a party meeting "in my home or anywhere else."

He said he formerly knew many persons in "left-wing circles" and had belonged to several left-wing organizations but that the government knew about that ever since he started work on the atomic bomb project.

Dr. Oppenheimer said he had not yet seen the full testimony given by Mrs. Crouch but that he understood its import to be that Mr. and Mrs. Crouch and a group of other people met at Oppenheimer's home in Berkeley in July, 1941, for a closed communist meeting.

Directed Los Alamos. "The implications of such testimony are obvious, and I should like to comment at once," he continues.

"I have never been a member of the communist party. I never assembled any such group of people for any such purpose in my home or anywhere else. I am unable to recall any gathering in my house that could reasonably have been mistaken for such a meeting. Neither the name Crouch nor the accounts of Mr. and Mrs. Crouch recall to me anyone I have ever known."

Dr. Oppenheimer, chairman of the powerful advisory committee which shapes policy for the national atomic energy commission, was a director of the atomic research laboratory at Los Alamos, N. Mex., during the war. The first atom bombs were made there.

Causes Great Stir. Dr. Oppenheimer became director of that laboratory about the time it began to function in the spring of 1943. At that time the project employed a little more than 50 people. In two and a half years it grew to a community of 8,500. Oppenheimer was director from beginning to end.

Mrs. Crouch said she had seen Dr. Oppenheimer several times after the Berkeley meeting, but never again at a closed communist session.

The testimony caused an immediate stir in scientific circles, where Dr. Oppenheimer's standing is very high. His name never before has been publicly connected with possible communist party membership, although his brother, Dr. Frank Oppenheimer, has admitted being a onetime party member.

TOSCANINI ARRIVES. PORTLAND, May 9 (AP)—Conductor Arturo Toscanini and musicians of the NBC symphony orchestra arrived here today by special train for a one night stand at the auditorium.

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Soviet Bid to Remove Berlin Troops Rapped

BERLIN, May 9 (AP)—A Russian proposal that all occupation troops be removed from Berlin as a prelude to a "free and democratic" city election was rebuffed by anti-communist Germans and western allied spokesmen alike today.

French Maj. Gen. Jean Geneval spoke most plainly for the western powers, whose garrisons the Russians would like to see sent 100 miles to western Germany.

He said the Soviet proposal cannot be taken seriously.

Secretary of State Acheson said the proposal is a repetition of a demand Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky put forward a year ago, "with some added trimming."

The Soviet idea was sprung by Col. Alexei Jelizarov, representative of the Russian control commission here.

He said that he, like the western commandants, was in favor of supervised city-wide elections to reunite the city administration which the communists ruptured when they set up a rump government in east Berlin in 1948.

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