

Jefferson Area Smells Like Mint Candy

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JEFFERSON, June 18 — All of the Jefferson area smells like one big stick of peppermint candy with the hoeing and weeding time at hand. Scores of men and women are now employed in the Marion and Linn county peppermint fields getting ready for the harvest a few weeks away.

Reports released this week-end showed that in 1949, Oregon jumped to second place in the nation in production of mint for oil. Prior to then Oregon trailed Indiana, which still holds the lead, and Michigan which until last year held second place over a number of years. Michigan, still had a larger acreage than did Oregon but yield per acre is so much greater in Oregon than in Michigan, that in production the western state was only 277,000 pounds behind Indiana, which produced 886,000 pounds of oil. Michigan produced 380,000 pounds last year.

Oregon peppermint growers will have an estimate 14,000 acres for harvest this year. This acreage for harvest is slightly less than the 14,500 acres harvested last season.

While growth of stands was retarded by cold weather during the early spring months, temperatures rose sharply in May and irrigation systems were in general use at the close of the month.

The slow growth of stands has required considerable hoeing to keep down weeds, and some rust has been reported in stands bordering river dikes, particularly in lower Columbia river area. Condition of stands is reportedly considerably below last year, which was excellent. The stands are reported "average" for this time of the year.

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99-W Motorist Escapes from Burning Car

A driver gave city and state police officers some anxious moments early Sunday morning when he walked away, apparently uninjured, from a auto which crashed and burned north of Rickreall.

Police, who spotted the flaming wreckage about 3:30 a.m., thought the driver, Richard Sumsich, had been trapped in the car. Sumsich, whose address was not listed, walked into the city police station about 5:20 a.m., however, to report the accident.

Officers said the crash occurred on highway 99W near Holmes Gap and that Sumsich had borrowed the car from its owner, Donald G. Box, 935 Jefferson st., to drive to Sheridan. Gas apparently exploded and ignited when the car crashed off the side of the road. Sumsich was alone in the auto.

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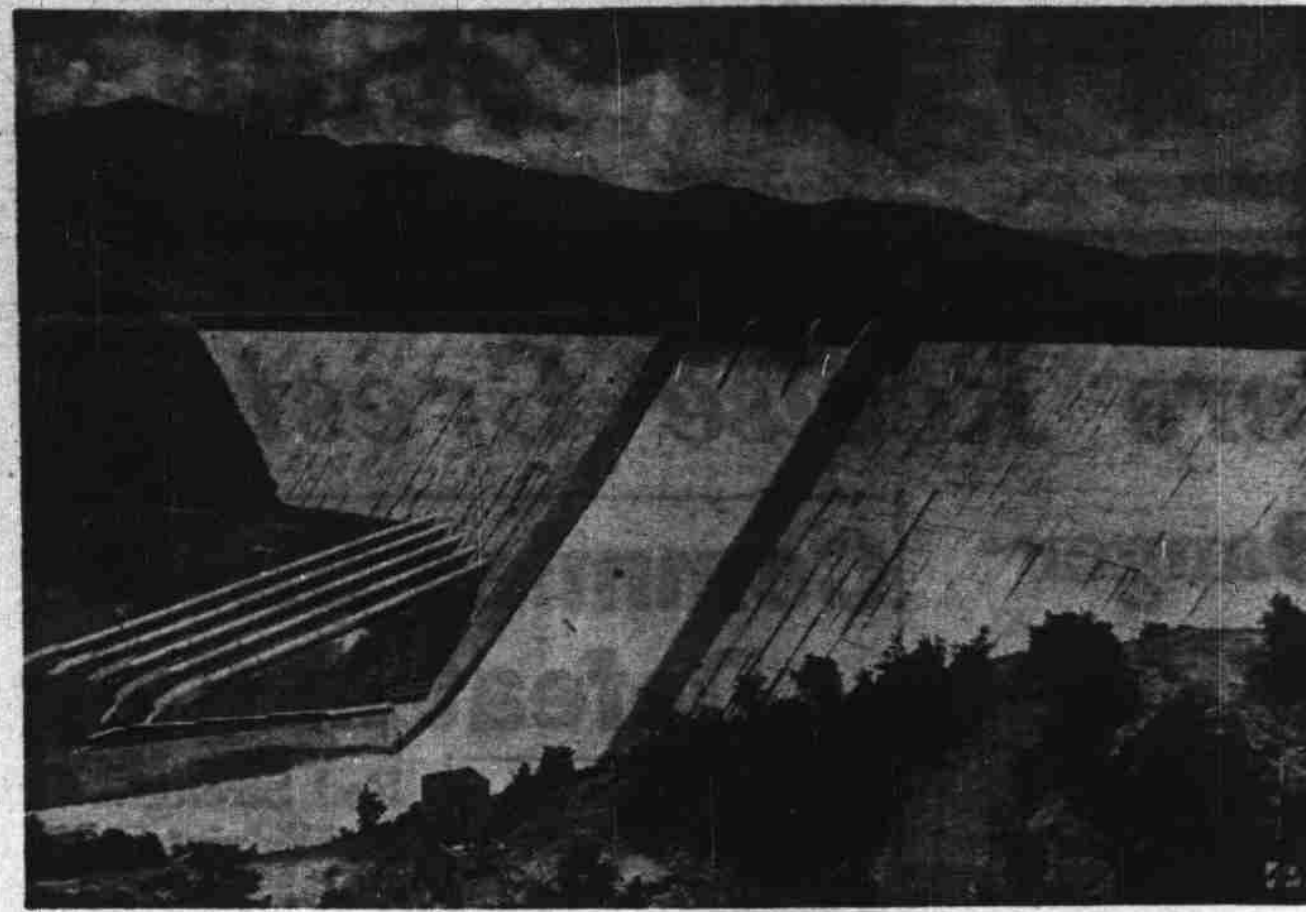
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REDDING, Calif., June 18—Water rushes down the 467-foot spillways of Shasta Dam at Redding, Calif., after the massive concrete barrier across the Sacramento river was dedicated as the key unit of California's \$450,000,000 Central Valley project. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Methodists Change Pastor Assignments

