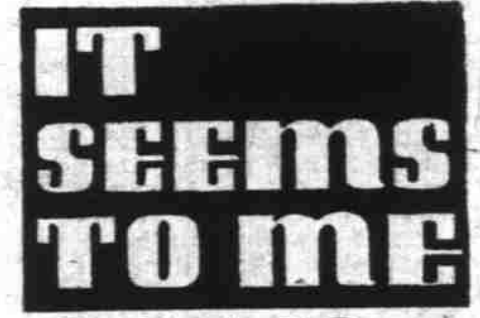


Mid-Valley Gets Early Peek At Spring, But Chill Follows

Stalin Confers With Argentine Diplomat

MOSCOW (AP) — Prime Minister Stalin has told Argentina's new ambassador there would be no war if each country stayed out of the internal affairs of other countries, the envoy disclosed Sunday.



By Charles F. Sprague

Repeat of the secrecy provision affecting recipients of old age assistance is sought in a bill introduced in the Assembly. The hope is that publicity will, as the Capital-Journal says, "drive chiselers and unworthies off the welfare rolls." That paper concludes: "In the interest of the heavily burdened taxpayers of Oregon this bill should be given approval by the Assembly."

Since the Congress changed the law to deny aid to states refusing to keep its welfare information secret eight states have acted to open lists for inspection as to names and amounts received. It is much too early to determine what savings the change produces. The latest summary I have seen is one of the Tax Foundation, New York, issued last month. This tax-conscious organization reports that one state had 289 cases closed at clients' request in less than a year after secrecy was moved, but another state reported only four closures in two months.

Illinois notes no appreciable reduction in caseload and applications following public inspection, but cites the advantage of increased public confidence in the integrity of the rolls.

Indiana, which led the fight for open welfare rolls, reported (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

Secrecy Pact Delays Word Of Boy's Death

DETROIT (AP) — A pact by frightened playmates to keep secret the accidental death of a 10-year-old chum in a rubbish pit Saturday was dissolved Sunday when the victim's brother told his mother.

Early Sunday police recovered the body of David Earl Deneau of nearby Nankin Township from an icy pool at the bottom of the pit. The victim's brother, Bruce, 13, told his mother, Mrs. Ernest Deneau, after he had made a pact with a number of playmates to keep the death secret. David's mother, when she learned of the death, said she would be blamed. Bruce said the boys had been playing in a pit scooped out for the disposal of rubbish.

Suddenly a chunk of frozen dirt and sand slipped away from the top of the excavation. It struck David and knocked him into the foot-deep water.

His playmates scrambled down to lift the frozen mass that pinned their chum. It was too heavy. A few moments later, David's head disappeared below the icy surface.

Bruce and Dale talked it over. "We were afraid," Bruce said. "We thought we would be blamed. We thought they would electrocute us or something like that."

When David failed to return that night, his mother awakened Bruce, who said: "He's in the water."

Flowers Bloom; Snow Sparse In Mountains

Lawns were mowed, trees pruned and cars washed Sunday during February sunshine which warmed Salem to 55 degrees, but night temperatures sank to 31 degrees shortly after 11 p.m.

U. S. Weathermen predicted that temperatures might drop to as low as 29 degrees during the early morning hours of Monday, but they anticipated early morning fog would keep it from getting colder. The next two days were slated by weathermen to be cold with fog in the mornings and warmer with sunshine in the afternoons. Temperatures were expected to be about the same as Sunday's.

Rush of Flowers Sunday's first hint of spring followed an unusually early rush of flowers as well as the pre-springtime roadful of nature-seeking Sunday drivers. State Police reported highways were generously abounding with traffic, but no serious accidents occurred.

The valley was sharing one of the mildest winters in a decade with the North Santiam country, usually deeply laden this time of year with snow and ice. The Detroit-Idanha area recorded a January rainfall record of 27.09 inches, but reported another near record in the lack of snow for the winter. Thus far only 12 inches of snow has been recorded at Detroit which had 122 inches of snow in January of 1950.

