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City of Salem's 1950 Census—43,064

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The initial local effect of the announcement of census figures for Salem for 1950 will be one of surprise and disappointment. The general assumption had been that Salem's population had crossed the 50,000 mark. To have the count of heads reveal only 43,064 within Salem's corporate limits will come as something of a shock.

When we catch our breath, however, and note that this means a gain of 12,156 in 10 years, or 39.3 per cent, we should all feel much better. Few, indeed, are the incorporated cities of the United States in Salem's class that will show such a percentage gain in a decade. Moreover, the figures of the past show a steady growth trend which is most reassuring. This gain is not an accident; it is just a continuation of the growth curve of Salem, of Oregon and the Pacific Coast. No occasion to be downhearted; but rather one for pride in the fact that Salem is holding its stride.

Indications are that Oregon's population will not reach the estimate of the census bureau as of July 1, 1949, which was 1,736,000. The incomplete count (no statement of how many "precincts are missing") stands at 1,438,093. Quite a ways to go to reach the figures given out a year ago.

The census bureau made no estimate of population for Salem. However, the local postoffice made a computation based on the number of stops by carriers. That figure was 52,848 (not counting West Salem). Other rough estimates based on number of customers of the water department, increase in school census

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Governor Bids States to Vie In Fire Safety

Governor challenged Washington to a forest fire prevention contest Friday.

Gov. Douglas McKay telegraphed Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington and asked him to send a representative to the 1950 Keep Oregon Green banquet Monday night in Portland to work out details of the proposal.

The governor of Oregon told the governor of Washington, "I think it only fitting that the two states which initiated Keep Green programs should vie in a contest that will further emphasize the great importance of combatting the forest fire menace."

McKay said about 130 county KOG chairmen and forestry officials are expected to attend Monday's annual banquet. Marion County Judge Grant Murphy is chairman for this banquet. The banquet program will include talks by McKay, Dean Paul Dunn of Oregon State college of forestry, U. S. Regional Forester Horace Andrews of Portland and Howard Brier of Seattle, executive secretary of Keep Washington Green. Mayor George Peavy of Corvallis will be master of ceremonies.

Cash awards to first place winners in the annual KOG fire prevention contest will be presented by McKay at the dinner.

Postal Service Cut Defended By Postmaster

WASHINGTON, May 12 -(AP)- Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson indicated today he intends to stick by the cutbacks he ordered last month in the postal service.

In a statement, he said he does not believe they are of great inconvenience to the public and thinks a large percentage of complaints were "inspired" by the letter carriers union.

Donaldson cut residential delivery of mail to one a day and reduced deliveries in business areas. The hours of window services at post offices also were reduced.

Donaldson said economies were necessary because of a mounting postal deficit. The house postoffice committee has approved a resolution asking restoration of the services.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"She always leaves a light burning till Junior gets in."

Lower West Coast Gas Prices Sought In Government Suit

LOS ANGELES, May 12 -(AP)- The government moved today to force lower gasoline prices with an anti-trust suit which also wants to spike California's long-time voluntary oil conservation program.

Seven major oil firms are named in the civil action. The companies denied wrongdoing and pointed out that a U. S. grand jury last year ended 18 months of studying their records without returning an indictment.

The government seeks these major points:

Dissolution of the industry's California conservation committee and an injunction preventing voluntary conservation practices not authorized by state law.

Divorcement of wholesale petroleum outlets and retail service stations.

Outlawing price stabilization.

Outlawing exclusive contracts between a company and an independent service station.

Companies named are Standard of California, the Texas Company of New York, Shell of New York, Tidewater Associated of New York, Richfield of Los Angeles, General Petroleum of Los Angeles and Union of California.

The suit covers California, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona. But California is the only state with important production.

Herbert A. Bergson, assistant U. S. attorney general in charge of the department of justice's anti-trust division, filed the action. It followed long investigation by William C. Dixon, western anti-trust division chief.

Dixon said the government's purpose is to force lower prices all along the line — from well to service station pump.

"It is hoped that by freeing the retail and wholesale outlets of restraints, effective competition can be restored to the industry and result in lower prices," he said.

Pan American Airway Union Out on Strike

NEW YORK, May 12-(AP)-A nationwide strike against Pan American airways by flight service personnel was called tonight by the CIO transport workers union.

