

Sawmill Razed At Sheridan in \$200,000 Fire

SHERIDAN—The McCormick Lumber and Manufacturing Co., a lumber plant employing about 60 persons, sustained a \$200,000 loss by fire Tuesday night and volunteer firemen were still quelling the blaze early Wednesday.

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

At a meeting of the Twelfth Judicial District Bar Association (Yamhill and Polk Counties) in McMinnville last Friday night Prof. Kenneth J. O'Connell of the University of Oregon law school faculty, made a strong plea for a revision of Oregon law to adapt it to modern life and thought. What he proposed was not merely statutory revision such as was performed in the recent re-codification of the Oregon laws, but a review of legislation for such substantive changes as may seem necessary. The Association, according to the report in the McMinnville News-Register, thereupon authorized naming a committee to draft a resolution proposing such reform, to be submitted to the Oregon State Bar.

Conference On Guatemala Issue Sought

By NORMAN CARIGNAN
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) Tuesday night urged western Hemisphere nations to go into consultation about the shipment to Guatemala of arms from Communist-dominated Poland.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The acting head of Guatemala's embassy, Dr. Alfredo Chaves, walked out of a dinner of Latin American diplomats Tuesday night as Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) sharply criticized the shipment to Guatemala of arms from Communist-dominated Poland.

which it had announced Monday night, but gave no indication whether it would promote any efforts to halt this or possible later shipments.

Wiley said news of the shipment was "alarming" and "of the utmost gravity," but he told the diplomats the situation is not one for United States concern alone.

The State Department announcement, which gave no details of the size or nature of the shipment, said it was made from the port of Stettin in Communist Poland, and the arms are now being unloaded in Guatemala.

Wiley said the shipment is "part of the Communist global pattern of force and violence" and is "totally disproportionate to any legitimate needs of that country. It is a shipment contrary to the best interests of all that for which the Organization of American States stands."

Two Fires Said Due to Smokers

Smokers caused two fires in northeastern Oregon near La Grande in the past two days, burning 11 acres, the state forestry department said.

VALLEY BERRIES RIPE
PORTLAND (AP) — The first Willamette Valley strawberries were offered on the Portland produce market Monday. A shipment from Dundee, fair in quality, sold at \$4 per crate.

East, West Fail to Break Deadlock on Indochina

GENEVA (AP) — East and West continued in secret for another three hours Tuesday but failed to break the deadlock in their negotiations for peace in Indochina.

Trombones in Formation at AFROTC Review



Trombone slides held high, these Willamette University Air Force ROTC band members are shown playing at the annual President's review at McCulloch Stadium Tuesday afternoon. Highlight of the review was the presentation of awards to outstanding AFROTC students. In the reviewing stand with Willamette President G. Herbert Smith, were city, state and Air Force officials. (Statesman photo.) (Picture also on page 5, sec. 1.)

Brothers in Wartime Bribe Demand Cash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Henry and Murray Garsson, munitions makers who went to prison for bribery in a World War II contract scandal, are now asking the government for more than 18 1/2 million dollars.

They say, in a petition filed with the U. S. Court of Claims, they should be paid "the reasonable value" of what they contend was the government's use of methods and processes they developed for water meters.

The Garsson brothers, of New York, along with Rep. Andrew Jackson May (D-Ky.), were sentenced in 1949 to 8 to 24 months in prison. The brothers were convicted of giving May \$33,634 in bribes to use his influence as chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee to help them get war contracts. May was released in 1950 and the Garssons in 1951.

The petition filed with the Court of Claims said the government, through use of Garsson developments, saved more than 500 million dollars between 1942 and 1952. Their petition was filed April 16 and the government has been given until July 15 to reply to the petition or file motions in connection with it.

The brothers set forth that the War Department had been unable to develop a satisfactory method for mass production of 4.2-inch chemical mortar shells. Then, they said, the department successfully turned to Garsson methods, designs, processes and engineering developments.

It was contended the Garsson processes saved more than \$14 per shell on more than 12 million 4.2 shells manufactured in 1942-45, and that they were subsequently applied to numerous other shells and rockets, with an over-all savings of more than 500 million dollars.