Mild weather has been noticeable in the Cascade Mountain areas too, because of the absence of deer and other wildlife normally driven to lower levels by hunger. Natural forage conditions are excellent this year with little or no snow on higher elevations of the North Santiam, Breitenbush and Little North Fork watersheds.

Santiam Canyon residents, too, have reported early shrubs and spring bulbs several weeks ahead of schedule as they have been in the Willamette Valley. One Salem Route 1 resident reported her camellia bush had been in bloom since November.

Weathermen warned Sunday that the fair weather may bring cold weather also and some danger to far advanced flowers and shrubs. Through Sunday, however, 1953 temperatures continued to range far above normal. Daily averages through the first six days of February ranged from 4 to 13 degrees over normal for the period.

Strong Winds Hit California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — On the heels of a midwinter hot spell strong and gusty winds hit Southern California Sunday, toppling scores of trees, littering streets with debris and in some sections breaking plate windows and ripping out power lines.

After several warm days, with the temperature hitting 85 Saturday, winds bore down from the North and Northwest Sunday and storm warnings were up along the Southern California Coast.

The indication that the guided missile warships might be added to the Seventh Fleet's striking power was contained in an account of the Navy's part in the Korean War. The announcement said: "At least four new type ships could be added to the Seventh Fleet in the not too distant future to insure guided missile warfare should the war situation require their use."

Churchgoers at Jefferson Found Only Ruins



JEFFERSON—One of the final stages of destruction by fire of the Jefferson Evangelical United Brethren Church was caught on film Sunday morning by photographer Harold Wynd. The blaze, which destroyed the building, was started by an unknown origin sometime after 4 a.m. Sunday.

June Haver Begins Training at Convent

LEAVENWORTH, Kas. (AP)—Actress June Haver stepped Sunday from a glamorous life of movie stardom into the quiet sanctuary of the Sisters of Charity.

The 26-year-old blonde dancing star left behind a \$3,500 a week salary in her movie career that has brought her personal tragedy as well as acclaim. She wants to become a Catholic nun and care for children or nurse the sick.

Her arrival at Xavier, Kas., was not known until it was announced some four hours later. Although she had announced her intentions of becoming a nun five days ago in a statement to her studio, Miss Haver had not disclosed when or where she would enter a convent.

Miss Haver arrived at 3 p.m., at Kansas City's Municipal Airport and was met by friends who drove her the remaining 25 miles to the Mother House at Xavier.

On Wednesday, with about a dozen other novitiates, she will embark on a two-year course of training for the sisterhood.

During the training she will wear the regulation black habit of skirt, cape and net cap. She will not be permitted interviews, nor can photographs be taken of her, a sister said.

In her statement Feb. 4 Miss Haver said: "I am determined to be a sister of charity, with the grace of God and the approval of His church and to consecrate my life to the service of God in His sick and in His children."

The Sisters of Charity, a corporation, is a Catholic sisterhood that trains for the teaching of youth in parochial schools, nursing in hospitals and caring for orphans. Candidates have no choice of the field they enter.

The first six months of the novitiate is considered a probationary period for both the candidate and the Sisters. During this period training may be terminated by either.

Woman Dies At Age of 110 CLINCHPORT, Va. (AP) — Mrs. Saffie Robton Gilreath, a deep-in-the-mountains resident of Scott County, died Sunday at the age of 110.

A case of influenza which turned into pneumonia finally claimed the life of the spry little lady. Almost until the last she was of straight body and firm step. The illness that precipitated her death was one of the few times she was sick.

Fire Destroys U.B. Church At Jefferson

JEFFERSON—Fire of undetermined origin, totally destroyed the Jefferson Evangelical United Brethren Church Sunday morning.

Fire was discovered at 8 o'clock, by the Irvine Wright family living next door to the church, and it was too far advanced for the building to be saved by the time the city fire department could be notified and reached the scene. Only \$1,300 insurance was carried on the building.

