

County Calls for Courthouse Bids

Bids will be opened April 27 on the proposed new Marion county courthouse, the courthouse commission decided Wednesday.

Whether to build this year will be determined as soon as possible after that.

County Judge Rex Hartley and members of the commission said they were considerably encouraged by prospects for construction this year. This stemmed particularly from the report of the architect's office that federal priority is not needed for the project.

Setting of a date for the bid

opening was pushed by the county court in order that it know before the May budget meetings whether to allow for rental of quarters to be used during construction.

Plans and specifications are to be complete and ready for use by contractors by April 9 or sooner, the commission specified.

The commission met Wednesday afternoon with Irving G. Smith and George Kotchik of architect Pietro Belluschi's firm. Near-final blueprints were presented, and discussion conducted on details of some interior portions, such as counters, lighting and electric outlets.

Colored Oleo Bill Over Vita Hurdle

By Lester F. Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman

The house food and dairying committee Wednesday recommended a senate-passed bill to allow sale of colored margarine, virtually assuring Oregon housewives they'll have colored oleo by this summer.

The committee voted 4 to 3 in favor of Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney's bill, which has no color strings attached, but will require restaurants using margarine to advertise the fact.

Voting for sales of colored margarine were Reps. Jack Greenwood, Wemme, committee chairman; Earl Fisher, Beaverton; Fred W. Adams, Ophir, and V. T. Jackson, Roseburg.

Voting against colored margarine were Reps. Dean Erwin, Enterprise; Robert Y. Thornton, Tillamook, and Carroll Locey, Ironside.

Press Locked Out

The committee meeting, scheduled for 1 p. m. Wednesday, was called immediately after the house adjourned Wednesday morning, and the press was locked out. The initiative measure to allow colored oleo filed by Portland housewives Tuesday apparently caused the committee to take immediate action on Mahoney's bill.

The measure is expected to pass the house by a substantial majority when it reaches the floor either today or Friday. The repeal will go into effect 90 days after the end of the session, which is expected to be about the end of April. This would allow colored margarine to be sold some time in July.

The committee's adoption of Mahoney's bill virtually buries other house bills which sought to legalize sales of margarine of a different color than butter.

The house Wednesday completed action on Dr. T. C. Holy's recommendation to reorganize the state board of education. Under the bill, the governor will appoint the seven-man board of education, one from each of Oregon's four congressional districts and three from the state at large.

Requires Discussion

It will also give the board power to set standards, courses and textbooks and will require it to meet with the board of higher education to discuss mutual problems.

One of the legislature's knottiest problems was nearer solution Wednesday when the house reappointment committee announced it will pass out a reappointment plan next Tuesday.

Although not in unanimous agreement, the committee will probably move out a divided report on the Young Republican federation's plan.

This would divide the state into 21 senatorial and 29 representative districts. There would be one senator for each 50,373 residents and one representative for 25,184 residents. Marion county's representation would remain unchanged.

A bill approved in the senate and sent to the house would give Korean veterans state veteran benefits, except rights to the bonus voted November for World War II veterans.

Obstacle Cleared

The house highway committee cleared another tough obstacle by coming to an agreement on a system of mandatory fines for trucks traveling Oregon highways with overloads.

Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon, introduced a bill in the senate which would allow school boards to fire teachers who refuse to tell whether they are or ever were communists.

Another new measure introduced in the senate would allow the state to erect a memorial to three state officials who died in a plane crash near Lakeview Oct. 28, 1947. They are the late Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell and Senate President Marshall E. Cornett. The memorial would be located around the state seal in the capitol rotunda.

Both the house and senate will meet at 10 a. m. today.

(Other legislative news on page 12.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Salem metal and woodworking shops are organized to be ready as a pool to go after war contracts and to handle them if and when they are received. In the late war, the Oregon War Industries functioned as an industry pool. It was responsible for getting and parceling out many war contracts. Thus far however few contracts have come to Oregon industries. Iron Fireman is working on a sub-contract from Boeing. Joe Dyer's Astoria Marine Construction Co. has contracts for some small naval vessels. Gunderson Bros. in Portland have contracts for some barges. Paulus Bros. cannery here is working at assembly of food packs for the military. The government is buying lumber and food products from Oregon. But the metal-working plants are getting hungry for some war work.

The pinch comes with the curtailment of metals for civilian uses. Also some products are on the list excluded from manufacture at this time. These plants therefore face shrinking or closing. If this happens their skilled labor will go elsewhere to find employment. To maintain their labor pool as well as to use their facilities profitably plant managers have worked hard, and thus far with little success, in getting government orders, either as prime or sub-contractors.

