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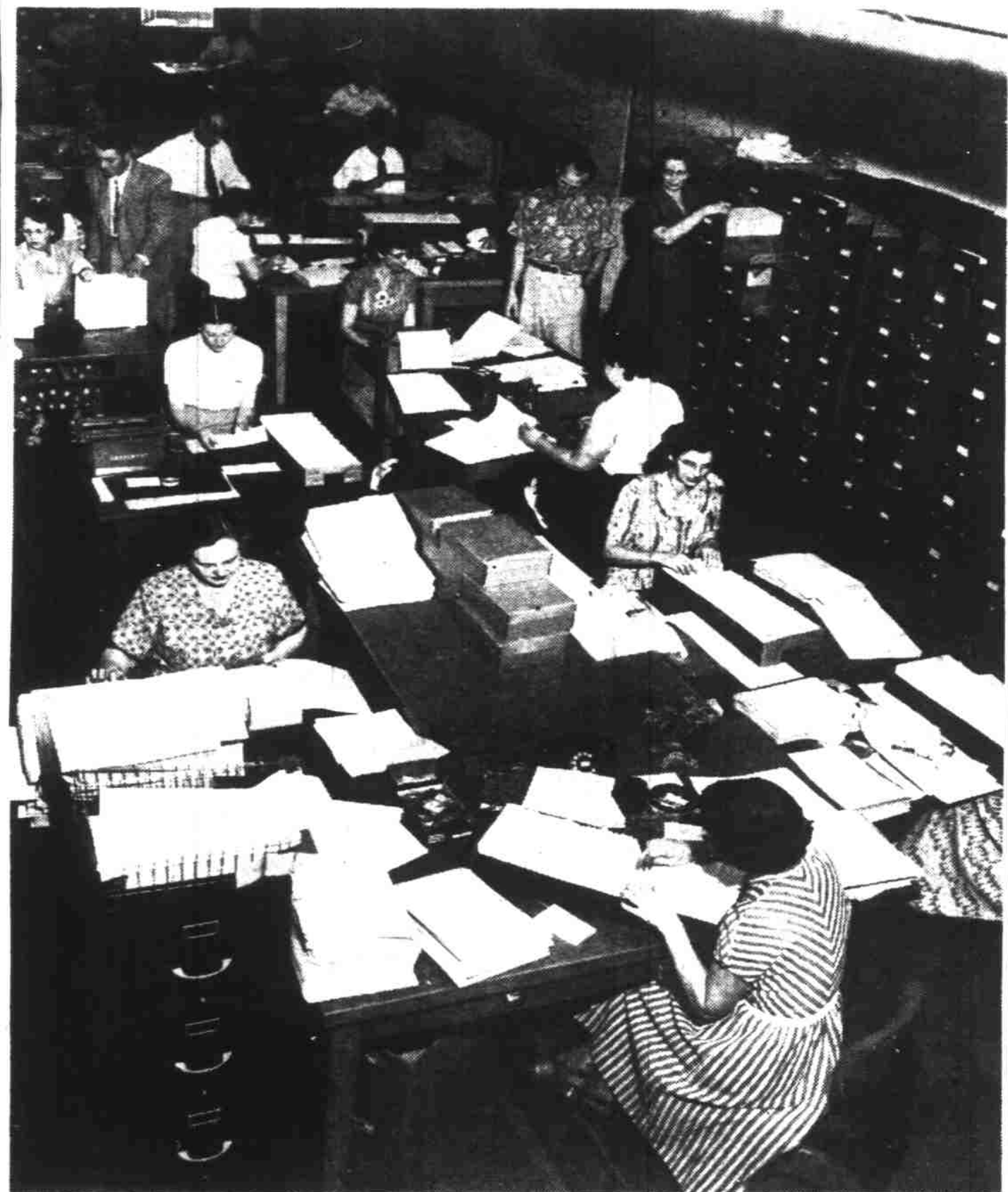
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Paul Wallace's Will Leaves 14 Riverfront Acres To Salem, Rebukes City Officials for Park Policy

In a stinging rebuke to Salem city officials, the last will and testament of Paul B. Wallace presented to the city late Monday a section of ground once a part of his long-standing dream for an outstanding river-side park. A probate of Wallace's will at Dallas yesterday showed that he had bequeathed to the city, for use "in the general public interest," around 14 acres of property along the Willamette River at the west ends of three bridges—the Center Street bridge, the Union Street bridge and the proposed Marion Street bridge.