Nothing in the building was saved. When Rev. Gene Kester, pastor, rushed over to save the church records, smoke and flames belloyed out the door when he opened it. The very early records of the church, that Kester had at the parsonage, were all that were saved.

The church observed its 60th anniversary last May 11, at services here, with Bishop Ida D. Warner and Dr. C. P. Gates, conference superintendent, officiating.

First dedicated May 15, 1891, the church has had 32 ministers. Rev. I. B. Fisher was its first pastor from 1891 to 1893. Rev. Gene Kester is the present pastor, coming here from Portland in 1951.

The church had been planning a new church building in the near future, but had hoped to use much of the furnishings, dishes, silverware, etc., destroyed in today's fire.

A forced air oil furnace was used for heating the building, and it is not known whether fire started from the stove or defective wiring. Rev. Kester had started a fire at 4 o'clock this morning to warm the building for church services at 10 o'clock.

RESERVOIRS TO FILL BOISE Idaho (AP) — Virtually all Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs in the Pacific Northwest are expected to be filled for the 1953 irrigation season, Regional Director Harold T. Nelson said Saturday.

Reports on a neighborhood zone squabble and on city charges for fire protection beyond city limits are scheduled for Salem City Council at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in City Hall.

Several residents near 21st and Bellevue Streets have complained to the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission and to the Council that a wood products firm, Reinhold and Lewis, has extended its operations into a residential zone in their neighborhood.

Arthur Godfrey, Gen. LeMay on 'Secret' Air Trip

OMAHA (AP) — Arthur Godfrey, radio and television personality, and Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, commander of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), took off by plane Sunday for an inspection of overseas air bases.

A spokesman for the SAC said the trip was "classified" information but confirmed that they would visit SAC bases in Europe and North Africa.

Mau Maus Slay British Farmer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A Mau Mau gang murdered a British farm manager Saturday night, slaying him to death with long knives. The victim, Anthony Gibson, about 30, was found in his house, about 14 miles from Nyeri.

Childless People to Pay Extra Tax in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — The government outlined a broad program Sunday aimed at encouraging Hungarians to have more children.

THE WEATHER

Place	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	55	36	.00
Portland	51	35	.00
San Francisco	61	41	.00
Chicago	45	28	trace
New York	42	35	.00
Williamsport	42	35	.00

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy but mostly sunny today and Tuesday with local morning fog. Little temperature change with the highest near 52, lowest tonight near 32. Temperature at 11:01 a.m. was 32 degrees.

Dulles Warns Europe 'Unite Or Face War'

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles ended his swing through seven Western European states Sunday with a warning they must unite or be engulfed in war.

Climaxing his nine-day foreign policy survey which began a week ago Saturday in Rome, the secretary urged Schuman plan officials to push on to greater unification if they want to maintain world peace.

Dulles, accompanied by Mutual Security Administrator Harold Stassen and other officials, took off from Luxembourg Airport at 5:05 p. m. for Washington, where he said he would report directly to President Eisenhower when he arrives Monday morning.

Real Solidarity "We believe," he said, "that Europe can be built only by concrete actions creating a real solidarity and a common basis for economic development which will enable its production to expand and its standard of living to rise."

"We believe that the European nations must substitute for their historic rivalries a fusion of their essential interests, must establish a foundation of a broader and deeper community among their peoples who have been divided too long, and finally must create institutions capable of giving directions to their future common destiny."

This was an obvious reference to the European Army Treaty (EDC) which Dulles wants ratified as quickly as possible — April is the month he has mentioned for concrete progress — and to present plans for a "political authority" among the six nations as the germ for eventual confederation.

Ten Brother Teams in Fire Department

Salem's firemen were burned up Sunday. The looked down their aerial ladders at a Statesman picture of four police-brother combinations and reported they could double that effort and still have two teams and a father-son combination left over.

