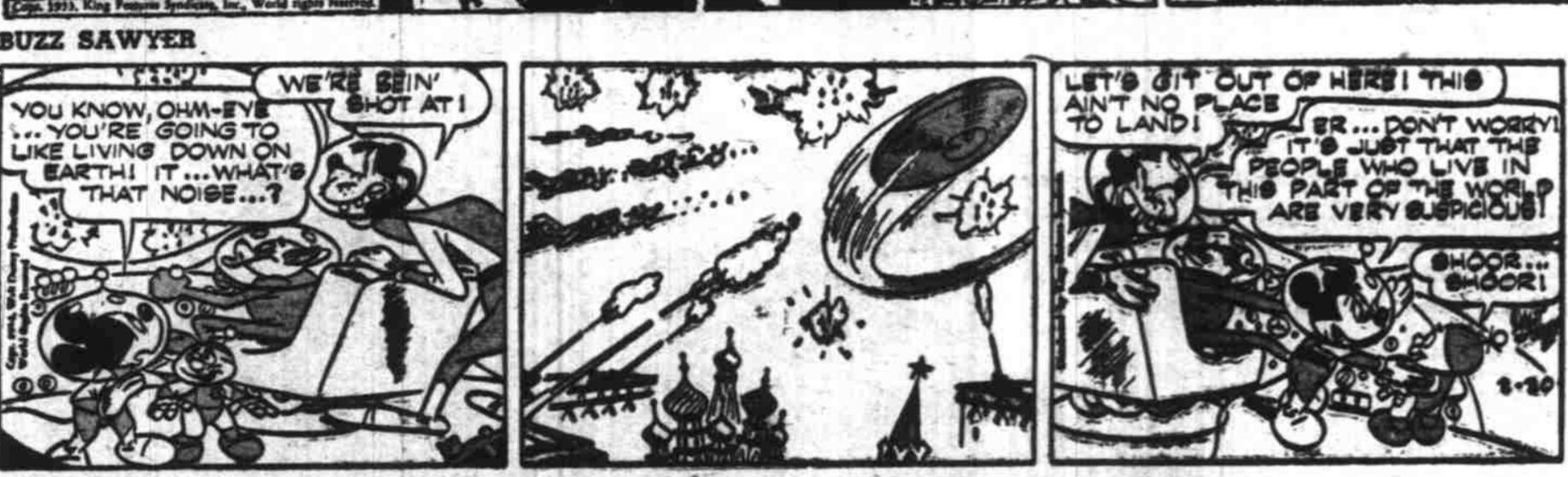


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State Farmer's Union Session Due Saturday

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
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One of Oregon's big annual farm events is set to start Saturday night at 6:30 with the Juniors' banquet of the 43rd convention of the Oregon State Farmers Union.
Usually the banquet is held the first night of the federation meeting which would be Tuesday night, but junior leaders felt that Saturday night would be a better time than a school night, and so voted to hold the banquet earlier at the Golden Arrow cafe.
Miss Flossie Harris, member of the national Farmers Union educational staff, who is here this week calling on locals, will be present at the banquet, and Dr. Dan Poling, dean of men at Oregon State College will be the featured speaker.

