



These Newport crabs will provide a tasty treat for Oregon legislators, and give Sen. Russell Gardner, Newport, a chance to boost his home town, and the Newport crab festival, set for May 19-20. At left are Joe Flynn, Newport Chamber of Commerce manager; and Phil Hutchison, chamber secretary, who brought the seafood to Salem Wednesday. At right Sen. Marie Wilcox, Portland, is told about crabs by Sen. Gardner. (Statesman photo.)

# McKay, Newbry Back Warden Alexander as Pearson Asks Ouster

Gov. Douglas McKay and Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry announced Wednesday they will oppose, at least temporarily, any attempt by State Treasurer Walter Pearson to oust State Prison Warden George Alexander.

Pearson, the democrat member of the three-man state board of control, this week said "the state prison problem won't be cleared up in the eyes of the public unless Alexander is removed." He said he made the announcement to the other board of control members.

Pearson's remarks were prompted by last week's convict strike at the penitentiary in which a guard was stabbed during the riot. After the melee, convicts banded together to present the board of control with a 17-point program asking for reforms at the prison.

The senate public welfare committee Wednesday continued its investigation of conditions at the prison, questioning top officials and guards in the first legislative hearing ever held at a state institution.

"I have no comment to make on the situation until the senate committee completes its investigation," the governor said Wednesday afternoon. "We need more top supervision and guards at the prison. Warden Alexander is a good warden, but he simply has too much to do to keep track of everything that is transpiring."

"If Alexander emerges from the investigation clean, I would have no objection to appointing him superintendent over the entire prison and then hire a warden who could devote his full energies to the warden's job."

The governor commented, "One thing is certain — we definitely will have chaos if the convicts are allowed to dictate prison policies."

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## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"So you won't talk, eh?"

# Film Actor Larry Parks Admits Former Red Party Membership

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Film actor Larry Parks said today he once belonged to the communist party, but two other Hollywood actors refused to say whether they ever had been communists.

Howard Da Silva and Gale Sondergaard both refused on the same grounds: that under the constitution no one can be forced to give evidence that might incriminate him.

Parks, who first gained fame portraying Al Jolson in "The Jolson Story," freely admitted he had joined the party 16 years ago, but said his interest had "petered out" around 1945, and that he now is certain the party is subversive.

But Parks had a stopping point, too. He balked at telling the house un-American activities committee the names of the actors and actresses who were with him in the Hollywood communist cell.

Parks dramatically told the committee that he's afraid his appearance here has ruined his career in the movies.

Da Silva's testimony kicked up the most confusion. While Chairman Wood (D-Ga) banged away with his gavel, Da

# A Girl by Any Other Name Can't Spell as Sweetly

What's in a name? Well, just look at the "Ann" (and the "Jo") in the names of five girls (and no boys) who have qualified for the finals of The Statesman-KSLM Spelling contest thus far.

JoAnne Parker, Broadacres. JoAnn Mueller, Greenwood. Joanne Keck, Ballston. DeAnn McCloughry, Labish Center.

Frances Klenski, St. Luke's of Woodburn.

There still are nine other finalists to be chosen for the grand-prize event in Salem April 19.

JoAnne Parker won in the semi-finals at Hubbard last night. (Details on pages 2 and 13.)

# Badman Cook Gets 300 Years

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 21—(AP)—Badman Bill Cook was sentenced to 300 years in federal prison today for kidnaping and killing an Illinois family but he still faces a possible death sentence for another slaying.

In a sudden and dramatic move that ended a sanity hearing for Cook, U. S. District Judge Stephen Chandler sentenced him to 60 years on each of five counts, the terms to run consecutively.

The 23-year-old ex-convict had admitted kidnaping Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mosser of Atwood, Ill., and their three children in Oklahoma and shooting them to death at Joplin, Mo. He pleaded guilty.

# Boy Hurt by Not Walking in Street

A Salem school boy who wouldn't disobey his mother got a nasty cut over his eye and a "shiner" Wednesday.

