

Boys Top Spelling Champs

Boys are holding the edge this year in the **Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest**—the reverse of a year ago. Of the six school winners thus far announced, five are boys.

Two were certified by their principals as school champions Tuesday.

Kenneth Marx, 11, was declared the winner in the 7th-grade, Bethel School, Polk County. A 7th-grader, Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Marx Jr. His hobbies are stamp collecting and fishing. His teacher and principal is Mrs. Ada Hieker.

son, second and third place winners, respectively, were Gloria Edgren, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Edgren, and Don Panno, 13, son of Mrs. Rebecca Panno.

Daniel Nisly, 13, who topped his school's spellers last year but lost out in the semi-finals, again was declared champion at Lincoln in Polk County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nisly, and is in the 8th grade. His hobbies are raising chickens, Marvin Miller, 13-year-old 7th grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. Avalt Miller, took second, and third place went to Kathleen Hicks, 13, in the 8th grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hicks.

The Bethel School winner will compete in the semi-finals at Dallas Junior High, Wednesday evening, March 26. The Lincoln winner will compete in the semi-finals at Brush College, Friday, March 28.

There are nine semi-finals in which champions from 84 schools will take part. The top speller in each semi-final will receive a pen-pencil set. Three top spellers from each of the semi-finals will compete for defense bonds in the grand finals at Parrish Junior High in Salem, Thursday, April 3. Pupils of the 7th and 8th grades in all public and parochial schools of Marion and Polk Counties are eligible, including 8th graders who won honors in last year's contest. The public is invited to all contests at no charge.

Certificates of merit have been sent to the top three spellers in all reporting schools.

Blaze Damages Falls City Tavern

FALLS CITY—Bill's Tavern, located in mid-town, was damaged by a fire which broke out about 8:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Owner William Sallage could not estimate the damage but roof and parts of the outer walls were burned and water and smoke damage to the interior were reported. The flames started apparently in the chimney while the tavern was full of customers.

The Falls City Volunteer Fire Department put the blaze out by the time a Dallas company arrived.

LUMBER OUTLOOK GOOD

PORTLAND (AP)—Douglas fir sawmills get orders last month for nearly a billion board feet of lumber. The unfilled order file at the end of January was 58 million feet above stocks on hand. The U. S. Lumbermen's Association made that report Tuesday in sounding an optimistic outlook note.

Cooking Coal Underground to Provide New Source of Power

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A great, new coal industry by cooking the coal where nature placed it underground was predicted Tuesday by the director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Jack J. Forbes.

He spoke to the First International Conference on the underground gasification of coal numbering more than 100 American fuel scientists and 19 delegates from England, France, Germany, Belgium and Italy. All those countries are trying this new scientific coal recovery.

We are doing the same at Gorgas, Ala., near here, and the conference will go there Wednesday to see the American plant in operation.

Taft Would Fire U. S. Military Leaders, Speed Aid to Chiang

Ohio Senator Plans Portland Talks Today

SEATTLE (AP)—Senator Taft declared Tuesday night that American-armed Chinese Nationalist forces, striking from Formosa, offer the only chance of stopping the Communist march throughout Asia.

He advocated a speed-up of economic and military aid to Chiang Kai-shek's Formosa regime as "essential."

The Ohio Republican Presidential aspirant said in an address prepared for Seattle's Lincoln Day banquet:

"Now that a Communist assault on Southeast Asia is on the horizon, it should be clear to our government that the only chance to stop it is by a Chinese Nationalist invasion of Communist-held territory."

"An invasion, well-organized, might snowball rapidly. Is there any other way to prevent Stalin from seizing all Asia and building up such massive strength that he will attempt finally an assault on the United States?"

Out Military Leaders
This afternoon, at a Washington State Press Club radio panel, Taft was asked if he would remove the present military leadership if he becomes President.

"I certainly would," he replied. "I have no confidence in the judgment of the present chiefs of staff."

He also said that he would "certainly make use of Gen. MacArthur's ability" in such a situation.