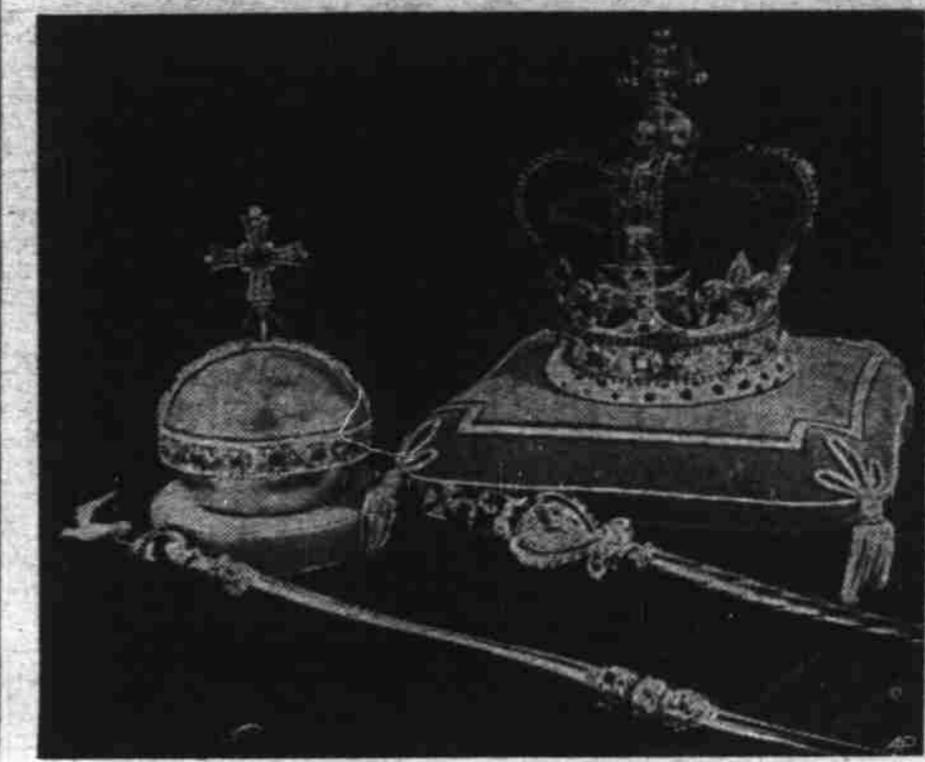
The federation convention proper will open Tuesday at 10 a.m., with the report of the president, Richard Moeller, of Hillsboro, on the opening agenda. Usual business of the convention and convention reports will be featured the first day.
Wednesday morning the feature will be a talk by C. A. Sprague, publisher of The Oregon Statesman, who will tell of his experiences while an alternate on the United Nations this past autumn. Business Wednesday afternoon will be given over to the insurance division of the federation.

The annual adult banquet will be held Wednesday night at the Knights of Columbus hall, the dining room of which is large enough to accommodate 400 people. Harvey Solberg from the national office in Denver, Colo., and a member of the national executive board, will be the principal banquet speaker. A number of musical numbers have also been arranged.
Legislative matters are expected to be embodied in the majority of the resolutions which will be presented on the final morning of the convention, Thursday. Elections of officers will probably be held over until Thursday afternoon, as the morning will be filled with resolutions and final business actions, Moeller said this week, while at Salem making arrangements for the big event.

A report will be made on the Lyle Thomas Memorial Fund which has now passed the \$1,200 mark. Less than \$20 remains to be raised to reach the Farmers Union goal of \$1,500 which will be used to assist with the education of Thomas' two children when they reach college age. The Oregon Educational Assn., in recognition of Thomas' long service to Oregon schools, recently contributed \$500 toward the fund. Thomas served as secretary of the Oregon State Farmers Union for many years.

A report will also be made on the annual meeting of the Farmers Union Health Association which was recently held. Another report will include the progress on the Farmers Union Cooperative campaign. The goal of the cooperative campaign is 300 farm families by early March, and Ray Rautschman, chairman of the board for the cooperative, reports that the majority of these, he hopes, will be signed up by convention time. When sufficient members have been obtained, the cooperative store will open in the Salem area, Rautschman is expected to give indication of approximate time for this in his report to the convention.
All convention meetings, other than the banquets, will be held at the Veterans of Foreign War's Hall on Hood street, Salem.

Fabulous Jewels Readied for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation



LONDON—St. Edward's crown, the orb, the scepter with cross and the scepter with dove which will be used June 2 at the coronation of Elizabeth II.

