



Vacation days are hitting their stride today as the first week of the annual summer vacation begins for Salem and Marion county school kids. And the kids are losing no time getting in all the fun and play that they can, for they know that summer vacations are all too short. Above is a sextet fishing in Mill creek off South 22nd street bridge. From left, Bobby and Jimmy Scott, 298 S. 23rd st.; Terry Lemon, 410 S. 23rd st.; Garth Ash, 1960 Market st.; Herby Shipman, 645 Hickory st.; and Billy Hazel, 2130 N. 4th st. (Statesman photo by Don Dill).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The query raised in this column last week about the cost of primary elections, particularly to candidates and their supporters, has brought one response, from one who "also ran." This candidate for a legislative seat feels that too much money is being spent, far more than the legal minimum of \$100 to the individual candidate.

The legal limit now is 15 percent of a year's salary of the office sought, or \$100. The proposal suggested is to raise this legal limit to \$300 and make that the total that may be spent by the candidate and his committee. The author of the proposal calls committees a blind which should be eliminated.

Lifting the amount that a candidate might spend would certainly be realistic because of the lessened buying power of money. But it is hard to see how individual citizens could be prevented from spending their own money in support of a candidate, whether through a committee or as individuals.

Denying them that privilege gives a great advantage to the candidate whose name already is well advertised. (I notice a third Gleason was nominated in Multnomah county. His brother is now county commissioner and previously had served in the legislature, drawing votes, so it was claimed because his name was similar to that of the registrar of elections in that county).

The committee arrangement does permit covering-up of contributions, stooge names may be used; and rare it is that any expense account is scrutinized. The best that can be said of the corrupt practices act is

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NOMINATION APPROVED

WASHINGTON, June 7 (Wednesday) (AP)—The senate early today approved the nomination of John A. McCone of California as undersecretary of the air force. Confirmation was by voice vote.

COUNTY SHOWS GAINS

ASTORIA, June 6 (AP)—The preliminary census report listed Columbia county today with a population of 22,725, a gain of 9 percent since 1940. The county seat of St. Helens was placed at 4,792, slightly less than a 10 percent gain.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Sweet Home Driver Slain In Battle with Policemen

LEBANON, June 6 — Ted Sylvester, 24, Sweet Home, died here early this morning from gunshot wounds sustained in a fight with two Sweet Home policemen who were attempting to arrest him for reckless driving.

Steelhammer Claims Edge For Speaker

Rep. John Steelhammer held the inside track in the race for the speakership of the house of representatives today. The speaker—presiding officer of the house—ordinarily is chosen at a caucus the night preceding the opening of the legislature, with formal ratification on the house floor the next day.

Steelhammer ran third in Marion county on the republican primary ticket. The county elects four representatives. It has not had a speaker of the house in more than two decades.

The speaker is second in line of succession to the governor—the circumstance which put former Rep. John Hall in the governor's chair when Gov. Earl Snell and Senate President Marshall Cornett were killed in an airplane crash in 1947.

Thirty-one votes out of the 60 house members are required for election as speaker.

Only other known serious contender is Rep. Giles French of Moro, who has claimed 14 pledges. The speaker—presiding officer of the house—ordinarily is chosen at a caucus the night preceding the opening of the legislature, with formal ratification on the house floor the next day.

Steelhammer said he had pledged no committee appointments. He also said he favored limiting committees to five persons except for taxation and ways and means, which he said should have seven members—"committees should not be large enough to be debating societies." No representative would be on more than three committees and the chairman of taxation and ways and means would be on only two, under Steelhammer's plan.

Congressmen Back Call for Disarmament

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—Eleven congress members today urged the United Nations to call an immediate disarmament conference as a move to avert the threat of hydrogen bomb warfare. Seven democrats and four republicans signed a resolution calling for a world peace crusade and declaring:

"The prospect of the hydrogen bomb propels the peoples of the earth into danger above and beyond anything heretofore conceived by man."

Four of the signers are members of the senate-house atomic energy committee, including Senator McMahon (D-Conn), chairman of the joint committee, and Reps. Price (D-Ill), Henry Jackson (D-Wash) and Cole (R-NY).

Other signatories were Senators Magnuson (D-Wash), Fulbright (D-Ark), Morse (R-Ore), Sparkman (D-Ala), Gillette (D-Iowa), and Hendrickson (R-NJ), and Rep. Eaton (R-NJ).

Roosevelt Claims Victory in Primary

Line Break Shorts Power 37 Crash Victims Saved

Downed Plane Holds Fate of 20 Occupants

MIAMI, Fla., June 6 (AP)—Thirty-seven survivors of a twin-engine plane which plunged into the Atlantic were safe aboard a navy destroyer today.

The bodies of eight others were recovered. Little hope was held that the remaining 20 occupants would be found alive.