The strike of stewards, stewardesses, and pursers was called effective at midnight (local time throughout the country), a union spokesman said.

The union said 800 of these workers are involved but a company official said the number was only 250.

Richard Logan, company public relations representative, said that eight pickets took up their posts outside the entrance to La Guardia field at midnight. A union spokesman said that Idlewild airport and Pan American ports at Miami, San Francisco, Seattle and Brownsville, Texas, would also be picketed.

NLRB Fight Brings Note From Denham

WASHINGTON, May 12 -(AP)- Robert N. Denham, general counsel for the national labor relations board tonight offered to close the widening breach between his office and the board by finding some "middle ground" for interpreting the Taft-Hartley labor law.

The five-man board and Denham have had sharp differences of opinion over policy and administration of the law. President Truman has proposed abolishing the office of general counsel.

Tonight Denham sent a conciliatory note to the board itself.

While he would not disclose the contents, it was understood to have offered to talk over the chances of reaching a common ground for future operations.

That was subject, of course, to Denham's continuing in office. There was strong opinion that he might be fired by President Truman for his critical remarks about the "flank attack" on the Taft-Hartley act represented by the president's effort to abolish his office.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	76	49	.00
Portland	71	47	.00
San Francisco	63	47	trace
Chicago	76	48	.00
New York	70	54	.00

Willamette river 2.4 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, increasing cloudiness tonight and Sunday. High today near 78-83 and low tonight near 44-46. Agricultural outlook: Fair weather for most activities but winds will continue today and will hamper some activities.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

This Year	Last Year	Normal
40.76	40.09	34.55

Truman Hails Economic Role Of Government

By Jack Bell

ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN, May 12 -(AP)-President Truman credited government action today with providing the "salvation" of business by shoring up private enterprise against "socialism, communism and all other "ism's."

Barnstorming his way across Montana, Mr. Truman stopped at Butte long enough to tell a crowd there he is not going to stand by and let the government retire to the sidelines of economic affairs.

Republican opponents of the president have charged that his "fair deal" program points the country toward socialism.

Scoffing at this, Mr. Truman said that "it would be folly for the people to be afraid to use their collective strength through the government."

"The strength of the government is being used now—and so far as I am concerned, it will continue to be used to protect your jobs and improve your welfare," he declared.

At Missoula, the president had promised to keep up the fight in congress for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act. He described it as "a clever law which insidiously undermines the strength of the labor unions.

At Great Falls tonight, President Truman charged that the communists of Russia are telling "preposterous lies" about the United States. He declared that Russian leaders are saying on one hand that the United States is weak and on the other "that we are strong and want to wage war."

He reiterated that this country is seeking only peace and does not wish war with any of its world neighbors.

Blast Rocks Eastern Plant

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa., May 12-(AP) The American Cyanamid company plant was rocked by two explosions tonight in this little community 10 miles south of Pittsburgh.

Fire broke out but was quickly controlled. Only a handful of men were in the plant. Two men suffered slight injuries.

Company officials could not be reached for comment but a fireman said the explosions apparently were in a converter used to mix chemicals. Residents a half mile away heard the explosions.

Patient Dies from Dioxide

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., May 12-(AP)- Carbon dioxide, administered from a cylinder labeled oxygen, caused the death of a patient at St. Francis hospital here, authorities disclosed today. They said the hospital did not appear to be at fault.

The patient, John H. McCooey, 53, an Erie Railroad conductor of Port Jervis, was on the operating table being prepared for surgery for stomach ulcers.

"An anesthetic was being administered and an investigation thus far conducted reveals that death resulted from carbon dioxide gas mistakenly administered," said a statement by Clare J. Hoyt, Orange county district attorney, and John J. Powrie, acting chief of Police of Port Jervis.

"The label on the cylinder indicated that it contained oxygen only; whereas in fact is contained carbon dioxide.

"It does not appear that there was any fault or neglect on the part of the hospital or staff, since they relied on the label for identification on the gas cylinder being used."

Hoyt said the cylinder was obtained from the Newburgh Oxygen Co., Newburg, N. Y., but he did not know where that firm obtained its supply. None of the Newburgh company officials was available for comment.

