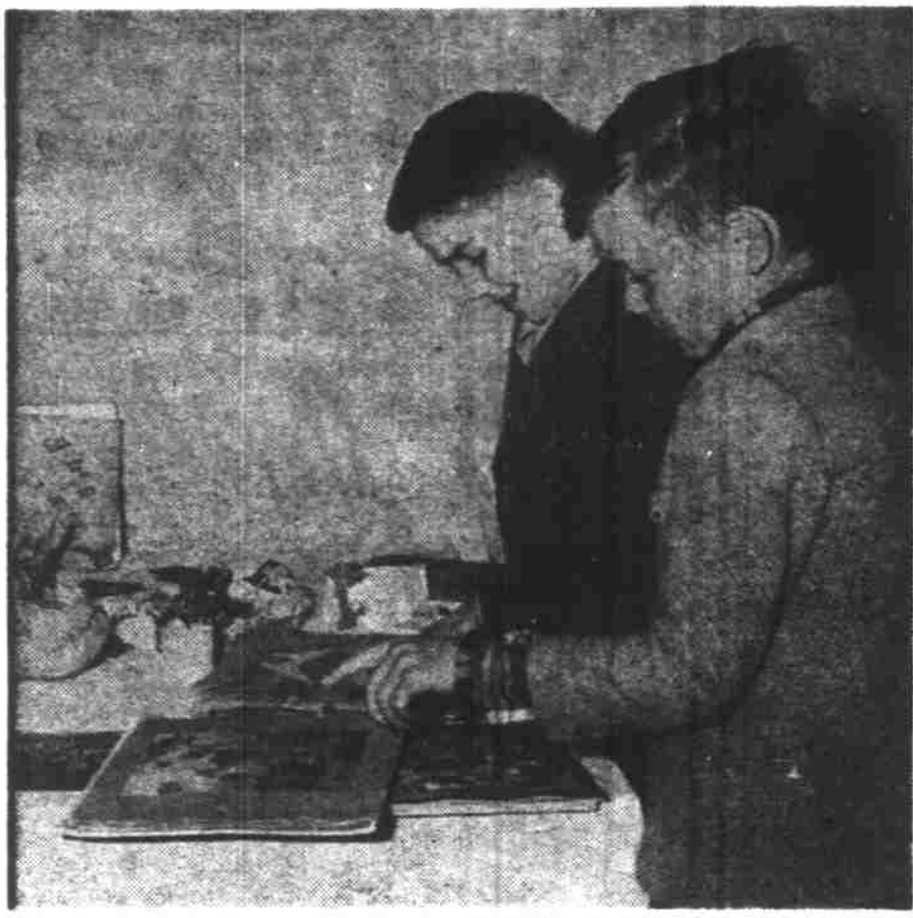


Junior Red Cross Backers



These two Salem boys once were recipients of gift boxes prepared by the Junior Red Cross. Polish-born Andre Akulow and Latvia-native George Karkilns (right) view scrapbooks sent from youngsters in Austria and Japan. (Statesman Photo.)

2 Salem Boys Recall First Contact With U.S. Through Jr. Red Cross Gift Boxes

Two small boys in Salem still remember vividly the thrill of their first contact with America: gift boxes packed by American school-children.

Andre Akulow and George Karkilns, both 11-year-old fifth graders at Richmond School, never tire of telling their classmates how delighted they were to open the parcels containing such wonderful and precious items as crayons and paper, toothpaste and soap.

Polish-born Andre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zachar Akulow, 425 S. 25th, received his Junior Red Cross gift box in Bremerhaven, Germany, where his family was awaiting embarkation to the United States.

George was given his package in Riga, Latvia, his birthplace, in 1946. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vladimir Karkilns, at 2460 Helm St.

Urge Participation
So enthusiastic are the young one-time displaced persons that they have "both done much to encourage their classmates to participate in the Junior Red Cross program," Miss Mathilda Gilles, Richmond School principal, said. Miss Hazel Sewell and Miss Alyce Wada are JRC teacher-sponsors there.

At Richmond School, as in other Salem and Marion County schools, packing gift boxes as a gesture of friendship toward children overseas is only one project of the Junior Red Cross.

But it is an important project and one which the children enjoy greatly. Mrs. Frank Patcher, chairman of the county JRC program, said, Salem schools have packed hundreds (over 100 were filled by St. Vincent's School alone) of such boxes to add to the millions from all over America already sent to children abroad.

List Givers
The boxes, containing health items, educational material, clothing and small toys, are labeled for either boys and girls, and each encloses a card listing those who helped make up the box and a self-addressed blank upon which the recipient may write a thank-you note.

These return notes, Mrs. Patcher added, are cherished by the schools which receive them, but do not lead to correspondence between individuals. Instead, members of the Junior Red Cross enjoy group correspondence by means of albums assembled by school units and exchanged with JRC group in 48 foreign countries.