Joseph H. Albert and Paul B. Wallace, Albert described as "one of Salem's most generous and public-spirited citizens." During Albert's lifetime, he and Wallace owned the property jointly. The will estimated that the deceased would leave an estate that will amount to \$100,000 or more. The Salem YMCA, of which Wallace was long-time head, was bequeathed \$5,000; a cousin, Robert Trimble Jr., \$1,000; Willamette University the unpaid balance of a \$10,000 pledge; personal effects to his two daughters, Nancy Lou Gormsen and Pauline Black Guild, and the residue to the First National Bank. The will also directed that "out-

Veterans Bonus Checks Ready for Mail



Before Oregon veterans bonus checks can go into the mails today they must be processed for final moves. This picture shows workers in the bonus division of the Department of Veterans Affairs preparing the checks for certification by the secretary of state's office. Women working in foreground include Frances Cole, Lois Hill, Marjorie Davey, Helen Hill, Eleanor Wilbur, Maxine McCullough, Leona Schrabach, Ann Clemens, and Clara Webb. Lone man in foreground is John Martin.

Russ Say Swedes Shot First

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—Russia claimed Tuesday night that a Swedish plane shot down by Soviet jet fighters in the Baltic Sea Monday opened fire on the Russians first. The tempo of Swedish anger and anti-Soviet demonstrations here already had quickened when the Russian claim was made on the Moscow radio. The Swedish government gave its air-sea forces orders to shoot back at any further Soviet attacks. The government has stated the Swedish plane was unarmed and on a mercy mission searching for another Swedish plane missing in the Baltic and believed to be another victim of the Russian jets. Moscow said Soviet foreign minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky handed the Swedish ambassador in Moscow a note alleging that the Swedish plane flew over Russian territory, opened fire on Soviet fighters when ordered to land, and flew out to sea after the Soviet fighters returned the fire. Shooting down of the Swedish plane has angered Swedes like nothing else in years. As news of the Russian version was broadcast from Moscow, a revenge-minded mob was demonstrating in front of the Russian Embassy. Mounted police drove off the crowd after some three firecrackers at the grey stone building.

Volunteers Needed for Sky-Watch

WASHINGTON (AP)—Oregon will have to recruit many volunteers to put the watch for air-planes on a 24-hour basis in the state, Civil Defense Director Jack Hayes of Salem said Monday. He attended a conference here at which it was decided to establish the watch in the United States and territories July 14. Hayes objected to starting the watch so soon, but said "we in Oregon will do our best to carry it out."

Mobley Named to Constable Post

E. L. Mobley, Silverton city police officer, was appointed Tuesday by Marion County Court as constable for Silverton justice of the peace district. Mobley replaces Emery Jackson, who also served as both constable and city policeman until he was killed on duty June 8. Mobley was with him and disarmed and subdued Jackson's assailant, Bruce Ashcroft.

Record Ballot in Albany Election

ALBANY—Platt Davis will succeed George Messer as director of school district 25 (Albany). Davis won over Dr. T. W. Sahlstrom 1617 to 602 Monday. More votes were cast than in any previous Albany school election.

City Annexation Appeals To Get Cooler Reception

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Ex-Con Lists Robbery Try In Confession

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT Staff Writer, The Statesman

THE DALLES — Frail, remorseful Albert Williams Karnes, a 24-year-old ex-convict, Tuesday night admitted the axe slaying of elderly Mrs. Susan Litchfield in the woodshed of her Salem home, it was announced by Salem Police Chief Clyde A. Warren after he questioned the suspect here at Wasco County Courthouse.