This condition has been predicted for some months, that there would be a gap between the curtailment of peacetime work and the receipt of orders for war goods. But that isn't too comforting for the small shops over the country because they are not too confident that war orders will be coming their way.

It's a case though of holding on and hoping for the best. I can recall a similar period of waiting back in 1940 and 1941 and then a (Continued on editorial page 4)

City Divisions Of Red Cross Drive Advance

City divisions of the Red Cross fund drives have topped the 50 per cent mark, campaign leaders announced Wednesday. And the advanced gifts group has exceeded its goal.

The next report luncheon will be Monday noon at the Senator hotel. Charles A. Sprague, Statesman publisher, will address campaign workers and Robert L. Elstrom, general county chairman for the campaign, will give a progress report.

"We are hopeful reports by next Monday will reveal that our goal of \$48,985 is nearing completion," Elstrom said Wednesday.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

DANGER! A-BOMB TESTING RANGE

These words will figure in The Statesman - FSLM Spelling Contest for prizes, now underway for 7th and 8th grade pupils of Marion and Polk counties:

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| comply | gentle |
| convenient | acquaintance |
| easy | agency |
| copy | ascertain |
| empty | average |
| mountain | capable |
| quit | committee |
| unless | conclude |
| although | convention |
| cause | service |

(Today's school spelling champions are announced in section 1, page 18.)

U. S. Troops Reoccupy Seoul

5 Dead In Train Wreck

DETROIT, March 15—(AP)—At least five persons were killed and 15 to 20 injured when a southbound New York Central passenger train cracked up in suburban Trenton shortly after midnight.

Five cars turned over. A number of persons were reported trapped inside the overturned cars. Police told reporters: "We're cutting them out with torches."

Mrs. Catherine Lewellin, editor of the Trenton News, a weekly newspaper, reported she saw the bodies of two women and a child on the ground near the wreckage and two other bodies inside a wrecked car.

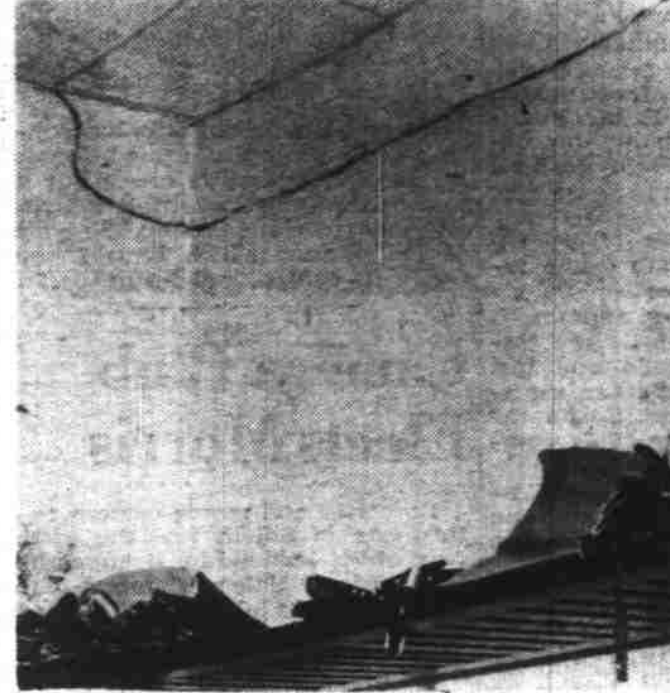
Mrs. Lewellin said a policeman told her there were several more bodies inside the car.

The train, bound for Cincinnati, was traveling at a fairly slow rate of speed when it hit an open switch pole reported.

Officers said three of the cars that overturned were passenger cars, and one was a baggage car. The rest of the other cars was not known.

Packer's Strike Looms as Johnston Refuses to Allow 11-Cent Pay Boost

Cracks Mar State Public Service Building



Walls in most offices of the Public Service building have many cracks (left photo) after only 11 months of occupation. Unofficial theories about cracks vary, but Architect Earl P. Newberry, Portland, states that the fissures are caused by shrinkage of pumice blocks used in construction of walls. The walls have no part in support of the building itself, but are for partition purposes. At right is a ceiling in the new state highway office building now being finished. The separation is an expansion joint which may help avert damage such as in the Public Service building. (Statesman photos.)

CIO Workers Plan Walkout After March 26

WASHINGTON, March 14—(AP)—The head of the CIO-Packinghouse Workers said tonight his union was "free to strike" on March 26 because Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston refused to approve an 11 cent hourly wage increase.

