

Women Seek Rail Crossing Crash Victims

Victims of the 471 railroad grade crossing accidents in Salem between 1941 and 1950 are objects of a 'needle in the haystack' search by the Salem League of Women Voters.

The search is part of an extended survey started last year by the league aimed at cutting down railroad mishaps in the city. Where mails have failed to reach persons involved in crossing accidents, members of the league have tried other methods. Through the aid of the post office, city and state officials, librarians, and motor vehicle registration the league has achieved a 20 per cent return. The league is trying to raise that figure considerably.

Many Hours Volunteered
A group of 20 members of the League have been working since June, contributing almost 500 hours of volunteer time. Mrs. E. M. Corrigan is directing this phase of the survey together with Mrs. John Goldsmith who is general chairman of the railroad crossing project.

Members of the committee include: Mrs. William Van Meter, Mrs. Ridgeley Miller, Mrs. Nora Thompson, Mrs. A. Segersten, Mrs. Hal DeSart, Mrs. George Swartzley, Mrs. Frank Oettinger, Mrs. Morris Ullman, Mrs. Gordon Shattuck, Mrs. David Stall, Mrs. Lawrence Fitzgerald, Mrs. Hayden Smithson, Mrs. Arthur Bone, Mrs. John Rademaker, Miss Mary Laughlin, Miss Eleanor Stephens, Mrs. Willard Renken, Mrs. Bernard Sokolow, Mrs. Nell Brown, and Miss Katherine Rahl.

Any person who was involved in such an accident and who has not been reached by one of the methods described is urged to contact Mrs. John Goldsmith, 301 Cascade Dr., Salem.

Reasons Varied
Last summer seven teams of two women each checked the 150 grade crossings in Salem. Their report of faulty vision, obstructing trees and limbs and poor lighting facilities was substantiated by independent investigations of engineers from the State Public Utilities Commission and the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The League has urged special treatment of the entire Southern Pacific mainline through Salem. They suggest that either the 1947 recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce for a tunnel between Mission and Ferry Streets be used or automatic signals or barriers put at all crossings.

Big 3 to Study Demands of West Reich

BONN, Germany (AP)—West Germany's list of demands for helping the Free World's defense against Communist aggression appeared Saturday night to be headed for study by the Big Three.

The Bundestag voted approval by a margin of 204-156 Friday night for a government plan eventually to recruit German troops for the proposed six-nation European Army.

The vote was taken only on the principle of the proposal and the Germans attached stiff conditions. These include an end to Allied occupation, full sovereignty for Germany, and equal voice in Western strategic councils and release of many German war criminals.

Truman to Attend Service for King

WASHINGTON (AP)—President and Mrs. Truman will attend a memorial service for the late King George VI at Washington Cathedral next Friday. Funeral services in London are being held that day.

Members of the Cabinet, Supreme Court, diplomatic corps, and congressional leaders also have been invited to the cathedral service.

Contract Awarded for Big Cliff Dam Gates

PORTLAND (AP)—A \$310,841 contract for the Big Cliff regulating dam on the North Santiam River was announced Saturday by Army Engineers.

It went to Gunderson Brothers Engineering Corp., Portland, for three spillway tainter gates and hoists.

CUT GLARE
TOLEDO (INS)—Built-in "sun glasses" for automobiles, in the form of shaded windshields, are proving effective in providing relief from snow glare. In reports to Dr. George B. Watkins, research director of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, drivers stated tinted windshields not only materially curbed overhead glare but also reduced the dazzling effect from the snow.

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League Compiles Reports on Crossing Mishaps



Salem League of Women Voters' railroad committee are in the midst of compiling a report of Salem's railroad crossing situation based on months of study and research of crossing accidents. Some of the reports are based on interviews with persons involved in crossing accidents, some dating back to 1941. Seated, from left, are Mrs. M. S. Ullman, Mrs. George Swartzley, Mrs. E. M. Corrigan, Mrs. Ridgeley Miller and Mrs. W. S. VanMeter. Standing are Nora Thompson, left, and Mrs. John Goldsmith. (Statesman photo.)

Lodge Suggested 8 Years Ago Ike Seek Presidency

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., has been telling General Eisenhower for several years now that he thought the country might need him some day for President.

Lodge, national director of the campaign to get Eisenhower the Republican nomination, didn't announce until last Aug. 5 that his candidate for President was General "Ike." But the story really begins much earlier than that.

Behind the big desk in his high-winded office, Lodge slumped low in his swivel chair, sprawled his 6-foot, 2 1/2-inch frame toward the fireplace and recalled his contacts with the general.

"I first met him on maneuvers in Louisiana in 1941," he began. Lodge has been an enthusiastic Army reserve officer since 1925, has gone to summer camp for two weeks' active duty nearly every year, now holds the rank of colonel.

Nobody Took Ike
"I was a captain then, and he was a lieutenant colonel. The second time I met him was on the same maneuvers. That was the time General Patton offered a \$50 reward for anyone who took Eisenhower prisoner during the exercises. Nobody ever did.

"The third time I met him was when I went on active duty in February of 1942. Although still in the Senate, Lodge put on his uniform and as a major led the first three tank detachments which were assigned to the British Army in North Africa.

He returned to the Senate later in 1942 but in 1944 resigned his seat and again went on active duty until the war's end.

"The next time I saw General Eisenhower was briefly in Alsace in November, 1944," Lodge continued.

Talked Politics
"But when he was president of Columbia I went up to visit him often. We talked politics mostly. I told him that some day it might be his duty to run for President."