Karnes, a former roomer in the 81-year-old widow's home at 1333 Waller St., Salem, signed a 14-page statement after a brief interrogation by Chief Warren and other Salem officers. Karnes' statement said he went to the Litchfield home June 7 expecting to rob the woman. Chief Warren did not disclose the details of Karnes' altercation with the widow, but he did quote Karnes as confessing that the woodshed axe had been the weapon used. Mrs. Litchfield's mutilated body was found later that Sunday by Harold Shell, a roomer in her house.

In Salem Tuesday night District Attorney E. O. Stadler Jr., said he was beginning immediately to prepare a first-degree murder charge against Karnes. To Return Karnes Chief Warren said he expected to return Karnes to Salem Wednesday. Chief Warren said he had a complete, signed confession from Karnes detailing his movements in Salem on June 6, the day before the slaying, and June 7, when the elderly widow was murdered. Karnes told of going to Salem from near Newport where he wrecked his car June 5. He said he traveled by way of the Salmon River Highway to McMinnville, then hitchhiked to Rickreall where he caught another ride into Salem, arriving about 4 p.m. Friday, June 6.

He said he went to the Litchfield home first that evening to seek some trace of his ex-wife who had divorced him while he was in the Washington State reformatory at Monroe for burglary. Details Undisclosed Details of Karnes' activities Friday night were not revealed by Warren, but he said Karnes stayed in Salem, returning to the Litchfield home in the afternoon Saturday with the idea of robbing the old woman of money she kept in the house. Warren personally conducted 20-minute interrogation. He said "apparently the woman had resisted Karnes' attack before being chopped down."

Washed, Chained Karnes said he returned inside the house after the slaying, washed himself in the bathroom and changed his clothes. It was after he had changed his clothes that he opened the door to the bedroom where Harold Shell, roomer at the house, was sleeping. Shell had told of being awakened at the time he estimated to be about 2:30 p.m. and seeing the man which he later identified as Karnes. Shell, with two other witnesses, was brought here in an attempt to identify Karnes as being in Salem the day of the murder. The other two, Mrs. K. S. Thurston, 1285 Waller St., a half-block from the death scene, and Ben Kerlee, 2425 State St., also said they had seen Karnes in Salem June 7 after viewing him in the cell of the county jail here. It was other evidence, not disclosed by police, which clinched the case against Karnes, Warren said. The evidence was uncovered as Warren and other police officers were checking through Karnes' suitcase which was found in a hotel in The Dalles where he had registered under the name of Bill Davidson the night of the slaying. (Additional details on page 2.)

REDS FAIL TO ATTACK SEOUL (AP)—Chinese Reds Tuesday night failed to attack American troops holding three peaks on a bitterly-contested hill mass on the Western Korean front.

Berry Patches 'Spoiling Away' Some strawberry patches are "just spoiling away" for lack of pickers, the Oregon Labor Council reported Tuesday, and in other areas farmers are sharing their crews with their neighbors to salvage as much of the crop as possible. In Silverton, the Council said pickers also were badly needed and commended Chief of Police Grossnickel of that city for working in the fields in his off-time.

Long Island Rail Walkout Ends NEW YORK (AP)—A two-day strike of Long Island Railroad engineers ended Tuesday night after straggling 150,000 commuters in one of the most transportation tieups in New York history. The first train rolled out of Jamaica, Queens, at 6:30 p.m. (EST) bound for Brooklyn. The 350 striking engineers and motormen on the nation's busiest passenger line settled their strike two and a half hours earlier. Full service was expected by midnight.