In Front Line
He devoted the main points of his address to Far Eastern policy in this city which he said "would be in the front line" in the event of any attack from the Pacific.

"The only unused armed force in Asia with a will to fight against the Communists are the Chinese on Formosa," he declared.

He described them as ill-equipped, ill-fed and ill-paid, but added: "But they have a spirit that is rare in the world today—a burning desire to attack the Communists and fight their way back to their homes on the mainland as victors."

PORTLAND (AP)—This is the schedule for Sen. Taft here Wednesday:

Arrives by train at 6:45 a. m.; breakfast, morning conference; noon lunch with party leaders; afternoon conference; reception and dinner at Century—Wilbur Methodist Church at 5 p. m.; Lincoln Day speech at Civic Auditorium; leaves by air for Pendleton at 7:30 a. m. Thursday.

Ex-Con Gives Up to Police Before Crime

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—A man walked into the police station here Monday, plunked down a loaded revolver and said he'd like to be locked up before he robbed a bank.

Police obliged, then decided what he really needed was a job. The man was identified by Chief Harry Diamond as Terry Donovan, 54, released Jan. 30 from the Oregon State Prison after a four-year armed robbery term.

Diamond said Donovan had served seven sentences in various prisons, adding up to just about half the years he has lived. But now Donovan says he wants to go straight and Diamond said he thinks that's true.

So, said Diamond, he's going to try to find a job for Donovan and will release him as soon as he finds it. Until then, an investigation booking will hold him for a few days if necessary.

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Alaska-to-Salem to Pin Medal



Carl Maxwell receives the Eagle award from his father, Charles Maxwell who flew from Point Barrow, Alaska, to confer Boy Scouting's highest award on his son Monday night. The two Maxwells were present at the annual father-son banquet of Troop 6, St. Joseph's Church, and Troop 16, St. Vincent de Paul Church. (Story on Page 12.)

School District Assigns Jobs to Salem Architects

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
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Three Salem architects were appointed for separate school construction projects Tuesday night by the board of Salem School District 24.

James L. Payne was selected to plan a new school for the Rose-dale area, William I. Williams for a South 12th Street area school and Frank H. Struble for an addition at Middle Grove School.

The three elementary school projects are on the district's tentative program for the coming year. Another new elementary building, Hoover School east of Englewood, has been designed by Hayslip, Freeman and Tufts, Portland architects, and will be subject of bidding in the near future.

In other school plant improvement matters, the board authorized construction of a windbreak brick wall at Richmond School's play court by Viesko and Post; called for school crews to add toilet and heating room facilities to Hayesville School additions next spring; took under advisement a request from Landscape Architect Eunice Brandt to landscape the grounds of the new Baker School.

Part of the final payments to contractor Henry G. Carl were withheld pending corrections recommended by architects at the West Salem and Baker Schools.

The school board withheld \$1,300 on the West Salem job and called for correction or five-year bond on exterior walls where the cement stucco has cracked near windows and doors. The board withheld \$3,600 from final payment on the new Baker School after receiving an architect's report that furnace adjustment is necessary to eliminate a heavy soot problem. The Hayslip firm is architect for both jobs.

A delegation from the board planned to inspect Richmond and Highland School additions next Tuesday with architects of the same firm, prior to final acceptance.

On Budget Committee
School directors reelected to the school budget committee William L. Phillips and William J. Entress, and planned for a preliminary budget conference with the citizens' budget committee next week.

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Contempt Suit Won By Red

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal judge Tuesday freed Steve Nelson, veteran Communist Party leader, of contempt of Congress charges and told him: "Even Satan would get a fair trial in the American courts."

"American courts must not fall into the errors of our enemies," U. S. District Judge James R. Kirkland added.

Nelson, 48, born in Yugoslavia, was long acknowledged leader of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

He was charged with contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions from the House Un-American Activities Committee which has accused him of atomic espionage. Nelson pleaded his answers might incriminate him.