Earlier in the evening Johnston declined to O.K. the raise on the ground it would break through the wage ceiling limiting increases, in general, to 10 per cent above the levels of Jan. 15, 1950.

Ralph Helstein, president of the CIO union, with about half of the industry's 220,000 packinghouse workers, told a news conference that the definite date for a walkout would be determined by a policy committee now meeting in Washington.

In Chicago, a spokesman for Armour & Co., one of the big four packing companies, said the firm "negotiated this raise in good faith. We think it was justified."

Armour employs about 30,000 CIO packinghouse workers and 8,000 AFL meat cutters in all of the firm's plants.

A Swift company spokesman called attention to a company statement to a fact finding panel last week in which Swift held the increase was "fair, reasonable and justified on the basis of criteria used in collective bargaining."

He accused Johnston of "refusing to assume his responsibility," Johnston, he said, has a duty to deal with "hardship cases and inequities."

He said there would be a strike if the raise is not approved.

Enemy Vanishes In Area

By Robert Eason
TOKYO, Thursday, March 15—(AP)—Seoul fell bloodlessly today to allied troops driving north toward the 38th parallel against retreating Reds.

U. S. third division and South Korean troops began entering the ancient capital last night unopposed.

It had not been completely occupied today but AP Correspondent Jim Becker, with the Americans in Seoul, said there were no signs of the enemy anywhere in the burned-out city.

South Korean first division troops raised the Republic's flag over the capitol building—marking the fourth time Seoul has changed hands since the Korean war began last June 25.

Allied forces gave up Seoul January 4 during a retreat from Chinese borders who intervened in November.

Eastward across Korea, allied divisions surged within 18 miles or less of the 38th parallel without serious opposition.

Just east of Seoul, American forces made new crossings of the Han river. They were unopposed.

AP Correspondent Jim Becker, in a field dispatch from Seoul's outskirts, said civilians were seen waving flags in welcome in the village of Tukto two and one-half miles east of Seoul. The village is on the Han's north bank.

"It was believed there were almost no red troops remaining in the capital," Becker said.

In central Korea, the U. S. first cavalry division crossed the Hongschon river in force behind tanks ranging within 18 miles of the 38th parallel.

There the motorized cavalrymen outflanked the red assembly center of Hongchon in what AP Correspondent William C. Burnard described as a new offensive by the division.

East of Hongchon, the U. S. seventh division today pushed north toward the 38th at points 18 miles or less from the parallel. The retreating Reds were beyond range of the seventh's artillery.

Food Strike at Pen Results in Knifing Try

State prison inmates staged a food strike, a near riot and an attempted knifing during the past five days, Warden George Alexander disclosed Wednesday.

Summoned by the board of control, Alexander said inmates staged a sit-down strike because they objected to the way their food was seasoned. Other sources said the men complained of a lack of food.

The warden said one inmate tried to knifing another Sunday, while 33 convicts got into an argument with a guard Monday and were forced back to work at gunpoint.

"I attribute the trouble to unrest and men getting on each other's nerves," Alexander told the board of control. He charged the ring-leaders were publicly seeking with an eye on the state legislature.

The warden said one inmate was cut during the knifing scuffle Sunday when his glasses broke, the inmate started a fight with a guard by firing over their heads. The knife was stolen from the prison kitchen, the warden added.

The inmates who staged the strike demanded better food, longer visiting hours, and permission to buy more tobacco and subscribe to any newspaper; Warden Alexander said he agreed to comply as soon as possible.

Gov. Douglas McKay said the trouble probably stemmed from a lack of prison facilities. He termed it imperative that the legislature provide funds for another cell block and a field house. The prison cost Wednesday was 1,565, an all-time high.

Forest Spray Contracts Go to Low Bidders

Contracts for spraying approximately 500,000 acres of Oregon timber lands in the 1951 spruce budworm control program were awarded to five low bidders by the state board of control Wednesday.

Low bidders include the Oregon Agricultural Aero-Sprayers, Portland; A-Z Dust and Spray corporation, Pendleton; Roberts Aircraft Spray company, Reno, Nev.; Ace Flying Service, Salem, and the Pacific Aerial Contractors, Yakima.

The contracts were based on tracts ranging from 2,000 to 134,000 acres. Most of the lands to be treated this year are located in the Blue mountains.

The state legislature recently appropriated approximately \$400,000 to cover the cost of the spraying operations over a three-year period. Board of control members said they desired to award all contracts to Oregon operators but were unable to do so because the federal government's participation called for awards to low bidders.

Dusting operations were expected to start soon after May 1, state forestry department officials said.