Mt. Hood Loop Highway to Open

The Mt. Hood Loop Highway, impassable due to snow for several months, will be re-opened for two-way traffic at 4 p.m. Thursday, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock announced. Snow plows working from both ends of the road will break through at Barlow Pass on the summit.

Burglar to Hunt Uranium

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A prospective uranium prospector burglarized Minerals Unlimited early Tuesday.

He took a book on how to find uranium, a geiger counter, a mineral light (you shine it on a rock and if the rock shines back it means something), a case and battery for the light, and an even \$40 from the cash register, sufficient for a small grubstake for a uranium hunter.

Wood Wins in Pennsylvania Governor Race

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Lloyd H. Wood, organization-backed "harmony" candidate, early Wednesday won the Pennsylvania Republican gubernatorial nomination in a walkaway.

George M. Leader, Democratic State Policy Committee choice, apparently earned the right to oppose Wood in the November election by holding an early lead into the morning hours.

It was a primary marked by light voting and was a complete victory for both Republican and Democratic organizations.

With 4,268 of 8,589 precincts counted in the Republican gubernatorial primary, Wood had 361,745. His independent opponents were far behind. Thomas S. Stephenson had 77,140 and Gordon F. Chamberlain 25,099.

Reports from 4,291 precincts in the Democratic primary gave Leader 151,772 votes to 86,180 for William D. McClelland and 16,992 for Charles J. Schmitt. McClelland had the backing of some labor leaders.

Central Oregon Dry Spell Mounts

PRINEVILLE (AP) — Ranchers expressed concern Tuesday over the continuing dry spell in Central Oregon. They said grass on the benchlands was drying up so fast there no longer is good grazing there.

Higher ranges are in better shape because of late snow but there too rain will be needed soon.

The dry spell has lasted eight weeks with only 1.2 of an inch of rain in that period.

France, U.S. Said Agreed On Asia Pact

GENEVA (AP) — A French source said Tuesday France and the United States have agreed to plan a Southeast Asia defense pact without waiting either for British approval or for the end of the Geneva conference.

The source, close to French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, said secret talks between French and American diplomats have been in progress in Washington, Paris and Geneva in the last few days and would continue irrespective of the progress of the Geneva conference.

The British view is that negotiations for an anti-Communist pact in Southeast Asia should await the outcome of the Geneva conference.

The French feel the Communists may try to stall the conference in endless debate in order to give the Communist-led Vietnam rebels in Indochina time to build up their strength in the vital Red River Delta for a full-scale assault on Hanoi.

When the time comes, the French want to lose no further time in having to argue over the possibility of active support from their allies.

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City Committee Approves Plan To Annex Residential Area

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

Proposed annexation to Salem of a 191-acre suburban residential area north of Sunnyview Avenue received a nod from a city planning committee Tuesday night.

But financing the city improvements in that or any other future annexation area remains a stumbling block, as the City Council and Salem Planning Commission have yet to work out a plan of meeting the costs of annexations.

In another piece of business before the Planning Commission at City Hall last night, plans were revealed for a new 264-lot residential subdivision on 100 acres of land on the Aronson place just west of Oak Knoll golf course on Salem-Dallas Highway.

Most lots would be 80 by 150 feet or 80 by 143 and the area includes a lagoon which would be bridged when the new streets are put in, according to plans submitted by Surveyor Ralph Barnes. Details of the plan remain to be

Cattle Killed in Wreck

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
MILL CITY — A Christenson Meat Company (Tillamook) truck and trailer loaded with 18 white-face cattle from Eastern Oregon went off the highway one mile east of Gates Tuesday evening and rolled down a 30-foot embankment.

An observer of the truck wreckage said that six of the cows were killed in the wreck and two or three were badly injured.

Driver of the truck, Donald Notbloom, Tillamook, told investigating state police that he was traveling from Gates toward Detroit when the sun got into his eyes on a curve. He said the truck got onto the highway shoulder where he lost control. The cab of the truck was smashed and the driver, traveling alone, sustained minor injury. He was examined by a Mill City doctor and taken to Tillamook by friends.

The cattle were allowed to pasture in a field near the wreckage until trucks could be driven from Tillamook to pick them up. (Additional story on page 5, sec. 2.)