The pilot, Joseph William Albert Osborn and Karel Hyer attempted to stop Sylvester as he sped through town. The officers pursued Sylvester to Lebanon, where his 1949 car apparently froze up from being driven at excessive speed.

The shooting took place about 2:45 a.m. in downtown Lebanon, where Sylvester led the Sweet Home patrolmen after driving through Sweet Home and Lebanon at speeds up to 75 miles an hour.

The chase started at Sweet Home where Patrolmen Albert Osborn and Karel Hyer attempted to stop Sylvester as he sped through town. The officers pursued Sylvester to Lebanon, where his 1949 car apparently froze up from being driven at excessive speed.

Roble, Mayor To Confer on Resignation

Salem Fire Chief William P. Roble will meet with Mayor R. L. Elfstrom today to discuss Roble's resignation from the department.

The conference plans were announced by Roble Tuesday night as city officials, firemen and numerous private citizens flooded him with requests to stay on the job.

Roble, chief here since Jan. 1, 1947, resigned effective July 14, citing "disloyalty by a small group within the department."

Clark added that the firemen felt it "would be selfish to expect Roble to stay here if he can better himself, but we do want him to stay."

If Battalion Chief E. L. Smith should succeed Roble, as the lair recommended, Clark said Smith "would find plenty of cooperation" on the basis of his capability and likeability in about 26 years in the department.

School Heating Projects Let To Bernardi

Contracts for installing two school heating plants were awarded Tuesday night by Salem district school board, which also called for bids for additions to Washington and Swegle elementary schools. The latter projects are contingent upon passage of the building bond issue and special tax at a June 19 election.

The changeover from wood to oil-heating at Richmond and Highland schools goes to Fred L. Bernardi of Salem on his low bid of \$73,093. Four other bids were entered. The project includes some structural work to be sub-contracted, which Superintendent Frank Bennett said would turn small music rooms into full classrooms in both buildings.

In order to allow completion in time for use this fall, the board called bids for additions of two classrooms at Swegle school and either two or four at Washington, which was overcrowded by the time it was finished last fall. (Additional details on page 2.)

Motorcycle Riding Class Goes Awry; Instructor Injured

A cowboy said he'd stick to his horses Tuesday after a spill that sent him flying, and his teacher to the city first aid station.

The instructor, Dallas Roguemo, 3710 Liberty rd., was treated for leg and arm bruises by first aid men, after his cowboy-pupil failed to hold down the bucking cycle at the state fairgrounds.

Light Rainfall Ends 20-Day Valley Drouth

The Willamette valley had its first rain in 20 days Tuesday when a hundredth of an inch fell in scattered afternoon and evening showers.

Weather bureau officials in Salem said the precipitation was not sufficient to hurt strawberry crops or interfere with hay operations.

Tuesday's rain was the first measurable precipitation since May 17. A trace was recorded May 18 and 20.

But the weather bureau predicted the forest fire danger will begin increasing again today through-out the state. It forecast warmer temperatures, falling humidity and some cloudiness in the afternoon and evening.

All fires were reported under control Tuesday after a second straight day of moist weather and cool temperatures. So cool, in fact, the snow fell in scattered portions of central and southern Oregon.

The snow helped bring the Modoc National forest fire under control in northern California. In central Oregon it was measured as much as one inch deep. Some rainfall also wetted timber there.

Rain also was reported in the area of the Little Fall creek fire in Lane county, 30 miles east of Eugene. That stubborn blaze was again reported under control.

SENATE OKES NOMINATION

WASHINGTON, June 7 (Wednesday) (AP)—The senate early today approved the nomination of Dale E. Doty of California as assistant secretary of the interior. Action was by voice vote.

Captive Slot Machines Yield Last Jackpot



Stubbornly resisting to the last, 16 slot machines and one pinball machine are shown being smashed into a useless pile of junk. The fruit and bell variety slot machines, costing about \$250 each, were seized in a raid on Salem Eagles club about a year ago, and the pinball was taken from a Detroit tavern, valued at about \$600. Deputy L. C. Zahner, (left), is testing the innards from one of the machines on the junk pile, while Ervin Ward, center, wrestles the mechanism out of another and Sheriff Denver Young prides the slot off its base. Recovered from the machines was \$114.55 in nickels, dimes and quarters, which will be returned to the Eagles club. The scrap has been deposited on the city dump for burning. (Statesman photo).

Lights Dimmed For 35 Minute Period in NW

Failure of insulators on a newly energized Bonneville Power administration primary line between Grand Coulee dam and a Wenatchee substation broke apart the Pacific northwest's power pool Tuesday night.

The western pool system units, with few exceptions, were interrupted for 35 minutes while BPA engineers pieced the giant grid of public and private transmission lines together.