Several changes in Salem area Methodist church ministerial assignments were noted in the report of the Oregon Conference of Methodist Churches in Portland Sunday.

At the Jason Lee church here Dr. Louis Kirby, who will retire, will be succeeded by the Rev. James L. Wilson of Toledo, Ore. The Rev. Fremont Paul, formerly of Amity, has been assigned to Dallas to succeed the Rev. Clark Enz.

The Rev. O. L. Jones has been transferred from West Salem to Lyons and the Rev. Harold W. Black has been appointed to the West Salem church. The Rev. Gertrude L. Musson has been assigned to Stayton.

Reassignments in the Salem district include Dr. Roy A. Fedje, superintendent, Salem; the Rev. George Huber, Albany; the Rev. M. T. Wire, Buena Vista; the Rev. Daniel Walker, Corvallis; the Rev. Myron Fogue, Independence-Monmouth; the Rev. Brooks H. Moore, Salem First; the Rev. G. Wesley Turner, Salem Leslie; the Rev. B. F. Browning, Silverton; the Rev. William Hobbs, Sweet Home; and the Rev. R. M. Gatte, Turner. The Rev. Orval B. Trick was reassigned to the Woodburn church, in the Forest Grove district.

Mrs. Jones Succumbs at Newport Home

Mrs. Fred Jones, sister of Mrs. James I. Hines and Earl O. Roy, both of Salem, died Sunday at her home in Newport. She was 61.

Mrs. Jones was born Sept. 3, 1888, in Portland and had resided for the past 15 years in Newport where she and her husband operated a teen-age recreation center.

Surviving besides her brother and sister in Salem are her widower, Fred W. Jones, Newport; a daughter, Gladys Likens, Salem; a sister, Mrs. Jessie Hurst, Portland; and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the Davey Sunnyside funeral home in Portland. Interment will be in Multnomah cemetery.

Boy Suffers Gash in Eye

Three-year-old Robert Blanton, who lives at 2275 Broadway st., incurred a gash on the edge of his left eye Sunday afternoon while playing with a screwdriver at his home.

The Salem first aid squad patched the lad's injury and advised his parents to take him to a doctor, although they did not believe the cut to be serious.