Donald Beal, 7, was walking home from St. Vincent de Paul school with two other boys. One of the boys wanted Donald to walk in the street but he said "no," his mother had told him always to walk on the sidewalk.

Then someone threw a rock that hit Donald in the eye. The injury required hospital treatment.

Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Beal, 1365 N. 5th st.

Silva shouted out his opinion of the committee: "Its true purpose is to pull the wool over the people's eyes."

The whole setup, he said, was "decidedly illegal."

Miss Sondergaard was quieter, but just as firm in her refusal to answer questions.

And she, like Da Silva, tried to make a speech. Both were stopped by Wood's gavel.

# Solons Slap at Truckers

By Lester F. Cour Staff Writer, The Statesman Log truck operators lost their first round with the legislature Wednesday when the house voted 43 to 17 for a bill which would provide stiffer fines for truckers who drive with overloads on Oregon highways.

The measure also eliminates the 10 per cent allowance for overloading which truckers now enjoy under existing laws. It now goes to the senate.

Rep. L. L. Stewart, Cottage Grove, objected to the bill, saying it would restrict log haulers by cutting down their weight allowance by 4,000 pounds. Log trucks are now limited to a 72,000-pound gross load, but are allowed a 10 per cent margin for overloads.

Stewart asked that the bill be amended to permit loggers to carry overloads in cases where they are willing to keep up the roads they travel over. This was voted down 34 to 26.

The senate Wednesday completed legislative action on a bill to let the voters decide whether the state should build a \$3,000,000 hospital for aged patients in the Portland area.

Sent to the house by the senate was a bill to let rural fire protection districts adopt regulations to prevent fires and require permits to start trash fires.

The house approved and sent to the senate a measure which would require the state tax commission pay 1/2 per cent interest on overpayments of state income taxes after the commission has held the money for more than six months.

Another measure sent to the senate by the house would grant leaves of absence to armed forces volunteers. Only those who get drafted are now given leaves.

The senate public welfare committee introduced a bill which would provide work camps in state forests for prison convicts.

Rep. Lee Hart, Salem, introduced a bill in the house to boost the salary of Marion county's district court judge from \$5,000 to \$5,700 a year.

Both the house and senate will meet at 10 a. m. today. (Other legislative news on page 4.)

# Firemen 'Helped Finance' Dewey's Oregon Campaign

(Story also on page 2) NEW YORK, March 21—(AP)—A firemen's union official told the senate crime probe committee today that his union contributed \$3,500 to aid Governor Dewey's 1948 campaign for the presidency in Oregon.

The official was John P. Crane, president of the uniformed firemen's association.

He said the money was for Dewey's presidential primary fight in that state. Dewey won the republican nomination for president that year but lost the election to President Truman.

The union leader said he gave the money to Mr. Crews, presumably Brooklyn republican leader John R. Crews.

Crane said he felt the Oregon primary was vital to Dewey's chances to win the GOP presidential nomination.

# Boy's Stolen Car Spree Shortlived

A Salem youth Wednesday stole a car, drove around the block four times, stalled the motor, found a man to give him a push, was arrested and admitted the theft—all within 10 minutes.

Police said the 16-year-old boy took the 1950 Ford from a lot at Liberty and Trade street. The keys were in it. The youth was held for juvenile court.

# Philippines to Press For Jap Reparations

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Philippine Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo gave notice today that the Philippines will press for reparations from Japan to pay a share of World War II invasion damage, estimated at \$3,000,000,000.

Romulo at the same time told Ambassador John Foster Dulles that the Philippine government is willing to leave the question open for the time being while preparations go forward for a peace treaty with Japan.

# U.S. Armed Strength Doubled Since Start of Korean War, Truman States

## Salem Told to Pay \$5,405 in Flood Damages

A Salem couple won \$5,405 from the city of Salem for flood damage Wednesday in a state supreme court ruling.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney P. Levine, who operate a veterinary hospital at 3380 Portland rd., previously had been awarded only \$100 by former Judge E. M. Page in Marion county circuit court.