When the sizzling fire esters got through counting familiar faces they had ten brother teams. Firemen brothers include Alfred H. and Milo Aeschlimann, Dean D. and Melvin E. Hagedorn, Gerald T. and John W. Hall, William and Fred Hunt, Bertram L. and William S. Iverson, Robert and Walter W. Mills, Wayne and Warren Painter, Donald and Harvey Reinke, Earl and Kenneth Sherwood and John D. Jr. and Thomas Stettler. John D. Stettler Sr., father of the last two, completes the list.

They were still counting up the number of years total service represented by the 23 Sunday night, but guessed it would run over the 300 mark. Two combinations, the Hunts and Mills, boast over 60 years each.

Fire Protection Decision, Zone Squabble on City Council Docket

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At the Council's direction, City Manager J. L. Franzen has visited the site and studied the matter preparatory to making a report on the situation Monday night. It is unlikely he will make any specific recommendations on the controversy.

In the fire protection issue, aldermen have asked City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz to review present city policy in assessing the cost of such service when authorized in areas outside city limits. The present policy, established by resolution and therefore left largely to the Council's discretion, calls for a charge based on 6 mills of the assessed valuation of property to be protected.

Dope Charges Grow Among GI's in Korea

By STAN CARTER SEUL (AP) — Twelve to 15 U. S. soldiers, Marines and airmen are tried each month by general courts martial in Korea on narcotics charges, official figures showed Monday. An even larger number are tried for murder, rape or other crimes of violence.

The figures were disclosed in court records made available by the U. S. Eighth Army, the Korean communications zone, the First Marine Division and the U. S. Fifth Air Force.

Eight Army headquarters, corps and division courts between six and eight soldiers each month for possession or use of narcotics, a high official disclosed. From August through December, the Korean communications zone in the rear areas tried five men a month. The Fifth Air Force tried 20 airmen last year on narcotics charges.

Most Plead Guilty Unlike homicide cases, almost all narcotics trials result in convictions. Of the 20 cases tried last year by the Fifth Air Force, for instance, there was only one acquittal. An Eighth Army legal officer said most of the narcotics suspects plead guilty.

The Army courts usually sentence narcotics offenders to one to two years in prison and discharge from the service.

Officers are worried about the narcotics cases because evidence shows most of the offenders picked up the habit here in Korea. Easy To Buy The chief narcotics agent in the Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID) said narcotics are cheaper and easier to buy in Korea than in any place in the United States.

Korean peddlers sell heroin on street corners in Seoul, Inchon, Taegu and other cities. The agent said Marijuana grows wild in the fields. Most of the offenders are service men stationed in rear areas in or near the large cities.

Some of the offenders are addicts who have resumed the use of narcotics in Korea because of the plentiful supply. Men sometimes become involved in black marketing or theft in order to get money to buy narcotics.

An agent told of one soldier who went AWOL from his unit when he was about to be arrested here as he could remain in Korea where the narcotics supply was plentiful.

Communists Offer Pork and Beans Surrender Diet

WESTERN FRONT, Korea (AP) — Red propagandists apparently figure the shortest way to a man's surrender is through his stomach. Loudspeaker broadcasts in English to a frontline American division said:

"Eisenhower is now in office but the war didn't end. The only way x x x is for the U.N. troops to come crawling on their knees x x x if you surrender you will be given good food, such as pork and beans and mashed potatoes."

Portland Elks Club Damaged by Blaze PORTLAND (AP) — A fire which broke out in the basement of the Portland Elks Club early Sunday did an estimated \$15,000 damage before being controlled.

Daily Speller!

(The following words are among those from which will be chosen the words for the 1953 Oregon State — K.S.M. Spelling Contest for 7th and 8th graders of Marion, Polk and part of Yamhill County:

- quarrel
- limit
- obstacle
- include
- mutual
- guardian
- mystery
- empire
- motion
- optimistic
- medical
- commerce
- document
- cashier
- divisible
- dainty
- severely
- dairy
- renewal