All contracts are subject to compliance with certain safety qualifications demanded by the state forestry department which will supervise the state operations. Under these safety qualifications the equipment must be standard and only experienced and efficient pilots can be employed.

Cracks in New Public Service Building Result in Protests

By Don Hill
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Oregon's public service building in the statehouse group will have been in service for a year next month, and during the past 11 months there has been a rumble of dissatisfaction with the building by state employees, visitors and state officials.

Official acceptance of the \$2,000,000 building by the board of control was delayed nearly two months after its occupation, as cracks appeared in the walls. Since that time more cracks have come into existence, some ceilings have buckled and dropped, and other bugs have developed.

But Earl T. Newberry, of the Portland architectural firm of Church, Newberry and Roehr, said flatly Tuesday that "there is no structural failure."

Newberry, who was in charge of construction, was queried after an unofficial inspection of the building revealed cracks and fissures in many walls. These range from the little, hair-line checks which are normally expected, to large, quarter-inch gaps through which light from one room can be seen in the adjoining room.

One wall in the basement has a large crack from floor to ceiling where it joins another wall, and a large fissure in the matron's room is wide enough to admit light from the next room.

On the second floor a line of fluorescent lights in the public utilities commission reception office dips up and down in an erratic manner, following compression bulges in the ceiling. Other ceilings in offices on the same floor have similar dips and bulges.

Construction men with the Sound Construction and Engineering company of Seattle, builders of the Public Service building, state that they merely built the structure according to plans and specifications of the architects.

Newberry said Tuesday that the wall cracks are caused by an excessive shrinkage of the pumice blocks used in construction of the walls. Newberry said that the type of aggregate used in the blocks contained and held a large amount of water and gradually shrank as they dried out.

Much trouble was encountered in construction jobs all over the country when these blocks were used, he said. A new aggregate is now being used in blocks which are going into the new nearby state highway office building, Newberry said.

(Story also on page 2.)

Quake Scares West Europe

FRANKFURT, Germany, March 14—(AP)—A powerful earthquake centered in the Rhineland mountains terrified millions of Europeans today, shook down some bomb ruins and injured a score of persons.

Quick speculation by the main-in-the-street and some officials that the shaking might have been caused by an atomic explosion in the Soviet zone was discounted by officials of the Stuttgart observatory after a careful investigation.

Prof. Wilhelm Hiller said the records showed the epicenter was near Euskirchen, in the British occupation zone of the Rhineland.

Air Force Alerts ROTC Graduates

WASHINGTON, March 14—(AP)—All air force ROTC students graduating from colleges this year—a contingent of some 8,100—were alerted for active duty by the air force today.

Those who left school at mid-term will be called up within 90 to 120 days, the air force said. June graduates will receive their orders and be commissioned second lieutenants within 90 days of graduation.

Cemetery Bill Sent to McKay

The bill authorizing Marion county to acquire ownership and control of the Odd Fellows cemetery off South Commercial street awaits only the signature of Gov. Douglas McKay.

The house Tuesday approved the senate-passed measure, which was sponsored by Sen. Fred Lamport.

Federal Tax Deadline Fails To Spur Rush

Today is the deadline for payment of federal income tax, but by Wednesday night the deputy collector's office in Salem hadn't yet been rushed.

Deputy Paul Lynch said he couldn't understand why the traffic of taxpayers seeking aid on their returns had been lighter this year. Yesterday few people had to wait in line, but there was a steady flow of business, he said.

The tax office, on the second floor of the postoffice, will be open until midnight tonight. Returns must be postmarked by that time to avoid penalty.

Rather than making its usual rush period move to larger quarters, the tax crew of seven persons this year has used two extra rooms at the postoffice.

About the Centennial!

THE STATESMAN regrets that it will be impossible to accept further orders for the "Cavalcade of a Century" edition.

Advance orders for The Statesman's historical issue, to be published on its 100th anniversary March 28, have far exceeded expectation. Already, almost as many have been ordered as were printed in initial sections of the edition. And for various reasons, including a worsening paper shortage, it is impossible to print more.

The "Cavalcade" edition will go to all regular subscribers to The Statesman. They must be served first. A few copies have been reserved for news stands and counter sales the day of publication. But advance "Cavalcade" orders no longer can be taken.

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| San Francisco | 75 | 43 | .00 |
| Chicago | 38 | 24 | .10 |
| New York | 49 | 36 | .00 |

Willamette River 5.5 feet.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with rain this morning becoming showery this afternoon and tonight. High today near 50. Low tonight near 42.

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