The albums, entirely handmade by the children themselves, are intended to promote better international understanding by giving first-hand information about American life. They are made up of letters, compositions, drawings of schools and homes and games and clothes, samples of hand-

crafts, stamps, songs and snapshots.

Prepare Albums

Students at Leslie Junior High School now are preparing albums for Norway and for Texas—for Texas because the albums are a part of the JRC national program as well as the international. In this way, JRC members learn how children live in other states—and it's a lot more fun than plain old geography or history or civics, Mrs. Patcher suspects!

Rather than exchange of information the Junior Red Cross local program emphasizes service, Mrs. Patcher said. A typical and timely project of the moment is the construction at Bush School of 113 tray favors on a Valentine's Day theme for patients at the Memorial Hospital.

Last Christmas, Salem and county JRC groups made tray favors, tree ornaments, bed ornaments and table centerpieces for local hospitals, state institutions and veterans hospitals. They made boxes of cookies and candies and collected baskets of fruit for convalescent homes in the area.

Junior Red Cross members at Keizer School made 114 stuffed animal toys for the children at Fairview Home as well as favors for bed patients.

Parrish and Leslie Junior High JRC groups are organizing talent shows to entertain patients at the State Hospital and other hospitals and nursing homes.

Children from the Bush School JRC contributed 38 garments to clothe a family of 10 children at another Salem school.

A brand new 40-page guide book is now available to Junior Red Cross teacher-sponsors at the nearly 50 Salem and county schools enrolled in the program, and Mrs. Patcher hopes that with its aid, with the continuing cooperation of school officials and interest of the children, and with the generous support of the public, future JRC achievements will better all previous records.

RENAME ROAD
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (AP)—A section of Rifle Range Road in Kuala Lumpur is being renamed Gurney Road in tribute to the late commissioner Sir Henry Gurney.
Sir Henry was slain in a terrorist ambush north of here October 6.

People's 'Veto' on Taxes May Result In Special Session

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
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A special session of the Oregon Legislature next fall looks like a good possibility. Gov. Douglas McKay, a staunch foe of special sessions, admits it might be needed.

It's too early to estimate the size of the state's budget deficit for the 1953-55 biennium, but the legislature's tax experts think it will be around 40 million dollars.

Deputy State Treasurer Fred H. Paulus, who for many years has been one of the state's top financial brains, brought up the special session idea Monday before the legislative interim tax committee.

Committee members agree that the Paulus proposal has a lot of merit.

The state's financial problem is complicated enormously by the fact that the legislature can't pass a tax bill with an emergency clause on it.

Can't Be Referred
Bills with emergency clauses go into effect immediately, and thus can't be referred to the people. But tax bills always are subject to referendum, and there's the rub.

Suppose the 1953 legislature voted 40 millions in new taxes to balance the budget. Then, after the end of the 1953 session, referendum petitions would be signed, delaying the tax until the general election in November, 1954.

During 1953 and 1954, this tax couldn't be collected, and the state would go broke. Oregon would have to issue warrants like it did in 1933. Its credit, not very good now because of the state's rapidly increasing debt, would be worthless.

But Paulus' idea of a special session would get around that. It would let the 1953 legislature know exactly where it would stand.

Known by September
The legislative interim tax committee would draft a tax bill, and it would be submitted to the special session. By September, the amount needed would be known.

This tax bill would be passed at the special session, and then be submitted to the people at a special election in November or December.

If the people approved the new tax, then the 1953 legislature could continue spending on the present scale.

But if the people defeated it, then the lawmakers would whack the state budget down by 40 millions, or whatever is needed.

It's true that the legislature could make up any deficit by having a state property tax for the first time in 20 years. But the legislators think that property already is soaked enough by local taxes. Also, the people probably will pass a bill next November to limit any state property tax to only 6 mills.

Where could the budget be cut? From the way legislators are talking, it looks like the schools

would suffer from any big budget cut.

School Total High

Of the state's total budget, education gets 50.8 per cent. This includes 35.3 per cent for public schools, and 15.5 per cent for the state university and colleges.

Public welfare gets 17.5 per cent, and state institutions 11.3 per cent. All other state appropriations total only 20.4 per cent of the budget.

The legislative tax authorities feel that the only place where any big reduction can be made is in that 35.3 per cent for public schools, which is the state's basic school aid to local districts.

High Property Tax

If that school help is reduced or eliminated, it would put the burden of paying school costs back on the local districts, which would mean higher local property taxes.

However, there are a few rays of hope, such as the fact that income tax collections are higher, and that the people might vote the cigarette tax of 2 cents a package in November.

But there are other gloomy signs, too. Increased federal income tax rates probably will reduce this year's state income tax collections, because federal taxes are deducted from Oregon tax returns. Another gloomy sign is inflation, which keeps state government costs mounting rapidly.

As far as getting a new tax is concerned, the legislators think that only a sales tax would bring in the large amount of money that is needed.