First aid men also treated David Adams, 2½, of 2755 Pleasant View dr., who fell near his home and incurred a cut on the corner of his mouth, and Mrs. Vilis Goin, Salem route 3, who suffered second degree burns to her thumbs and fingers while she was working at a local cannery.

Car Topples On River Road

An auto overturned off the South River road near Roberts Sunday night but neither the driver nor any of the occupants appeared injured.

The Marion county sheriff's office and the Salem first aid squad both investigated. The car was driven by Ernie Harmon, 10 Radcliffe dr., who told police his steering mechanism apparently went out of order and he lost control of the car. There was little damage to the vehicle, police reported. Traffic was tied up for a short time.

West Europe Economic Unity Given Assist

PARIS, June 18 —(AP)— Western European statesmen are giving their efforts toward economic unity a healthy shot in the arm this week. They counted one major achievement already and set out to explore the ground for another.

The achievement was agreement on a European payments union (EPU) which will establish a central clearing house for European currencies to make them more freely convertible for nations in the Marshall Plan.

The exploration concerns France's proposal to pool steel and coal production to raise output, lower costs and prices, and in general to improve living standards in participating countries. Officials from France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Western Germany and Italy open talks here Tuesday on this project, known as the Schuman Plan.

Announcements Agreement
Dirk U. Strikker, Netherlands foreign minister and head of the European economic cooperation organization (OEEC) which helps administer the Marshall Plan, announced the accord on the payments union early this morning at the end of a two-day session of the OEEC executive committee.

The decision is subject to approval by the OEEC general council, which meets here early in July, but no great obstacles are foreseen there.

Differences Arise
To reach agreement on the payments union, the executive committee had to bridge serious differences between the British and Belgian viewpoints. One delegate described the accord as "a considerable compromise" by all nations concerned.



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Condition of Jail Escapee Still 'Critical'

Jack J. Holt, city jail escapee who was shot by a Salem police officer Saturday night when he pulled a toy gun in resisting capture, was still in "critical" condition early this morning at General hospital.

Holt was wounded by Patrolman Arch Wilson who fired a .38-44 revolver at his stomach when he pulled the fake pistol. He was on the operating table for five hours Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Patrolman Wilson, whose legs were run over by the right rear wheel of an oil tanker when he backed into the path of the vehicle as he fired at Holt, was not regarded as seriously injured. Wilson was confined Sunday night at General hospital, pending examination of X-rays. His legs were badly bruised but no bones appeared broken.

The shooting occurred about 7:30 p.m. when Wilson spotted Holt, a trusty who slipped away from the city jail Saturday morning, in a taxicab at Grove and North Commercial streets. Wilson halted the cab and was about to arrest Holt when the escapee pulled the fake gun, which resembled a .38 revolver. The officer fired three times, wounding Holt once.

3 Persons Still Hospitalized Due to Wreck

Three persons were still hospitalized Sunday with injuries incurred in an auto accident late Friday night on highway 99-W, about six miles north of Rickreall.

Mrs. Gertrude Smith and her four-year-old daughter, Jacqueline, both of Rickreall, were reported "still improving and resting comfortably" at Salem Memorial hospital. At Dallas General hospital, Albert V. Shearer, Scappoose, was reported in "satisfactory" condition. Mrs. Virgil Hansen, Drain, hospitalized Saturday, was dismissed Sunday in Dallas.

Lewis Snubbed By CIO, AFL; Issues Rebuke

By Harold Ward
WASHINGTON, June 17 —(AP)— John L. Lewis told the AFL and the CIO today that leaving him out of their pending cooperation conference is no way to achieve national labor unity.

The big outfits are getting committees together soon on common problems, Lewis cited reports that his united mine workers might not be included, although he said they hoped to be. Such a plan would be "hardly conducive to national success," observed Lewis. Despite this incident, labor unity got a big lift with weekend.

There were long strides toward cooperation between rival union groups—if not eventual merger—in a series of developments.

These were:

1. The AFL's top political organizer, Joseph D. Keenan, addressed a pep session of the CIO's political action committee (PAC) and said he was doing it because labor unions, defeated in efforts to repeal the Taft-Hartley act in two congresses, are playing "for all the marbles" this year.

