



A jammed landing gear in mid-air caused a good deal of concern Wednesday afternoon for both Pilot Joseph A. Turenne, Independence, (right) and his passenger, John Gill, 947 Parkway Dr., (left). Prior to their crash landing, the plane circled around McNary Field alerting them to the fact only one wheel could be lowered and then "came in." No one was injured and damage was estimated by Turenne at about \$400. (Statesman Photo, Story on page 8, Sec. 1.)

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

While it is too early to tell just what the 1954 tax law will be, the lines of the House bill are taking shape. The House committee has voted to continue the corporation tax at its present rate of 52 per cent top (the only negative vote in the committee were from two Democrats). While voting to continue some of the high excise taxes, as on liquor and tobacco, the committee voted to reduce others, as on cosmetics, furs, phone service, theatre admissions, etc., to a ten per cent level.

The real clash probably will be over proposals to lift the exemption on personal incomes. At present it is \$600 per person. Some would raise it to \$700; others to as much as \$1,000. Senator George who is a member of the Senate finance committee which will review any House bill, has come out for higher deductions a boost to purchasing power. Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey opposes such a change because of the resulting loss of revenue.

A good many Democrats have seized this issue to make as much political hay out of it as they can. They claim the Republicans are out to give succor to business on the "trickle down" theory, while a raise in the personal exemption would help consumers and stimulate buying and thus help cure the present dip in business. When Republicans voted to postpone the effective date of the present law which would cut the corporation rate from 52 per cent to 47 as of April 1st next they took some of the wind out of the sails.

## Bandit Chief's Aide Victim of 2nd Poisoning

PALESMO, Sicily — Death by poison was reached inside prison walls for the second time in three weeks and struck down another henchman of the slain Sicilian bandit chief, Salvatore Guilianio.

Officials at the Palermo Penitentiary said the death of a 50-year term prisoner Wednesday and the lesser poisoning of seven other men was "still a mystery."

But to the press and public it was another case of the long arm of "vendetta," the ancient Sicilian blood vengeance law of an eye for an eye, a life for a life.

Three weeks ago poison killed ex-bandit prince Gaspare Pisciotta, cousin and onetime lieutenant of Guilianio. Wednesday the victim was Angelo Russo, Guilianio henchman who sided with Pisciotta in the bitter rivalry within the bandit gang.

After drinking his morning coffee, Pisciotta writhed in agony and dropped dead. An autopsy showed arsenic in his stomach.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Don't worry, dear, pretty soon Mr. Right will come along and PLUNK! you got him!"

## Drawings, Contest for Queen To Open Spring Fete Activity Tonight; Broom Parade Slated

First series of prizes, cash and merchandise, will be given away tonight in the Salem Downtown Merchants Association's Spring Festival at a drawing in downtown streets.

The first of a series of festival queens also will be selected tonight. The drawing and queen selection will start at 9 o'clock on the N. High street side of the courthouse square.

A total of 11 main prizes and three cash bonus gifts will be awarded to lucky Spring Festival ticket holders. The awards-cash-queen program will take place each Friday night until April 9 when the grand \$1,000 cash bonus will be drawn and Miss Downtown Salem selected.

### Blind Woman Sees Again After Surgery

By FRANK CAREY, AP Science Reporter

WASHINGTON — Two corneas from eyes of two Army men have been successfully transplanted, in a rare operation, to restore virtually normal sight to a woman whose vision was a blur from childhood.

Mrs. Samuel B. Jones, 40, of Augusta, Ga., one of the few persons ever to have such an operation on both eyes, said Thursday that her vision had been so bad "that I could pass my own mother on the street and wouldn't recognize her."

But now, she said, she can discern people's features—clearly and "see trees and leaves for what they are rather than just a blur of green."

She owes it all, she said, to the skill of Walter Reed Army Hospital surgeons, and to the eye corneas "donated" by an Air Force colonel and an Army master sergeant — each of whom had one otherwise healthy eye removed because of a tumor behind it.

She now has 20-20 or normal vision in the right eye with the aid of glasses and 20-40, which is close to normal, without glasses. The left eye, second to be operated on, is expected to yield fully-normal vision, at least with the aid of glasses.

## Murphy's Irish Luck Not So Good

ASHLAND, Ky. — Lost: One job, one house, one car. . . but that's not all the Harold Murphy family has to worry about.

Murphy, of nearby Summit, was laid off from his job a week ago at the Armco Steel Corp. plant here.