Farm Labor Office to Open At Woodburn

The season's second branch farm labor office to be opened by Salem office of the state employment service will be in operation Monday at Woodburn, Salem manager W. H. Baillie announced Friday.

Lawrence Austin of Salem will again staff the office, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily except Suuday in the American Legion hall on highway 99-E. William Merriott, Legion commander, said the hall was "volunteered to help our farmer friends."

Baillie said most of the agricultural work in the area is twining and training hops and cultivation of berries, with berry picking not far away.

Thieves Steal Cigarets, Enter Ballston Postoffice

Statesman News Service

BALLSTON, March 12 — Nicotine-hungry thieves broke into the Ballston General store, southeast of Sheridan, Thursday night, taking nothing except six cartons of cigarets. State police said the burglars entered the store postoffice with a passkey and smashed a door leading to the adjacent store section. Nothing in the postoffice was disturbed.

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:

Wayne Morse (r)

Candidate for

U. S. Senator

Wayne Morse has the faith in America's future, the political courage, and the simple rugged honesty that are needed in congress today.

Wayne Morse

Dynamic in personality, hard-hitting in debate, completely frank and outspoken in everything he does, he has gained national stature by the sheer force of his convictions and his utter disregard of political expediency.

Since Senator Morse has been in the senate, every poll of Washington newspaper correspondents, rating the abilities of senators, has placed him within the upper ten. In 1948 and again in 1949, Collier's magazine named Morse among the five senators given honorable mention for outstanding service. Charles Parmer, well-known newspaper columnist and radio commentator, named Senator Morse as the outstanding republican of 1949.

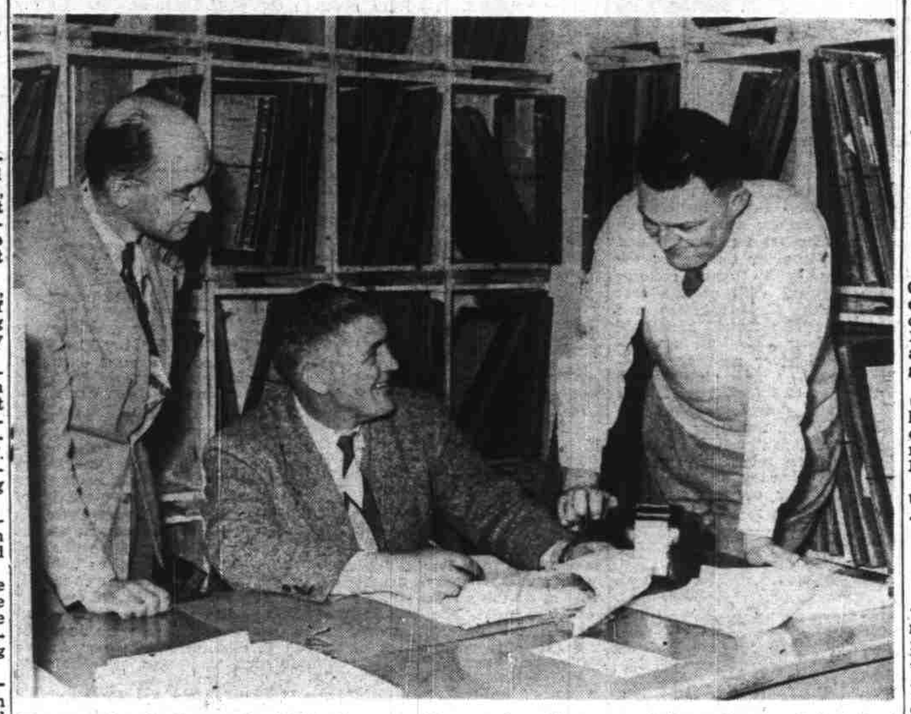
Senator Morse is today the spokesman of millions of earnest Americans in Oregon and the nation who are deeply concerned over the trend toward adoption of foreign "isms" and tax slavery. They see in his program for "constitutional liberalism," leadership that believes in and is working for progressive national policies within the framework of our American way of life and government.

Wayne Morse has given Oregon an important influence in moulding national policy affecting public welfare, national defense, and world peace. He is a member of the powerful senate committee on labor and public welfare, a member of the senate committee on armed services. In the Eightieth congress he was chairman of the subcommittee on veteran affairs. So effective have been his efforts on behalf of world peace that he has been assured the next appointment of a republican to the committee on foreign relations.

