



Spring is the word now. Between rain and hail showers the spring look becomes more apparent. All of Salem's school children are just finishing their spring vacation, and are turning their thoughts from basketball to baseball. Here in a little game are catching from left, Loren Franke, 815 W. Madrona Ave.; Fred Caswell, 470 W. Madrona Ave.; Gene Elwerth, 816 Missouri Ave.; and Layne Caswell. Batting is Danny Elwerth, also of 816 Missouri Ave. (Statesman photo.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

Secretary of State Acheson and Mutual Security Administrator W. Averell Harriman both have testified in support of the budget provision of approximately \$8 billion for foreign aid, chiefly military.

Well, we certainly bought victory over Hitler. That would not have been possible without this assistance from the USA. Also we have bought substantial recovery in Western Europe.

White Supremacy Law Ruled Invalid

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa (AP)—South Africa's highest court declared unconstitutional Thursday one of the most important white supremacy laws of the Nationalist government of Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan.

A five-man court of appeals ruled as invalid a law, pushed through Parliament last year by Malan's slim majority, that would have cut to the bone the voting rights of a million mulattoes in Cape Province—virtually the only non-whites in the country who have the ballot.

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Spring Here? Maybe Today

Spring is now here, but don't try to prove it by the weather. Thursday, the first day, is an indication of what's to come.

Eola District Votes Today On Fire District

EOLA—Organization of a proposed rural fire protection district for this area will be voted on Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Salem Academy.

Dedication of Church Slated

MT. ANGEL—The new Mt. Angel Abbey Church will be dedicated at 10 a.m. Friday, and a large crowd is expected to witness the event.

Archbishop Edward H. Howard, Portland, will officiate at the blessing. Ceremonies will begin with the blessing of the outside walls.

The church was started two years ago and completes the first unit of structures planned to replace those destroyed by fire in 1926.

Seven Escape Boys' School

Seven trainees of McClaren School for Boys at Woodburn escaped Thursday evening, but one was re-captured a short time later. The seven, two of whom had not been completely identified at a press time this morning, broke away from a line of boys returning to their quarters from the gymnasium.

Salem Spring Festival Sales Feature Today

Spring Festival sales are publicized again today by Downtown Salem Merchants Association on the second of five special merchandise sales.

The drawing will be at 5:30 p.m. today at the courthouse steps. Tickets remain in the drawing through March 29, finale of the Festival.

New Armory For Salem In Staff Plan

New armories for Salem and Medford are proposed by Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea and his general staff, it was announced Thursday.

Reds Ask for Added Time

MUNSAN (AP)—Communist truce negotiators Friday asked for more time to outline the North Korean areas where neutral inspections teams will operate after an armistice is signed.

FILING FEES TOTALED

The 450 candidates who filed for positions in Oregon's May 16 primary paid \$8,915 in filing fees, David O'Hara, head of the State Elections Bureau, said Thursday.

Marooned Hunt Dogs Fight Off Angry Eagles

DARRINGTON, Wash. (AP)—A crew of six experienced mountain climbers will brave a perilous climb Friday morning in an attempt to rescue three marooned hunting dogs which have battled cold, hunger and eagles for two weeks.

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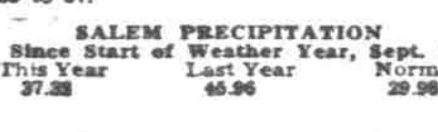
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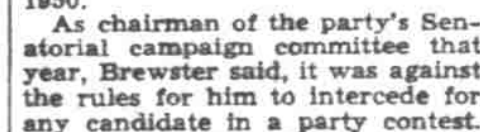
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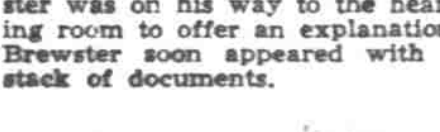
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