Wednesday night, the family's house was destroyed by fire. All belongings, except a few blankets, were lost.

After the fire, Murphy was searching for a place to live when his car stalled on a railroad crossing. Efforts to move it failed. It was demolished by a train.

On top of all this, Murphy's seven children—ranging in age from 12 days to 10 years—all have the chicken pox.

### AVALANCHE KILLS GIRL

BRIANCON, France — A small girl was reported missing and another child injured Thursday when an avalanche swept over a group of 10 children near the village of Villeneuve le Biez, 10 miles from here in the high Alps of Southeastern France.

During the same four-week period claimants asking compensation dropped 4,871 to 42,659 last week. The number, however, was down 6,438 from the peak of 49,097 reached during the first week of February, comparing with the early 1950 top of 64,536.

## Wilson Joins McCarthy Critics

### Hemisphere Stand Against Reds Aim Of Dulles Entreaty

By BEN F. MEYER  
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles Thursday called on the nations of the Americas to unite in a "hands-off" warning to Moscow against Communist infiltration of this hemisphere.

Dulles made the plea before the 10th Inter-American Conference in which 20 Western hemisphere nations are taking part. In his 3,000-word major policy speech, the U. S. diplomat also spelled out Washington's economic policy toward Latin America. He said private capital—both foreign and domestic should play a major role in economic development.

Dulles called on his colleagues to consider Communist intervention as dangerous as an enemy battle-ship and indicated that strong Red infiltration in any Western hemisphere country should prompt emergency measures by its neighbors.

The delegates applauded the secretary of state lustily when he sailed into communism. They were not so enthusiastic over his discussion of economic problems.

### Mortar Shell Mishap Kills Six Marines

WITH 1ST MARINE DIVISION, Korea — Six U. S. Marines were killed and 25 were injured Thursday when a mortar shell exploded during a training class near the front, the division reported Friday.

The division said an instructor dropped a live shell which he apparently thought had been rendered harmless. The instructor was among those killed.

Names of the victims were withheld.

The division spokesman said the effects of the blast were magnified because the shell exploded inside a Quonset hut.

Windows and doors were blown out and flying steel shards ripped through the curved sides of the building.

Doctors were flown to the scene. Every helicopter in the division was alerted to fly out the wounded—several of whom were in critical condition.

### Girl Collapses At Pool, Taken To Hospital

A 16-year-old Amity girl was taken to Salem Memorial Hospital Thursday night by Willamette Ambulance after she collapsed while swimming at the Salem YMCA.

Miss Mary Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monta F. Davis of Amity, was still unconscious early this morning, hospital authorities said. Cause of her ailment was not determined.

Witnesses said the girl, who was with a group of high school students from Amity, was talking to friends while sitting on the edge of the pool. She collapsed suddenly and fell in the water. Life guard W. D. Jones lifted her from the water and city first aidmen were called.

### Fair Weather Due in Valley

Fair weather is expected in mid-valley today and tonight, according to the weather bureau at McNary Field, except for a few patches of fog early this morning.

High temperature today is expected to range near 64 while the low tonight will dip to near 30, forecasters predicted. Thursday's high was 60.

### School Districts' Merger Studied

WOODBURN — Terms of a plan to unify the school districts of McKee, Monitor, Union, Mt. Angel and 103C for the purpose of maintaining a common high school were studied at a meeting of board members of the districts at Washington School here Wednesday night.

Further study and action in individual districts will precede any group steps, it was announced.

### Heading for UO Presidency



New University of Oregon president Meredith Wilson stopped just long enough in Salem Thursday morning en route to Eugene to pose for this picture at the airport with his wife and children. From left to right they are: Bottom step—Margaret (3), John Carleton (8) and David Oakley (4). Middle step—Mary Ann (11), Connie (13) and Meredith (14). Mrs. Wilson and her husband are shown on the top step of the airlines boarding ramp. (Statesman photo.)

### Color TV Due By December

PORTLAND — Two channels in Oregon and Washington will have access to network color television by December, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Thursday.

The company announced that the present channel, which takes only black and white TV, will be converted to color use by the time a second channel is added before the end of the year.

### Death Takes Stamp Editor

ALBANY — Al VanDahl, publisher of one of the world's largest newspapers for stamp collectors, died here late Wednesday.

VanDahl started writing a stamp column when he was publisher of the old Mill City League. The column developed into the Western Stamp Collector, now published here twice a week.

VanDahl formerly lived for several years in Salem, where he and his wife worked as composers for both daily newspapers. (Additional details on Valley page 12.)