2. AFL, CIO and independent unions demonstrated they could work together on projects outside the political sphere—like raising assistance for the Israeli federation of labor, known as Histadrut. Six hundred delegates from across section of American labor ranks attended a two-day meeting in Israel's behalf.

3. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, big independent union with 225,000 operating railroad workers, accepted CIO President Philip Murray's proposal for a committee to work together on common problems and eventually aim at consolidation.

The Lewis warning appeared in his United Mine Workers journal, a letter from Lewis to the joint local executive board of the CIO United Brewery workers in Detroit.

Plane Missing For 9 Days With 15 Aboard

MIAMI, Fla., June 18 —(AP)— A twin-engine DC-3 passenger plane carrying 15 persons on a flight from Miami to Venezuela has been missing for nine days, the coast guard was advised today.

Owned by the New Tribes mission of Chico, Calif., the plane carried a crew of three and a passenger list which included three missionaries and five children.

It left Miami about noon June 9, stopped for fuel at Kingston, Jamaica, and was last reported at 7 p.m. that night over the Venezuelan coast.

Crew members were identified as Capt. Ben Wetherald of Portland, Ore., and David Kimball of Chicago as pilots and Mrs. Hazel Kimball, stewardess.

Mrs. Donna Wetherald, wife of the pilot, who is waiting in Miami for her husband's return, said Venezuelan authorities have refused requests that a search be instituted for the missing plane. There was no explanation for the refusal.

Hobbs Said in Fair Condition

Dalton Hobbs, 22, of 2390 Hayden st., who was injured last Monday in an auto accident near Salem, was reported in "fair" condition late Sunday night at Providence hospital in Portland.

Hobbs underwent a serious operation Saturday to relieve a concussion he suffered in a crackup at Lancaster drive. Attendants in Portland reported he was "responding well" but said it was "still too early to tell definitely about his condition."

Dr. C. A. Downs, driver of the other car involved in the crash, has been showing steady improvement each day at Salem General hospital. He suffered facial lacerations and a back injury.

Killer Suspect Brought in By Winchell

NEW YORK, June 18 —(AP)— One of two men accused of killing a garment workers' union organizer gave himself up tonight. He was accompanied by Radio Commentator Walter Winchell.

The man, Benedetto Macri, is under indictment for the slaying of William Luray on May 9, 1949. Winchell earlier had predicted that an unnamed accused killer would surrender to him.

The columnist said he would turn a \$25,000 reward over to the Damon Runyon cancer fund.

The reward was posted by David Dubinsky, president of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers union, two days after Luray was stabbed.

The union organizer was ambushed in a telephone booth in the lobby of a garment district building.

His death started an investigation by more than 100 detectives. The union has been conducting a drive against what it termed "non-union sweat-shop employers," and linked the killing to them.

The investigation led to the indictment of Macri, 36, and John Giusto, 31-year-old paroled convict. Giusto still is at large.

Chin Up Clubbers Attend Picnic

Forty-four Chin Up club members from Salem, Silverton, Woodburn, Oregon City and Silverdale attended a picnic Sunday afternoon at the Herman Hahn home in the Lake Labish district. Entertainment was furnished by the church of God Young Peoples choir.

BOY CAUGHT FROWLING
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Pact Reached In Washington Milk Strike

By The Associated Press

Washington, D. C.'s dairy strike was settled Sunday and cautious hope was indicated in Pittsburgh for an end to a similar walkout there.

Los Angeles' bus and street car tieup continued. Its effects became more serious with the influx of some 200,000 Shriners for their national convention.

A longshoremen's strike brought coal and one shipping activity to a standstill at four Lake Erie ports in Ohio. A walkout of 600 men at Bethlehem Steel company's open hearth at Johnstown, Pa., threatened to close the entire plant, employing 16,000.

In Washington, AFL workers and nine major dairies agreed upon five days work one week and six the next with no cut in weekly pay.

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of a strike which reduced Washingtonians to short milk rations for eight days. The unionists, who had been working a six-day, 48-hour week, had demanded a five-day, 40-hour week with no pay cut.

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