(Neither Dave Hoover nor John McBride, whose names appear on election lists as opponents to Senator Morse, replied to the invitation to present their case in the Political Parade).

(Tomorrow—Robert Maguire)

Trend to Fringes Shown



They aren't quite happy about Salem's census figures, since these were below estimates, but at least they're glad one phase of their job is over. Photo shows three census leaders making ready for their final additions on the city's 1950 population. They are (left to right) Felix Schultz, northeast Marion county crew leader who is an interested observer to Salem's figures; Cornelius Bateson, district census supervisor who heads the population check in several valley counties, and Vernon Bartsch, senior crew leader. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Figures Below Estimate

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman

Salem's 1950 population is 43,064 — considerably below some estimates but still nearly 40 per cent more than the 30,908 counted 10 years ago. And the city's fringe areas probably will show a far greater proportionate gain.

The preliminary official figure (which is expected to vary only a hundred or so from the final count) was made known by District Census Supervisor Cornelius Bateson last night.

The final count, to include volunteer information from those who might have been missed, will be made known from Washington, D. C. later this year.

(Winners in The Oregon Statesman's population guessing contest for Salem will be announced Sunday.

The 43,064 figure is all that will be announced from the district office here.

It includes 3,047 in the three precincts of west Salem (a gain of more than 100 per cent over their 1940 population—1,490), and 40,017 for Salem precincts on the east side of the river—a gain of nearly 10,000 for the comparable area since 1940. (There have been a few recent annexations on the east side but not of heavily-populated areas).

Big Gain in Fringes

If the proportionate gain for Salem (exclusive of west Salem) were carried throughout Marion county (population just over 75,000 in 1940), the county's total would be just under 100,000.

But there was every indication it might exceed that figure.

Officials weren't discussing other area figures Friday, but from other sources it was learned that Salem's fringes had shown a tremendous growth. Figures on the city's metropolitan area were expected to outstrip in proportion the gains made by Salem itself.

Unofficial estimates for some time have had Salem's population more than 50,000.

Smaller Families in City

These apparently were the factors not fully considered:

1. Water connections no longer are a guide (at least on the basis they were figured) because fewer people now share one connection—indicating a higher standard of living.

2. The larger families have taken to suburban areas for more room for their children.

3. With mostly smaller families now residing in incorporated areas, the postoffice estimate of the number of people per (house) is too high.

In a letter directed to Mayor R. L. Elfstrom by Supervisor Bateson last night, Bateson said (regarding the 43,064 figure):

"This figure is believed to be substantially correct but is subject to revision after returns for non-residents are credited to their proper locality and other routine checks have been made. Although material revision of the preliminary count is unlikely, it may possibly occur after careful examination of the returns."

Bateson also asked that anyone who has not been counted take advantage of the form appearing at the bottom of this page today.

Big 3 Dictates Stronger West German Ties

LONDON, May 12-(AP)-The big three foreign ministers agreed today on joining western Germany economically and politically to the rest of a united western Europe.

Determinedly, they emphasized the decision of the United States, Britain and France to continue to uphold the western allied rights in Berlin, rights protected at great cost through a year-long-airlift when Soviet Russia blockaded the battered former capital.

They accused Russia of "a grave disregard of human rights" in failing to return the rest of her German and Japanese prisoners of war.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman laid his dramatic plan for uniting French, German and possibly other European coal and steel industries before U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

They announced approval of the intentions of his plan, but withheld final judgment pending detailed surveys of how it would work.

Flier Sucked From Bomber At 28,000 Feet

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 12 (AP)- An air force lieutenant fell from the nose section of a B-36 late this afternoon over Salome, Ariz., 8th air force headquarters here announced tonight.

The plane was flying at 28,000 feet and an explosive decompression is believed to have occurred.

A break in a window of the plane at that height would suck a man from his seat, it was explained.

Name of the lieutenant was not announced.

The plane was on a training flight to Fairfield-Suisun air base, Cal., when the accident occurred.

BASEBALL

Western International

At Salem 1, Spokane 3
At Victoria 8, Tacoma 11
At Vancouver 3, Tri-City 8
At Yakima 0, Wenatchee 1 (10 inn.)