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AP Newsfeatures Writer
LONDON—Centuries of British history—its bloodshed, intrigue and tradition—will shimmer and glitter in the lights of Westminster Abbey when Queen Elizabeth II dons her coronation regalia next June 2.
Sparkling in the massive gold crown, the sceptres and state swords will be jewels too magnificent for money to buy—diamonds, rubies, sapphires, emeralds each steeped in history and with its own story to tell the world—and the Stuart sapphire.
Taken from their resting place in the Tower of London for the first time in 16 years, the world famous gems include the Black Prince's ruby, the Koh-i-nur diamond from ancient India, the huge Cullinan diamond—the largest cut diamond in the world—and the Stuart sapphire.
Not for Kings
The most famous of all—the Koh-i-nur—may not figure prominently in the ceremony. At present it is set in the front of the crown made specially for Queen Mary at the coronation of King George V in 1911.
It forms no official part of the royal regalia, for according to legend a curse will fall upon any king who wears it—although for some reason queens are exempt.
The Koh-i-nur was presented to Queen Victoria in 1849, when Britain annexed the India state of the Punjab. Its value then was set at 28 million dollars—a staggering sum even in those days.
"Mountain of Light"
The Koh-i-nur—the name means "mountain of light" was first found about 50 years before Christ, according to tradition, and throughout centuries it was shuttled backwards and forwards behind a history of double-dealing and murder—until eventually the British East India Co. took it over with the Punjab state jewels.
Another gem with a bloodstained past is the Black Prince's ruby, which glows balefully from the front of the imperial state crown and was described by the first Elizabeth as "great as a rocket ball."
Back in the 14th century—it was several hundred years old even then—it was owned by the King of Granada in Spain. He was murdered for it by Pedro the Cruel of Castile, who was later driven from his throne by his half-brother.
Pedro got the Black Prince, eldest son of Edward II, to help him back to the throne and rewarded the prince with the ruby. Soon afterwards the prince died and the ruby became a family heirloom.
Henry V carried it in his helmet against the French at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415—and promptly lost it. It was afterwards recovered and set in the royal crown.
This was the crown Richard III wore into battle against the future Henry VII at Bosworth.
Richard was killed and his crown rolled into a hawthorn bush. The sun glinting on the ruby led to discovery of the crown, which was used at the coronation of Henry V.
The ruby managed to escape the depredations of Oliver Cromwell's roundheads when they broke up the crown regalia in 1649. In an inventory made at the time, the roundheads dismissed it as merely "one large ruby, pierced and wrapped in paper, value four pounds."
At the restoration of the monarchy ten years later, Charles II had the ruby reset in the imperial state crown.
A stone with a longer and more peaceful history is the sapphire set in the cross surmounting the imperial crown.
This was once owned by Edward the Confessor, who wore it in 1042. The sapphire, said to have healing properties, was buried with Edward but was taken out of the shrine at Westminster Abbey 50 years later and joined the collection of royal jewels.
The Stuart sapphire is set at the back of the imperial crown. This was first owned by Charles II, but his brother, James II, took it with him to France when he was deposed in 1688. For more than 100 years it remained one of the few possessions of the exiled Stuart family, until Cardinal York, James' descendant, gave it to George III.
Costly History
The most recent addition to the crown jewels is the huge Cullinan diamond, found in South Africa in 1905 and presented to Edward VII by the Transvaal government.
It weighed over one and a half pounds when found, and was insured for \$2 million dollars. The war had it split into two large stones—both the largest cut diamonds in the world—two lesser stones and more than 100 small diamonds.
One of the large stones was set in the cross of the king's sceptre and the other in the imperial state crown.

Theater Fall Blamed in Damage Suit

Injuries allegedly resulting from a fall last summer in a Salem theater resulted Thursday in a Marion County circuit court suit for \$8,192 in damages.
Rhea Borkman brought suit against Albert and William Foreman, owners of Foreman Brothers, which operates the Grand Theater. She alleged that last July 23 she fell on the theater stairway and sustained a fractured wrist, sprained ankle and back and other injuries, for which medical care cost \$122. Lost salary totaled \$570.
General damages of \$7,500 are asked in the claim that the stairway carpet "shifted or crawled or gave way" so as to cause the plaintiff to fall or trip. She alleged negligence in placing of the carpet and in alleged lack of adequate handrails and lights.