Portland and neighboring cities were apparently the worst hit. Some private systems were without enough frequency to carry lights, industrial and commercial users.

Like the rest of the northwest, Salem was inconvenienced by Tuesday evening's power failure, but no serious results were reported.

Electric clocks lost about five minutes during the 35-minute lag. Dinners being prepared in electric ranges grew cold and some electric motors became overheated.

Teletype communications, serving newspapers and radio stations, were knocked out.

The break started at 5:55 p.m. (Pacific daylight time) and service was almost normal by 6:30 p.m. (DST).

Coulee at the time was generating 1,400,000 kilowatts of power. Frequency dropped to 55 cycles per second over the system generally, BPA said.

Crop Support Funds Voted

WASHINGTON, June 7 (Wednesday) (AP)—The senate voted early today to authorize an additional \$2,000,000,000 for government support of farm prices after beating down a republican attempt to cut back immediately the level of price supports.

Senator Williams (Del.) and seven other GOP senators offered the proposal to lower at once the level of price supports on such crops as wheat, cotton and corn. It was defeated on a 50 to 18 roll-call vote.

The senate then went on to pass a bill which increases the borrowing power of the commodity credit corporation by \$2,000,000,000 to \$6,750,000,000. Final passage of the bill on a 46 to 5 roll-call vote came at a session which dragged on past midnight (EDT).

Leads



James Roosevelt, son of FDR, who was running ahead of Gov. Earl Warren for the democratic nomination for governor in Tuesday's primary election.

Warren Ahead For GOP

By The Associated Press James Roosevelt claimed victory last night in his bid for the democratic nomination for governor of California. Gov. Earl Warren moved toward victory for renomination by the republicans.

In South Dakota, Rep. Francis Case defeated Senator Chan Gurney for the republican senatorial nomination.

Roosevelt made his claim with only 2,114 of California's 18,002 precincts reported in yesterday's primary. Both Roosevelt and Warren ran the republican and democratic tickets under the state's crosslisting system.

Returns from these precincts gave Roosevelt 68,409 on the democratic ticket to 53,172 for Warren. But the governor was out in front on his own republican ticket. The vote early today: Warren 72,425, Roosevelt 9,436.

Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, New Deal democrat, pushed ahead of Manchester Boddy, democrat, and Rep. Richard Nixon, republican, for the democratic senatorial nomination. In 1,721 precincts, Mrs. Douglas had 39,954 votes to 25,994 for Boddy and 14,935 for Nixon. On the republican side, Nixon took a big lead of 33,514 to Boddy's 9,513 and Douglas's 6,627.

South Dakota voters gave Case a safe margin over Gurney in 1,349 out of 1,946 precincts. The vote was Case 37,810, Gurney 32,778.

Gurney, seeking his third six-year term, conceded defeat before midnight.

The state's democrats were favoring John A. Engel for nomination for senator on the basis of returns from 1,235 precincts. Engel had 12,219 votes to 8,950 for Dr. John S. Tachetter.

Anderson was ahead in the race for republican nomination for governor of South Dakota.

In New Mexico, Rep. John E. Miles took a lead in a three-way race for the democratic nomination for governor. In 175 of 910 voting divisions, Miles had 9,769 votes to 6,678 for David Chavez, Jr., and 4,548 for Lake Frazier.

Reds Purged By Japanese

TOKYO, Wednesday, June 7 (AP)—Japan's attorney general predicted today the government might clamp new controls on the communists.

The government yesterday purged—on General MacArthur's order—all 24 communist party politburo members from public life.

Attorney General Shunkichi Ueda told the Japanese press it might be necessary also to expell Reds from civil service, the teaching profession and key industries. He said the next session of parliament, which may be called late this month, would consider new controls.

Seven of the purged Reds are members of parliament. Ueda said they will be permitted to attend sessions the first three weeks, to wind up personal business.

Japanese newspapers reported the 24 purged Reds were meeting secretly.

BEE STING FATAL

PORTLAND, June 6 (AP)—The death of a 61-year-old man a few minutes after being stung by a hornet was disclosed today. The Clatsop county coroner's office made arrangements for a post-mortem examination of Anton Broms, Portland businessman who was stung Sunday while on an outing.

BASEBALL

Western International At Salem-Victoria, rain At Tri-City-Vancouver, rain At Tacoma-Seattle, rain At Yakima-Spokane, rain

Coast League At Portland-Los Angeles, rain At Seattle-San Francisco, rain At Hollywood-San Diego, rain At Oakland-Sacramento, rain

National League At Chicago-Brooklyn (10 inn.) At Cincinnati-Boston, rain At Pittsburgh-New York, rain At St. Louis-Philadelphia, rain

American League At Washington-Detroit, rain At Boston-Chicago, rain At New York-Cleveland, rain At Philadelphia-St. Louis, rain

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