Lodge has a snappy, crackling way of answering questions, speaking swiftly and decisively with his modified Harvard accent. He has studied and traveled on the continent a lot and is so perfect in French as to be rated bi-lingual.

He is handsome as a matinee idol and doesn't look within a decade of his 49 years. His equally tall and handsome brother, John, was, in fact, in the movies for almost 10 years—until he was elected to Congress from Connecticut and later became governor.

Dresses Well
Lodge's glamor is as conspicuous as the Eisenhower appeal against which the Republican party was so urgently warned at the recent national committee meeting at Los Angeles. He dresses to the king's taste but otherwise tries to appear as un-glamorous as possible.

Born in Nahant, Mass., to a family whose blood was so blue they were once said to speak only to Cabots and God, the senator is reputed to be a direct descendant of John Cabot, the English explorer. I asked him about this.

"I don't think it's true," he snapped back. "I've read that you're the seventh member of your family to be in the U. S. Senate. Is that true?" "I don't know of any other one but my grandfather Henry Cabot Lodge."

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WAC Recruit Drive Finds Slow Going

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army was said Saturday to be having trouble persuading more women to volunteer for the WACS. Also, it can't afford to hire civilians in larger numbers, a Senate subcommittee reported.

The report came from the Armed Services Subcommittee on Preparedness, which for months has been prodding the armed services to free more combat-fit men from desk jobs and replace them with women in uniform, limited-service personnel or civilians.

Secretary of the Army Pace wrote the committee that "present inability to recruit sufficient numbers of WACS and budgetary ceiling limitations of the hiring of civilians are obstacles to the efforts to release the maximum number of combat qualified men from administrative positions."

Hardly, I sail small boats occasionally. **Little Social Life**

Lodge and his wife live in a house in historic Georgetown, but he professes not to know whether it's an antique. They have practically no social life, he says. Just stay home nights. Their two sons are away. One is a senior at Harvard, the other a reporter on the Boston Herald and the father of two girls.

Lodge has been deep in politics since early boyhood. In 1936, with no party backing, he got himself the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator. He was the only Republican senator elected that year.

He became a leader of the insurgent Republicans, rallying around Senator Vandenberg's bi-partisan foreign policy and urging the party to abandon its "archaic concepts."

In 1949, 14 of the insurgents tried to win him Senator Taft's post as chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee. They failed, but political wisecracks on the hill predicted that the movement had made him a contender for the presidential nomination in 1952.

Just Kingmaker
But until now he has appeared to be content with his role as kingmaker. In the Republican National Convention in 1948 he was chairman of the resolutions committee, which drafted the party's non-isolationist platform.

He served in a unique position for the party during the Wendell Willkie campaign. As he recalls it: "You remember that there was a time the campaign was bogging down. The political angle was being neglected. Then the party assigned me to be Willkie's advisor on politics. I rode with him on his campaign train for six weeks. I found him a very charming and intelligent fellow."

"Willkie didn't like politicians—I was the only one he could stomach," Lodge remarked, smiling broadly.

Railroad Club Reorganizes
More than 60 men and women attended the organizational meeting of the Railroad Club Saturday night at the Salem Women's Club.

The organization reactivates the former Southern Pacific Club, disbanded in October, 1948, and is composed of people in the Salem area affiliated with railroad.

The group was shown colored movies following a no-host supper and musical entertainment.

Lewis M. McKinney, financial secretary conducted the first meeting. Chairman for the March 8 meeting is Edward C. McElroy Sr. A new chairman will be elected for each monthly meeting.

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Marine Pilots Leave Supply Base Blazing

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—U. S. Marine "Wolf Raider" pilots smashed a big Communist supply center in Northeast Korea Saturday. Ten supply dumps and 27 buildings were left in smoking ruins.

The raid by eight carrier-based Leatherneck fighters in two flights was made from Allied Task Force 77, replenishing in the Sea of Japan waters for more assaults on Red supply arteries.

Other Marine pilots patrolling the coastal area destroyed three Communist boats, an anti-aircraft gun and blew up an ammunition dump.

The big supply base was named by the Navy communicate as the village of SOA, not shown on Korea maps available here.

Blast Vital Bridge
Okinawa-based B-29 Superforts blasted the vital railway bridge at Chogju in Northwest Korea with 100 tons of 500-pound bombs. The bombers reported light anti-aircraft fire.

American Sabre jets damaged three Communist MIG-15s and claimed another probably destroyed Saturday in two air battles over Northwest Korea.

The Sabres met 175 enemy jets over MIG Alley during the afternoon. That many MIGs have been seen in the air at one time only twice before since the Korean war started.

MIG Destroyed
Only 80 of the MIGs chose to fight. Twenty six Sabres tore into one group of about 30 MIGs, claiming one probably destroyed and another damaged. Another group of 26 Sabres engaged 50 MIGs in a 30-minute fight, damaging two more of the Communist jets.

Saturday's claims brought the Fifth Air Force totals in the Korean war to 183 MIGs destroyed, 34 probably destroyed and 363 damaged.

Fierce but brief patrol skirmishes were reported Saturday at several points along the 155 mile battlefield, where temperatures continued mild for the third day.

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Earl Gooch, Salem insurance man, who is heading the advance gifts solicitation now in progress preparatory to opening the 1952 Red Cross fund campaign's public solicitation.

Superforts Drop 100,000th Ton of Bombs on Korea

TOKYO (AP)—B-29 Superforts based on Okinawa Saturday night dropped their 100,000th ton of bombs on Communist targets in Korea.

Montevideo, Uruguay, was named after the cry of a lookout on the Magellan Expedition—"Monte vid' eu"—"I see a hill."

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