Coast League

At Portland 5, Sacramento 2
At Seattle 5, San Diego 0
At San Francisco 10, Oakland 4
At Hollywood 5, Los Angeles 4 (10 innings)

National League

At St. Louis 1, Cincinnati 3
At Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 3
Only games scheduled.

American League

At New York 3, Philadelphia 2
At Cleveland 5, Chicago 1
At Boston 3, Washington 1
Only games scheduled.

Hidden Bandits Snatch $15,000 Factory Payroll

THOMPSONVILLE, Conn., May 12 -(AP)- Four armed bandits, concealed in the payroom of a big carpet factory, ambushed three Brink's guards today and fled with a $15,000 payroll.

No one saw the robbers enter the plant, operated by the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company. No one saw them after they fell on the three guards who had just arrived with the money for 300 night shift workers.

State police said they got a "pretty good disscription" of the holdup men from one of the three guards, who were beaten, disarmed and then tied with light cord.

They reported that there was evidence that after the 4 a.m. (EST) robbery, the four bandits left the scene by crawling beneath a fence surrounding the factory grounds.

But how they made their entry into the grounds and the first floor payroom, without detection from any of the 300 night workers, investigators said, was a mystery.

Oliver C. Lattimville, one of the slugged guards, told police three of the robbers wore gas masks. The fourth shielded his face with a handkerchief or a white cloth.

Jury Convicts Oakridge Man

EUGENE, May 12 -(AP)- A circuit court jury tonight convicted James Lloyd Thompson, 27, Oakridge mill hand, of manslaughter in the shooting of Clyde Dubell, 43, Oakridge police chief on March 19.

The jury deliberated 5½ hours. The state had asked the jury to convict him of second-degree murder.

Thompson was accused of killing the police chief after an early morning drinking party. He was captured after a day-long search in timber around Oakridge.

Vancouver Sheriff Asked to Resign

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 12 -(AP)- The three Clark county commissioners recommended today that Sheriff Earl N. Anderson resign, "in the best interests of Clark county."

The sheriff did not make any immediate reply, but he announced that he and his two deputies would appeal their conviction for drunkenness. Anderson and deputies Arthur Swick and William Scott were fined a total of $200 Wednesday on a charge of drunkenness and creating a disturbance.

Strawberry Growers Expect Higher Price

PORTLAND, May 12 -(AP)- Oregon's strawberry crop was estimated by the federal crop reporting service today at 1,120,000 crates, about 6 per cent below last year. The price to growers promises to be about 19 cents a pound, 5 cents more than last year.

Warm Weather Expected Here Again Today

Salem basked in summery temperatures ranging up to 76 Friday and the weatherman predicts more of the same today with a high near 78 to 80.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy skies today with increasing cloudiness Sunday.

Both the general public and flood experts are pleased about the summery turn in the weather throughout Oregon that reached a peak Friday of 84 at Pendleton.

Flood experts were pleased because every warm day lessens the danger of a sudden, tremendous thaw in June. The Columbia river and its tributaries rose at most points Friday as the warm weather began melting snowbanks.

Other temperatures in the state included a high of 82 at both Ontario and Medford, 79 at The Dalles and 71 at Portland. It was cool along the coast, Newport reporting a high of 53.

FIREWORKS KILL 18

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 12-(AP) A firecracker factory exploded in the town of Alagoinhas in Bahai state and killed 18 persons, including two children, said reports received here today.

The Census Wants Everyone!

Preliminary figures on Salem's 1950 census are announced elsewhere on this page today. But that doesn't mean everyone has been counted.

To make the figures complete for the official report, Census Supervisor Cornelius Bateson has asked the co-operation of **The Oregon Statesman** in urging everyone in the city limits and elsewhere in Marion county to send in this form immediately if he or she has not been counted.

Mail to Cornelius Bateson, District Supervisor, Bureau of the Census, Salem, Ore.

Listed should be every resident of the household (last name, first name and middle initial); his relationship to head of the house (wife, son, roomer, etc.); sex (M for male, F for female); color or race; age at last birthday; address should include house number and apartment number, if possible.

FULL STREET ADDRESS _____
(As of April 1)
Salem, Oregon

Name Each Resident	Relationship	Sex	Color or Race	Age