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THE WEATHER
Salem Max. Min. Precip.
Portland 77 47 20
San Francisco 76 53 20
Chicago 85 67 20
New York 90 58 trace
WILMETTE (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear and warm today and tonight. Highest temperature today near 85 and low tonight near 50. Precipitation at 12:01 a.m. was 15 degrees.
SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
41.28 49.71 38.58
(Additional zoning news on Page 2.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Speaker at the closing session of the Oregon Bankers association in Salem yesterday was Dr. Lester E. Reukema, Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of California. His topic was "Industrial Applications of Atomic Energy." For an hour and a half he stood before his audience and poured out facts and figures in a bewildering array, without reference to a note of any kind. He was, as they often say of speakers but this time with more truth, "full of his subject."

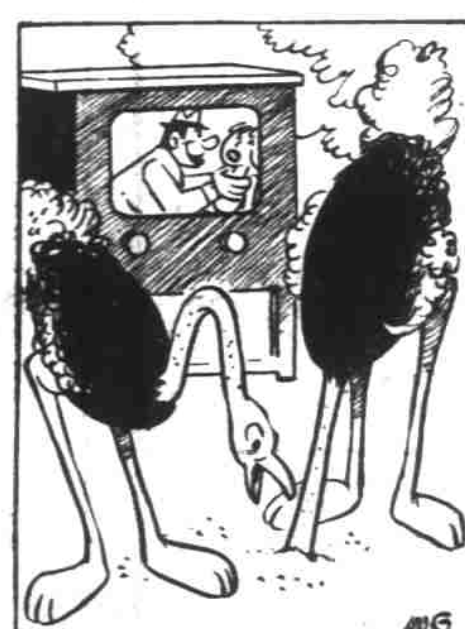
Dr. Reukema discussed the scientific basis of atomic energy through the fission of the atom, and related briefly the history of the successful development of the atom bomb during the war years. How the theory of atomic fission developed bit by bit, through the studies of scientists of different lands, and how the United States investing huge sums of money did the practical experimentation which produced the bomb are a fabulous story still known only sketchily by the people. They do know we have A-bombs, know we have been perfecting them into smaller units for battlefield uses, and know that we are attempting to make the even more powerful hydrogen bomb.

What still is a mystery is the possibility of the practical use of atomic fission for peacetime pursuits. The first reports were that such a possibility was quite remote. Cost of the plants would be so great that only in remote places where fuel was unavailable would generation of power through atomic fission be practical.

Dr. Reukema gave a much more optimistic report, which indicates that the scientists have been making progress toward harnessing atomic energy. At Arco, Idaho, an engine has been built for powering a submarine and last week President Truman presided at laying the keel of the

PAY BOOST ACCEPTED ASTORIA (AP)—A pay increase offered by fish packers was accepted Monday by CIO cannery workers here. Women workers will receive a boost of 4 cents an hour and men 6 to 10 cents under the agreement, reached a few hours before a scheduled strike vote by the 1500 union members.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Commercial's over!"

Mrs. Kader Protests 'Lies' With Screams

PORTLAND (AP)—A woman on trial here for murder in the death of her 3-year-old daughter screamed in court that a prosecuting attorney was lying as he outlined the state's case for the jury. Mrs. Jada Kader, 22, the defendant, buried her head in her hands and sobbed after the outburst when she was pulled back into her chair by attorneys. She is accused of killing her daughter Sherrie, whose body was found in a drainage pit. Vickie, another daughter, aged 4, told police that her mother had held her hand over Sherrie's mouth until she went to sleep. Judge Frank J. Lonergan questioned Vickie before court convened to determine whether she should be a witness. He did not announce his decision.

Boy Killed in Gun Accident

PORTLAND (AP)—William Pence, 9, was accidentally killed Tuesday by a 12-year-old friend who was showing off a new rifle, police reported. Police said John Richardson fired one shot that killed Pence while they and four other youngsters were in the bedroom of the Richardson home. Police said the Richardson boy told them he thought he had taken all the bullets out of the gun when he playfully pointed at the Pence boy's head and pulled the trigger. The gun was a gift of the boy's father, W. G. Richardson. He said he had warned the boy never to use the gun unless he was present.