Their hospital was flooded in 1947, 1948 and 1949 following alterations to the city's drainage system.

The Levines contended that the flooding started after the city tiled a natural water course in the vicinity of their business.

The city installed the tile to facilitate drainage of an area where standing water had become a problem. Plaintiffs said this caused 51 inches of water to drain into the hospital basement in January, 1948, drowning two dogs and causing extensive property damage. Similar damage was alleged during the 1949 rainy season.

The supreme court opinion was written by Justice Arthur D. Hay. "Where a municipality creates a private nuisance upon land it cannot hide behind a shield of government immunity but must respond in damages to the owner of the land," Justice Hay wrote.

## U.S. Tank Force 4 Miles from 38th Parallel

CHUNCHON, Korea, March 21—(Delayed)—(AP)—An American tank force pushed beyond captured Chunchon Wednesday to within four miles of the 38th parallel. This was the nearest approach by American forces to the pre-war boundary in the current offensive.

The tanks had rolled unopposed into this communist base town 8 1/2 miles south of the parallel. American infantry followed up to take positions on the southern outskirts Wednesday night.

Allied troops were in position to cross the 38th parallel into North Korea whenever ordered.

But red forces stepped allied advances north of Seoul in western Korea; manned defenses 15 miles deep below the parallel, and attempted large scale rail movements toward the front lines.

The allies were only eight miles south of the old, artificial border at Chunchon. The bulk of the Chinese, quitting Chunchon without a fight, already had pulled back to or beyond the parallel in central Korea.

But communist reinforcements moved into the line north and east of Seoul.

## Blast Shatters Interior of Portland Bank, 7 Hurt

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—Seven persons were injured, one seriously, when a violent explosion shattered the interior of a bank building here today. Twenty-five feet of sidewalk over the basement of the structure were tossed in the air by the blast.

Clocks in the building, the Citizens' branch of the U. S. National bank on S.E. Grand avenue, were stopped at 9:30 a.m.—just half an hour before the bank was to open. There were 63 employees in the building.

Cause of the blast was not yet known. But a few minutes before it occurred, the gas company had received a report of the smell of gas in the area.

Some 30 feet east of the building the Kuckenber Construction company had dug a manhole

down to a north-south sewer connection tunnel. The tunnel was not damaged by the explosion nor were any construction workers hurt.

A spokesman for the Portland Gas & Coke company said that the tunneling might have jarred a gas main, causing a leak from which gas seeped into the bank basement.

The ripped-up stretch of sidewalk exposed the bank's files in the basement. Account records were not damaged, a bank spokesman said. He added that all money had been placed in the big time vault on the first floor. Valuables were taken by armored car to the bank's head office.

For a time a second explosion was feared in the Grand avenue business district and a large area was roped off.

## Air Force Said Testing Atom Offensive Methods

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—The air force appears to be devising ways at the Eniwetok proving ground for getting through enemy interception and pinpointing targets with atomic bombs.

Bomb drops from jet bombers and possibly the deliberate crashing of a remote control "drone" plane bearing an A-bomb may be in the program of a series of new experiments at the U. S. atomic test center in the Marshall islands toll.

The only atomic bombs used in war—at Hiroshima and Nagasaki—were exploded for the purpose of mass destruction of a large area. In the last few months, the military has emphasized that bombs may be used tactically against troops in the field or particular military targets. This calls for precision bombing. Moreover, no atomic bombs have been released from fast flying jets in past tests, a factor that imposes new problems of ballistics and accuracy.

Air force spokesman was asked by reporters at a pentagon briefing today what types of planes the air force has assigned to the Eniwetok tests. His answer was "practically every kind." When asked if the new Boeing B-47 stratojet bomber was among them, the spokesman said "yes." He said also that two piston-engine bombers, the B29 and B50 Boeings, were assigned for work at Eniwetok.