Sales tax proposals, fought bitterly by labor and farm groups, have been swamped several times by the people.

Crop Failures Bring Crisis

DACCA, East Pakistan (AP)—Crop failures two years straight have endangered 800,000 people in the famine-stricken Khulna district of East Pakistan.

Once known as a "rice bowl" for East Pakistan, Khulna is now the scene of starvation deaths. The region adjoins the Sunderbans, a forest reserve frequented by the royal bengal tiger.

Floods in 1950 and drought in 1951 have been listed as causes for the food crisis, together with virtual cessation of trade in forest produce with adjoining Indian areas.

Chest Helps Shows for GI's



LOS ANGELES—In a Community Chest-supported project of entertainment for soldiers, these Hollywood entertainers are pictured as they left by plane for an entertainment tour of military bases overseas. Exchanging farewells with E. A. Roberts, president of United Defense Fund, are Mala Powers, Piper Laurie and Ray Milland.

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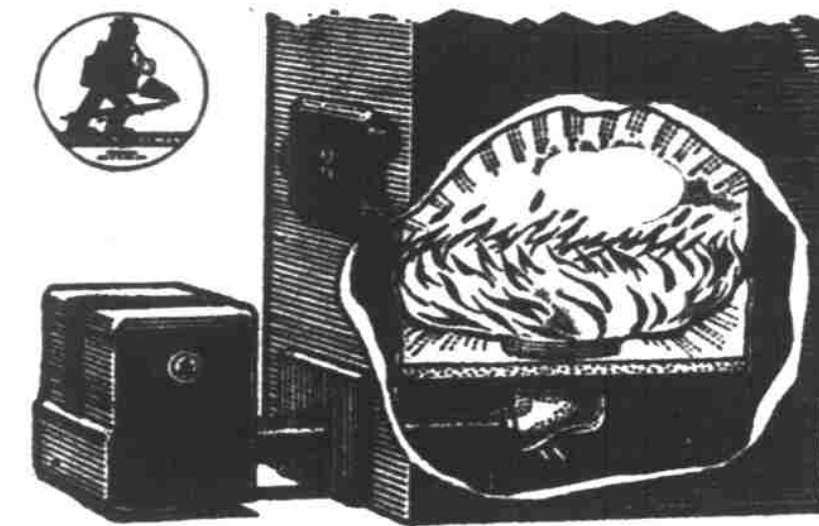
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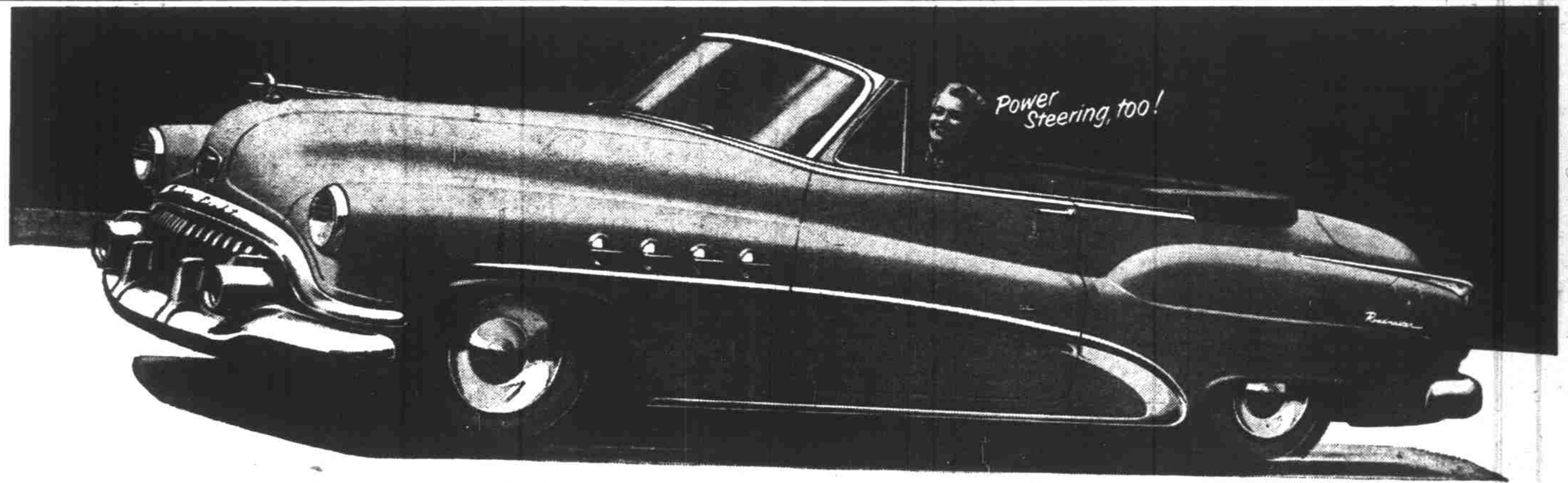
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