Contract to Revise Fairview Home Kitchen Awarded

The State Board of Control awarded a \$174,576 contract for remodeling the kitchen and dining room at the State Fairview Home for feeble-minded persons here. The contract went to H. G. Carl, Salem. The bid was \$50,000 more than estimated.

Thief Won't Bite Hand He Expects May Feed Him

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP)—A burglar was rummaging through an office when he discovered it was headquarters of the Vigo County Community Chest. He departed empty handed and left this note: "Sorry Sir or Sirs—I have made a terrible mistake. Everything is in good shape. Maybe we meet some time."

State GOP Delegates to Fly to Denver Today

Seven Oregon delegates to the Republican National convention, headed by Gov. Douglas McKay, will fly to Denver, Colo., Wednesday, to confer with General Dwight D. Eisenhower. McKay is chairman of the 18-member Oregon delegation to the convention. The group will leave the Portland airport at 7:20 a. m., and return late in the day.

Army Approves Mac's Role of Keynote Speaker

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army decided Tuesday that Gen. Douglas MacArthur can go ahead and keynote the Republican national convention without violating the ban against political activity by military personnel. The Army explained that the no-politics order was meant to apply only to persons "engaged either in the formulation of military policy or in the execution of any of the tasks of the Army."

Seal Born At Aquarium

SEASIDE (AP)—Flipper, a 125-pound seal at the Seaside aquarium, Tuesday gave birth to a 19-pound female offspring. A. W. Ensor, aquarium owner, said never before has a baby seal been conceived and born in captivity. Artificial respiration was necessary to start the little seal breathing, he said.



Western International At Vancouver 6-4, Salem 0-11. At Oakland 3, Seattle 1. At Sacramento 4, San Francisco 4. At Yakima 6, Spokane 7. Coast League At Los Angeles 1, Portland 2. At Oakland 3, Seattle 1. At San Diego 2, Hollywood 5. National League At Brooklyn 9, Chicago 1. At Philadelphia 2-9, St. Louis 1-4. At Boston 5, Cincinnati 1. At New York 2, Pittsburgh 6. American League At Detroit 7, New York 6. At Cleveland 3, Washington 4. At St. Louis 3, Boston 1. At Chicago 13-2, Philadelphia 1-1.

Bonus Checks On Way to Vets Today

The first Oregon veterans bonus checks will be mailed out this afternoon to veterans, most of whom have already spent their money. Approximately 40,000 checks will be mailed by Saturday.

Checks are being mailed to veterans in the order in which applications were filed, according to William F. Garrenstrom, director of the State Department of Veterans Affairs. First Salem veteran to receive his check will be Arnold Melvin Kuper, 1225 Park Ave. Kuper, an employee of Truax Oil Company will not be home to open his \$285 bonanza. He is vacationing in Sacramento, Calif.

The 34-year-old veteran will find plenty of places to spend his check, as he recently built a new home. He is married and is the father of two small daughters. He served in the Navy in the Pacific theatre—from April 3, 1944, to Dec. 15, 1945. Another Oregon citizen eligible for a bonus—Gov. Douglas McKay—said Tuesday he has been "too busy" recently to file for his bonus. The governor is eligible for about 42 months of bonus money. "When I get my check," he said, "I'll probably spend it for taxes," he said.

First dependent of a Salem veteran to receive a check will be Barbara Lorraine Smith, 1.40 Cloverleaf Ln., widow of Floyd Earl Smith, who died of service-connected causes. Mrs. Smith has a son and daughter and will receive the maximum bonus payment of \$600. (Story also on page 12.)

GOVERNOR FAVORS IKE

SEATTLE (AP)—Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland said Tuesday his home state's votes at the Republican national convention will be for him on the first ballot. He added in a radio interview that after the first ballot it will be a free delegation, with the majority "leaning strongly to Gen. Eisenhower."