Kirkland conducted a two-day trial without a jury. He ruled Nelson was within his constitutional rights in refusing to answer the House Committee's questions.

Nelson, in recent years Communist Party organizer for Western Pennsylvania, did not take the stand in his own defense.

Arnall Wins Solons' Votes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Banking Committee gave Ellis Arnall a unanimous vote of confidence Tuesday as the nation's new price stabilizer.

Arnall's appointment to lead the fight against inflation now goes before the full Senate for confirmation.

A vote will be taken probably next Monday. The committee's action left little doubt that he would be confirmed as Michael V. DiSalle's successor.

Raver States Bonneville May Not Hike Rates

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville power administrator, says there is an outside chance the agency may not have to raise rates to its power customers.

He expressed this view in testimony, made public Tuesday before the House Appropriations Sub-committee considering BPA's budget request for the 12 months beginning July 1.

Raver told the subcommittee that in spite of a 100 per cent increase in construction costs and "more than doubled" labor costs, Bonneville had the biggest net income in its history during the year ended last June 30.

"We had a total of 36 million dollars gross revenue, with 14 1/2 million of it left over after all operating expenses, depreciation, and interest on the investment," he declared.

Hatfield Favors Eisenhower Name On Democrat Ballot

State Rep. Mark Hatfield of Salem, a Republican, said Tuesday he would welcome Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's name on the Oregon Democratic ballot in the May 16 primary elections.

Hatfield, one of the leaders of the Oregon-for-Eisenhower committee, said that if Eisenhower is nominated next July Republicans would welcome Democrat votes for him in the November general elections.

Hatfield added he could see no reason, then, why Democrats should not have an opportunity to vote for the general in the May primaries.

Gen. Eisenhower's name remains on the Democratic ballot while Secretary of State Earl T. Newby awaits an opinion from the attorney general's office.

Belgian Parliament Rebukes King for Plan to Avoid Funeral

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—King Baudoin's Social Christian government was rebuked in a parliamentary vote Tuesday for his decision not to attend personally the funeral of King George VI.

The Chamber of Representatives approved, 91 to 84, a Socialist-Liberal motion regretting "the condition in which the government is having Belgium represented" by Prince Albert instead of the King.

King Baudoin, 21, deputized his 17-year-old brother to act for him at the final rites for the British monarch Friday—which all other reigning monarchs of Europe will attend.

Truman Quoted As Considering 'Sacrifice' Race

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman was quoted Tuesday as saying he would be willing to "sacrifice" himself and run for re-election if convinced such a step was necessary to lead the nation to peace.

The latest clue to the President's intentions came from Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.), 85-year-old dean of the House, who said Truman told him he may feel "obliged" to run.

But Sabath, emerging from a White House talk with the President, told newsmen:

"He added that perhaps conditions may develop which may make it unnecessary for him to serve again and that other candidates might do as well."

With Permission
Sabath's remarks gained significance from the fact that he is a frequent White House visitor and is thoroughly familiar with the rules against quoting the President without his knowledge.

Speculation immediately arose that Truman was aware of what Sabath would say when he talked with newsmen later.

Sabath said Truman told him the Presidency is "a killing job" and that "it killed Roosevelt."

The veteran Illinois legislator went on to describe their conversation in these terms:

"The President said that after putting in seven years in the job, he thought he had had enough."

However, he said if he actually felt he could be of aid and help to America and the world in bringing about a peace and adjusting world problems in that case he would be willing to sacrifice himself and possibly shorten his life.

"He said if it would help, these would be the only conditions under which he felt he could seek re-election."

Man Charged With Stealing 5,000 Buckles

A Lebanon man was lodged in Marion County jail Tuesday night charged with the theft of about 5,000 belt buckles.

He is Gordon Albert Baxter, 31, Lebanon Route 2. He is charged with burglary not in a dwelling. Marion County Sheriff's office said the buckles carrying a design of covered wagons, were taken recently from the residence of Ben F. Brandon of Jefferson Route 1.

