

Cameron New President of Garden Board

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Garden Editor, The Statesman

David H. Cameron was elected president of the Salem Garden Council at its annual meeting Tuesday night at the YMCA. Cameron takes the place of Robert Brady who served this past year and opened the Tuesday night meeting.

George Candeaux was named vice president and Mrs. Morrell Cray secretary-treasurer.

The council members voted to sponsor and obtain the barn in Bush's Pasture for a Salem Garden Center such as has been set up in a number of other cities. The barn is 38 by 68 feet and could be used, council members pointed out, for flower shows, garden club meetings, various classes in gardening and flower arrangements as well as for allied arts.

Cameron was given authority to appoint a steering committee to accumulate and present material to further the center to various organizations as well as the Salem Park Commission.

Members of the council will join members of other garden clubs in the community at a meeting of the Salem Park Board Thursday at 4 p.m. in the city council chambers.

May 15-16 was tentatively set for the annual Salem Spring Flower show with George Candeaux as general chairman. Candeaux announced that Don Smith, now out of the city, would be asked to assist in arranging the show.

Robert Brady, program chairman of the Salem Rose Society, announced its meeting for Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the YMCA, with Dr. Marlowe Dittendahl of Portland as speaker. Lee Canfield society president, invites all rose lovers to attend.

The council will meet again on February 15 at 8 p.m. in the YMCA.

C. E. Luckey Mentioned for Federal D.A.

EUGENE — There was speculation here Tuesday that C. E. Luckey, Lane County district attorney, is being considered for appointment to the federal post of U. S. district attorney for Oregon.

It was learned that several prominent Eugene residents have been questioned by the FBI concerning the 34-year-old World War II veteran and graduate of the University of Oregon. Federal appointees are subject to an FBI check.

State Republican officials declined to comment on the report.

The post now is held by Henry L. Hess, a Democrat. State Sen. Warren Gill was recommended by Oregon Republicans for the post, but was turned down by Atty. Gen. Brownell because of a protest from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Luckey was appointed district attorney of Lane County in 1946 by Gov. Snell. He was elected to the post in 1948 and re-elected in 1952.

Mrs. Maloney Succumbs to Long Illness

Mrs. Cordelia Maloney, 88, of 361 Leslie St., died Tuesday afternoon at a Salem nursing home following several months' illness.

She was born at Aumsville and spent most of her life in Umatilla County, living in Athena and Pendleton. She also had made her home at Walla Walla and Yakima, Wash.

She was a member of the Christian Church.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Ben Lambert, Salem. She was a sister of the late Dr. S. C. Stone of Salem.

Funeral services will be announced later by W. T. Rigdon Co.

Flax Growers Plant for Sale

Statesman News Service

ST. PAUL—St. Paul Flax Growers Co-operative Association's plant and property will go up for public auction this spring unless a buyer is found in the meantime. It was announced here Tuesday.

The plant, which has been closed recently, is one of a few remaining flax co-operatives in the mid-valley.

Walter Smith, Joseph Zorn and Peter Bernard have been named as a liquidating board of trustees to dispose of the property which includes 49 acres of land and 80,000 square feet of buildings.

The plant is located one mile west of St. Paul.

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Construction of New State Service Building Okehed

A \$379,267 contract for constructing a new service building in Salem for State Finance Department was approved Tuesday by the State Board of Control.

Final approval must come from the State Emergency Board, which meets here Friday. State officials said they expected work on the structure, to go up on 12th Street at Ferry, to begin "as soon as possible."

A. V. Peterson, Portland, submitted the low bid on the building.

Support for Korea Clothes Drive Pledged

Six church and service organizations pledged support of the "Clothing for Korea" campaign during a meeting Tuesday evening in the basement of the city library and sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

After taking suggested needs back to their organizations the group will meet again in the library next Wednesday evening.

Other proposed projects for interested parties, as suggested by Harold Barton, representative of the Portland regional office of the Friends Committee, were soap-making and collection of damaged clothing from manufacturing plants. Participants are now seeking a central collection place.

Efforts to Break A & P Chain End

NEW YORK — The federal government Tuesday abandoned efforts to break up the A.&P. food chain, whose red-front stores are a shopping mecca for American housewives in 40 states.

In return, however, the nation's largest food chain — with 6,000 retail stores — agreed to dissolve the Atlantic Commission Co., its produce buying subsidiary.

Atlantic was accused of working both sides of the street — buying for A.&P. at the same time it was selling to competitors.

The consent decree signed here by Federal Judge Edward A. Conger ended a bitter four year anti-trust civil suit.

Books Closed On Missing Guard Case

State police closed their books Tuesday on the case of missing State Prison guard Victor Harry Williams, 40, after receiving positive proof that he worked last summer at Mercyville Sanitarium, Aurora, Ill.

State Police Capt. Ray Howard said he received a letter yesterday from the sanitarium stating that Williams had been identified from a photograph supplied by state police.

Sanitarium officials said the ex-guard worked there as a farm hand for two weeks during July and August of 1953 following his mysterious disappearance from Salem the night of April 3, 1953.

Police search for Williams switched to Illinois last week when the ex-guard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams of Turner, received their son's tax withholding statement for earnings at the sanitarium last year.

It was first believed Williams was the victim of foul play when some of his clothing and his wallet were found near Rickreall the morning after his disappearance.

The next day his car was found in Portland.

Whereabouts of Williams now is not known, but Howard explained there is no charge against him and since it has been determined he did not meet foul play in Oregon police are dropping the case.

Ferder Wins Speech Contest

John J. (Jake) Ferder won the Tuesday evening speech competition of the Salem Toastmaster's Club for the second year in a row with the assigned topic, "Should the Big-Three Meet to Discuss the Atomic Bomb?"