Velde Claims Honest Error In Accusation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Velde (R-Ill.) of the House Un-American Activities Committee Thursday made an "honest mistake" in accusing Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer of writing a pro-Russian letter to a Soviet publication.
Mrs. Meyer is the wife of Eugene Meyer, board chairman of the Washington Post. Investigation disclosed another woman wrote the letter.
Velde issued a statement blaming his error on a case of mistaken identity stemming from complexities in translating the Russian language.
The Illinois lawmaker said he has "taken steps through appropriate disciplinary action against the employee responsible" for giving him the erroneous data.
Velde's statement came more than 24 hours after Mrs. Meyer accused him of spreading "reckless, irresponsible and false utterances" and declared he declined to make a retraction "even when confronted with the truth."
Mrs. Meyer said Velde was informed last Tuesday night, after he had made his accusation, that the actual writer of the letter was a British Columbia woman.
Velde's retraction followed a few hours after the Washington Post carried a story on its front page this morning under two-column headlines declaring "Congressman Declines to Retract: Mrs. Meyer exposes falsehood in attack on her by Rep. Velde."
The newspaper said Mrs. Meyer "branded the libel as a foretaste of what is to be expected in Velde's investigation of American educators."
The Post article said the newspaper's managing editor called Velde on Tuesday night, informed him of the error, and offered him an opportunity to "correct his erroneous statement if he wished to do so."
The Post went on to say that Velde refused to withdraw his accusation "unless Mrs. Meyer withdrew what she said about him and about Sen. McCarthy" in a speech earlier this week.
The controversy was touched off when Mrs. Meyer criticized Velde in addressing the American Association of School Administrators, at Atlantic City, N. J., on Tuesday.
The Illinois legislator countered with his statement about the pro-Russian letter.

U. N. Rejects Red Charge Of Violation

TOKYO (AP)—The U. N. Command Thursday rejected a Communist charge that an Allied plane carried a story on its front page this morning under two-column headlines declaring "Congressman Declines to Retract: Mrs. Meyer exposes falsehood in attack on her by Rep. Velde."
Weather was cloudy and the plane committed no hostile act, the U. N. Command said. It identified the plane as a liaison type aircraft.
"Harmless inadvertent overflights by reason of weather or technical conditions beyond control are not, in fact, violations," Col. Willard B. Carlock, liaison officer of the U. N. truce delegation, said in a letter to his Communist counterpart, Col. Ju Yon.
VAN FLEET ENROUTE
HONOLULU (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet called Thursday for the mainland U. S. and a date with Congress to explain how his old Eighth Army can smack the Reds a mortal blow in Korea.

Advertising Week Recognized

Advertising Recognition Week is recognized by Gov. Paul Patterson (right), as he hands his signed designation for the current week to Carroll O'Rourke, president of the Oregon Advertising Club. Approval is registered by Herb Michael (left), vice president of the Lane County Advertising Club and Bill Wilson, recognition committee chairman.

Nehru Starts Power System

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru will throw switches Friday and Saturday to inaugurate the first units of India's 140 million dollar multi-purpose power system, modeled after the Tennessee Valley Authority.
Involved are the Bokara steam power plant, the largest of its kind in Asia, and one of the series of dams in a gigantic irrigation, power, and flood control project covering the 330-mile-long Damodar Valley in Eastern India.
The Indian government, the World Bank—which lent \$8 million dollars—and a group of American and Indian engineers all shared in the development.
SKELETONS IN GRAVEYARD
MEXICO CIT (AP)—The mysterious discovery of 16 skeletons buried in a shallow grave in a suburban corn field was cleared up Thursday.
Land records showed the area was used as a cemetery during the Mexican Revolution.

Associated Oil Firm Awarded County's Pact

Marion County's petroleum products for the coming year will be purchased from Tide Water Associated Oil Co., according to a contract awarded Thursday by the County Court.
Bids opened Wednesday showed equal prices on all products from Associated and Shell companies, but Associated included a half-cent per gallon reduction on large-quantity gasoline delivery at the county shops in Salem.
The basic price per gallon are 21.7 cents for gasoline, 12.3 for diesel oil and 17.2 for kerosene.

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