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### GENERAL WILLS EYES

WASHINGTON — Maj. Gen. William Dean, of Korean war fame, has "willed" his eyes to science for possible use in helping restore sight to someone with impaired or blinded vision. And his wife has willed the one eye she has. She lost the other in an accident.

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### Senator Jobs Back at Call Of 'Tommyrot'

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Wilson entered the row over Sen. McCarthy's methods Thursday by declaring: "The idea that the Army is coddling Communists is just damn Tommyrot."

McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, rapped back that "certain individuals" in the Army have been "protecting, promoting, covering up and honorably discharging known Communists."

Too Much Footsie  
Swinging into the fray which has blown up a major political storm, Wilson also declared that "too much footsie" has been played with the Communists under past administrations.

The defense chief said that during World War II, when he was president of General Motors, "I wanted to throw some Communists out of the plant, but the Pentagon wanted to make peace."

Wilson declined to say who in the Pentagon sought to dissuade him from ousting the Reds.

Didn't Come Back  
"I kicked them out and the government was trying to make me put them back."

Asked if he did put them back, Wilson replied, "No."

On Capitol Hill, McCarthy got word of Wilson's "tommyrot" statement saying that the whole uproar amounted only to "a good healthy fight that cleared the air."

He predicted it would not result in a lasting split in the GOP.

McCarthy's first comment, after reading Wilson's statement, was: "I'm through with statements on this matter."

Minutes later he declared:

Restores Stands  
"No one has ever claimed that the Army as such is coddling Communists."

"However, it has been established beyond any possibility of a doubt, by sworn testimony, that certain individuals in the Army have been protecting, promoting, covering up and honorably discharging known Communists."

"I'm sure Charlie Wilson will not disagree with that," he added.

### Grassy Green Hair Stops Assembly Line

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The girl with the green hair stopped production at the Douglas Aircraft Co. Long Beach plant Thursday.

She showed up for work as a tool crib operator with hair so grassy green it outshone her bright red blouse. Fellow employees stopped and stared. They came from nearby areas in building 343, then from other departments.

"I suppose 200 or 300 came by to stare," said Mrs. Lucille Ballinger of nearby Fullerton. "I didn't think it would cause such a commotion. I'll have to admit it was stopping production."

She covered her hair with a bandana, but that did no good. Finally the company asked her to go home and "please be brown-haired again by Friday morning."

At home her husband, Jimmy, who also works at Douglas, ordered her to "wash that stuff out by Thursday night."

Mrs. Ballinger said she lacerated her locks on a bed—"I told a friend one day at work that the day she cut her waist-length hair I'd color mine green. She did, so I did."

### THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Prev.
Salem	60	26	60
Portland	58	26	60
Baker	50	12	60
Medford	69	29	60
North Bend	53	42	60
Roseburg	54	28	60
San Francisco	53	49	trace
Chicago	29	11	60
New York	20	23	trace
Willamette River	1.5	feet	

### SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year	Year Sept. 1 to Present	Normal
This Year	33.39	31.97
Last Year		29.95

### Host Contestant Top Speller In Turner Area Semi-Finals

TURNER — The host contestant, 12-year-old Mary Ann Cain of Turner's 7th grade, took top honors in a semi-final of The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest here last night.

Mary Ann, 7th-grade student of Mrs. Norman Goddard, outlasted Frank (Tommy) Thomas, 12, Cloverdale, 8th-grade pupil of Mildred Meunier, when she spelled "occant," which Tommy had missed, and then went on to spell the required second word. It was "reliable."

Both Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Cain, Box 157, Turner, and Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Thompson, Route

2, Box 30, Turner will compete in the Grand Finals in Salem, March 24.

Third place at the semi-finals here went to Janis Burgess, 13-year-old student of Roy Hutchinson's 7th grade at Jefferson, who tumbled on "lieutenant." Earlier in the contest, Glen Arthur, 13, in the 8th grade at Marion, slipped on "charity," and Gary Grey, 11, a 7th-grader at Cloverdale, missed "excuse."

The contest took 189 words to decide. Mrs. Anges Booth, Marion County School superintendent, presented the first-place certificate and a Webster's Collegiate Dictionary to Mary Ann, on behalf of the sponsors. Certificates were presented to the second- and third-place winners by Dave Hoas, manager of KSLM and the contest's master of ceremonies. Chief judge was Mrs. Floyd Sanders, Marion County School superintendent. Wendell Webb, managing editor of The Statesman, called the words.