Ferder will represent his club in area competition slated for sometime late in February.

Other contestants Tuesday were Howard Houck, George Morehead, Ray Keaton and Lloyd Hammel, president of the club. Hammel explained that his club has won the area contest the previous eight contests.

The Tuesday competition was held at the Marion Hotel in conjunction with the club's regular "Ladies' Night" with about 55 present. Dr. Ray Pinson presided at the meeting with Ted deLooze acting as toastmaster of the evening.

Jaycees Planning Informing Booth Project for City

A Visitors' Information Booth project for Salem will be revived soon in a big way, Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce promised Tuesday.

Jaycee leaders announced at a membership luncheon in the Marion Hotel that Junior Chamber men would erect booths at the approaches to Salem, the senior chamber would provide the materials, and various women's organizations would be asked to staff the booths after May 1 so tourists could be informed of the attractions of Salem and vicinity.

Java Volcano Puts 18,000 in Danger Zone

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Twelve villages with a combined population of about 18,000 were in the danger zone Tuesday of erupting Merapi, a noted killer volcano.

The eruption, which started Monday, killed 37 Javanese and injured 79. Police and troops moved thousands of panic-stricken villagers to places of safety. The regional government of Central Java, which set up a \$100,000 relief fund, rushed food and medical supplies to the stricken area.

Merapi is in Central Java about 300 miles southeast of Jakarta. It is one of the world's most densely populated areas, with about 1,900,000 persons living on the fertile eastern and southern slopes and in the surrounding valleys.

'Meter Feeder' Drive Continues

Salem police Tuesday continued to bear down on "meter feeders" and issued court citations to 21 motorists.

Forty persons have received citations since Monday when police started a City Council directed crack-down on drivers who feed coins into parking meters after the allotted time is up.

Bail on the citations is \$1.50.

Divorce Calls For Payment Of \$100,000

PORTLAND — Harvey F. Dick, Portland financier, won a divorce here Tuesday, but Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry directed him to pay more than \$100,000 in behalf of his wife.

The judge said the marriage probably would have lasted if Mrs. Dick had been "moderately pleasant" to her husband, who testified that his worth was \$800,000.

The judge directed Dick to pay \$16,000 for bills run up by Mrs. Dick after Dick filed suit for divorce; \$10,000 for her attorney fees; and an \$80,000 property settlement on her.

Dick charged mental cruelty; his wife in a counter-suit made the same charge and added that he was infatuated with other women.

Pearl to Take Oath Today

WASHINGTON — William A. Pearl, formerly director of the Institute of Technology at Washington State College, will be sworn in here Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. as Bonneville Power Administrator.

The ceremony will take place in the office of the Secretary of Interior McKay.

Pearl succeeded Dr. Paul J. Raver, who resigned recently after heading the big Pacific Northwest power administration since 1939.

Pacific Mutual Manager Visits Shopping Center

Lester L. Pando, manager of real estate for Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. at Los Angeles, Calif., said Tuesday that last year's volume of sales at the Capitol Shopping Center was a half million dollars more than in 1952.

Pacific Mutual has a 2 million dollar investment in the Shopping Center.

Pando, on a quick tour of his company's Pacific Northwest investments, said in an interview Tuesday that the Center is now the only investment the company has in Oregon.

A part of Pando's trip was devoted to study of possible investment expansion in the Northwest, but he explained Tuesday that he had found nothing yet which fit into the southern California company's investment plan.

STINNETT TO SPEAK

Dr. T. M. Stinnett, executive secretary of the Teacher Education and Professional Standards Commission of National Education Association, will speak at a Salem Teachers Association meeting at Parrish Junior High School today at 4 p.m.

DULLES, ZARUBIN TALK

WASHINGTON — Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin met with Secretary of State Dulles late Tuesday in their second preliminary talk on President Eisenhower's atoms-for-peace proposal.

First Citizen Identification Due Tonight

Salem's First Citizen of 1953 will be identified and acclaimed tonight at a Salem Chamber of Commerce-sponsored testimonial banquet in the Marion Hotel.

A general citizens' committee appointed by the chamber narrowed down a big list of leading citizens before making final selection of the persons considered outstanding for his civic achievements of the past year.

Gov. Paul Patterson will make the main address of the evening and Chamber President William H. Hammond will preside. Introduction of the First Citizen will be made by William L. Phillips, First Citizen of 1952.

A host and hostess are designated for each banquet table in the arrangements for the civic affair scheduled for 7 o'clock tonight. Miss Hattie Bratzel, second vice president of the chamber, has headed the committee planning the event.

Tickets will be available at the door.

ELKS CHOOSE TILLAMOOK

TILLAMOOK — Al Fisher, exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge here, announced Tuesday that the 1954 Oregon Elks convention will be held in Tillamook. The date will be announced later.

Gen. Bradley's Son-in-Law Killed

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — Maj. Henry S. Beukema, son-in-law of Gen. Omar N. Bradley, former chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, was killed in the crash of a jet plane late Tuesday four miles northeast of Williamsburg.

The 29-year-old major, attached to the 405th Fighter-Bomber Group here, was on a routine training flight in a formation of two F84 Thunderjets.

Churchill Regime Cautious in Face Of Strike Crisis

By TOM OCHILTREE

LONDON — Prime Minister Churchill's government stepped cautiously Tuesday to avoid worsening labor unrest involving about five million British workers.

It decided against intervening at present in a nagging electricians' dispute. Attacks and counterattacks by workers and employers in this case already have hampered work at five atomic plants in the last two days and dislocated many new construction projects.

Churchill himself told the reconvened House of Commons his government does not intend to introduce anti-strike legislation.

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