The buckles were recovered from a Salem junk yard Tuesday afternoon.

U.N., Reds Agree To Time Limit On PW Exchange

MUNSAN (AP)—The Allies and Communists Wednesday set a two-month limit for exchange of prisoners of war after an armistice is signed but the issue still was unresolved.

The Allies want each prisoner to decide whether he will go back to the other side.

An Allied spokesman said staff officers would begin drafting the exact wording of the agreement Thursday—except for the clause on voluntary repatriation.

Acheson Leaves For Europe Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson left by plane Tuesday for London, where he will try to free Western Europe defense negotiations from a tangle of Franco-German differences.

At the airport he told reporters that in meetings with American officials Thursday and with the British and French foreign secretaries over the week-end efforts would be made "to deal with some of the problems" involved in peace settlement with Western Germany.

SCIO BOY MEETS SOLONS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Six Future Farmers of America officers met senators who help write the nation's agricultural laws Tuesday. They included Duane Brushella of Scio, Ore.

76,246 See King's Coffin At Westminster

LONDON (AP)—The doors of Westminster Hall, where King George VI lies in state, swung shut at 1:45 a. m. Wednesday after 76,246 mourners had filed past.

Their slow march to view the closed coffin of Britain's King in the first day of three days public homage was closed out by ambulance workers and nurses who had patrolled the long lines of sorrowing visitors on the watch for casualties since the doors opened to the public 8 a. m. Tuesday.

Many children were in the queue in its closing hours, although the line was whipped by an icy wind across the Thames that tumbled the temperature to 26 degrees.

The line moved 20 abreast through the early morning quiet cold into the cathedral-like Hall. A blind man with a white stick came through. The woman who guided him whispered a description of the scene.

Atop the tier gleamed the great cross of Westminster. Six tall golden candles stood about the sealed coffin.

For two more days the King's body will remain in the hall while his subjects—possibly as many as 200,000 of them—pass by to pay final homage.

Black Market In Potatoes Said Nearing

SEATTLE (AP)—A short supply in potatoes in the Pacific Northwest and San Francisco has necessitated steps to combat threatened black markets, Hamilton C. Dowell, chief enforcement officer of the regional Office of Price Stabilization, said Tuesday.

"We're trying to nip any such situation in the bud," he said.

The OPS here has word from the San Francisco regional office that some shipment of potatoes are by-passing the Bay area and going into Los Angeles, he commented.

"It means somebody in Los Angeles is paying more than selling prices and shippers are by-passing the other markets."

Sisters Meet After 27 Years

More than a quarter of a century of living has been the topic of discussion at the Salem home of Mrs. Gilbert Croshaw, 1342 Waller St.

For she's "catching up" on things with a sister she hadn't seen for 27 years until Sunday. That's when Miss Chloe Correll of Broadmoor, Mont., came to visit.

The two sisters will have to complete their memories by Feb. 20 or 21 when Miss Correll must return to her cattle business with a brother on their Diamond-4 ranch in Montana.

The two sisters called their brother Tuesday morning. Mrs. Croshaw hasn't seen her brother for about 33 years.

'Ham' Helps Sailor Call To Jefferson from Guam

A "ham" radio operator at Corvallis was the intermediary through whom Robert Howard, a navy man on Guam, talked for 10 minutes Sunday with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Howard, and brother, Gail, of route 1, box 54, Jefferson. Robert has been on Guam nearly a year.

The Corvallis radio operator relayed the call via phone to the Howard home.

Spell-Down!

The following words are among those which may be used in the 1952 Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest semi-finals and finals. They are from standard textbooks and are published as a guide in intraschool contests now underway.

ridiculous	partial
sensible	mortgage
reliable	luxury
protect	knife
quiet	miscellaneous
portrait	location
opinion	journey
physical	know
nickel	inconspicuous
ocean	auxiliary

Animal Crackers

By WARREN COODRICH



"Steady, now—this may hurt just a little."