"When asked if the huge B-36 bombers had been assigned to the experiment, the spokesman replied that "to the best of my knowledge they are not in the operation."

The spokesman made it evident he did not mean to say that all of the various types of planes which include fighter types, necessarily would be used for bomb dropping. He mentioned that the air force is interested in knowing the effects of atomic explosions on its planes.

WORKERS DRAFTED PARIS, March 21—(AP)—The French government tonight drafted key railway personnel in order to forestall national paralysis in a two-day rail strike set for Thursday and Friday.

## 2,900,000 in United States' Uniform Now

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—President Truman told the world today the United States now can strike against any new aggression with double the strength it had when the communist camp gambled on the South Korean invasion.

An exchange of telegrams between the chief executive, at his Key West, Fla., little White House and Defense Secretary Marshall showed the total manpower strength of the armed forces has mounted from 1,458,000 nine months ago to more than 2,900,000 now.

"This tremendous gain in our strength," the president said, "has been made necessary by the lawless aggression of communist forces in Korea, and by the menace of still further communist attacks against other free nations."

The announcement obviously was intended to produce a dual psychological effect abroad—warn Russia; assure America's friends. And the telegram exchange also appeared to have a message for critics of the administration's rearmament program at home. Marshall's telegram said: "For your information, the strength we have already attained—a total strength in excess of 2,900,000—was not attained in World War II until more than 21 months after our build-up started in June 1940, following the fall of France, and more than three months after Pearl Harbor."

Part of this probably is accounted for by the availability this time of hundreds of thousands of reservists.

Today's announcement showed the military well along on the road toward the 3,500,000 manpower goal set by Mr. Truman. The inflow from the draft, started last September, now is beginning to make heavy contributions to the buildup. About 400,000 have been inducted so far. All of these have been put into the army, the service in greatest need of manpower because its goal is highest—about 1,400,000. The other services up to now have found volunteer recruiting adequate to their need.

## Sub-Seeking Torpedoes Due

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Weapons for destroying enemy submarines—a top priority project of the navy—now include new large torpedoes and special plane-launched rockets.

These missiles were described today by the navy's chief of ordnance, Rear Admiral M. F. Schoeffel, at a news conference. With Russia reportedly expanding her submarine fleet, anti-submarine warfare has become of critical importance to the United States.

Schoeffel said new high speed torpedoes, soon to be in production, can be fired from surface ships, aircraft or submarines and "will present a positive threat to any submarine now in existence or being built."

## Clouds Cause Tooth Decay

CORVALLIS, March 21—(AP)—Lack of sunshine and altitude, not candy and soda pop, may account for the high rates of tooth decay in western Oregon.

Tests made in three areas of the state—the coast, Willamette valley and central Oregon—showed definite patterns of regional difference in dental decay rates among children 14 to 16 years old.

Central Oregon showed a lower rate than the other two areas. Only appreciable difference in the regions is the altitude and the amount of sunshine.

Sunshine is believed to be an important factor during youth when tooth calcification is underway.

## 100 Years Young March 23, 1951 The Oregon Statesman North Salem School Quite an Institution



The North Salem school was quite an institution when this photo was taken on Oct. 13, 1902. Principal was J. E. Graham, the teacher pictured was a Miss Hart. Left to right the pupils were: front row—Leta Cooper, Helen Huffman, Floyd Davis, Anna Krebs, Chester Stump, Earl Unruh; second row—Credie Burdick, Ada Rennie, Maud Savage, Walter Fisher, Forrest Davis, Minnie Carpenter, Ivan Murphy, Martin Van Lamsanen; third row—Louis Trower, Blanch Pearson.

### THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	53	48	.01
Portland	53	48	.01
San Francisco	50	42	trace
Chicago	30	12	2.00
New York	38	31	.02

Wahlamette River 5.9 feet.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McHenry Field, Salem): Partly cloudy with scattered showers today and tonight. Highest temperature today near 48 and lowest tonight near 32. SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 6.85 24.67 26.25