Jelke Verdict Upset; Press Barrier Cited

NEW YORK (AP) — Minot F. (Mickey) Jelke's vice conviction was upset Tuesday in one of New York's most far-reaching decisions of the century bearing on freedom of the press. A new trial was ordered.

The appellate division of the State Supreme Court in a 3-2 decision flayed rebuked Trial Judge Francis L. Valente for barring press and public during the state's case against the 24-year-old oenomargarine heir. His action was termed "unorthodox...unwarranted."

"We conceive it to be no part of the work of the judiciary," the appeals court said, "upon the facts here presented to decide what a newspaper prints or to what portion of the people it caters to sell its papers."

The court added that Valente denied Jelke a "fair and impartial trial." He did not rule directly on the issue of press freedom. But its decision was a strong, new bulwark for the state's newspapers.

The majority opinion said, in effect, that the jury justly convicted Jelke of safe society pandering but that Valente bungled the case. The ruling was on a question of law, rather than fact.

Jelke was sentenced March 27, 1953, to three to six years in prison as a safe society procurer of young women who peddled their charms for as much as \$500 a night.

He had been convicted one month earlier on a charge of compulsory prostitution after one of the most sensational trials New York had seen in years.

He also was sentenced to eight months in the city's workhouse on charges of illegal possession of guns. He was freed last Oct. 6.

He has been free on bail pending his appeal of the vice case.

CATERPILLARS APPEAR

PORTLAND (AP) — An infestation of tent caterpillars was reported in the northern part of the Willamette Valley Tuesday. County agriculture agents advised farmers to take prompt action—either burning or spraying the pests.

Idaho Declares Emergency As Flood Nearing

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho (AP) — Gov. Len Jordan declared a state of emergency at Bonners Ferry Tuesday as Army Engineers went to work bolstering dikes to protect the town and valuable farm land from waters of the fast-rising Kootenai River.

"It doesn't look good," in the opinion of Mayor Myrl A. Felch. The situation could be even worse if the area was soaked, he said. But there seemed to be no immediate danger for the town's 1,800 residents.

The river was up to 29.6, a little more than a foot below official flood stage Tuesday evening, and the Weather Bureau predicted a level of 31.2 by Wednesday morning, probably flooding some 2,000 acres of pasture and wheat land north of town.

"Our dikes are built for 37 feet protecting the town and we feel they can take a 36-foot level," Felch said.

Some seepage was discovered Tuesday in dikes protecting farm land, and volunteers were at work with sandbags plugging up holes as they appeared.

Some 35,000 or 40,000 acres of rich farmland are threatened by the rushing river, Felch said. Although there appeared to be no immediate danger to the town if the dikes hold firm, 15 families in the North Side Flats were advised to begin evacuating.

Flood Coordinator Dayton Douglas said evacuation was voluntary at this point, but several families were moving out.

The Army engineers sent a convoy of 100 men and 50 pieces of equipment in Tuesday. They arrived in late afternoon and went right to work sandbagging weak spots in the dikes.

50-Mile Radius
Capt. Clifford Rew, commander of the 231st Engineer Battalion, said his men will be ready for emergency help over a 50-mile radius if necessary. That would include the town of Troy, Mont., 40 miles upstream from Bonners Ferry.

The river has been rising fast at Troy, Gale Weidner, Red Cross disaster chairman, said, but that town is not quite so vulnerable as Bonners Ferry. He said about 100 families in a low section might be in danger if the river rises too fast.

Some 400 soldiers were standing by at Fort Lewis, Wash., for to help if the area needs it.

The Weather Bureau could give no prediction of when the river might crest. It forecast a rise of about a foot a day up to Friday. The warm sunny weather that has sent the big snow pack rushing downstream may let up a little by Thursday, it said, but it would take a couple of days for cooler weather to slow down the flow at Bonners Ferry.

Giant Balloon Sets 22-Mile Altitude Mark

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A giant plastic balloon, nearly as tall as an 18-story office building, soared more than 22 miles into the sky Tuesday — higher than ever before for a balloon of its type.

The "Super Skyhook," which stretched to about the length of a football field before its inflation, bore a cargo of scientific instruments to study mysteries of the upper atmosphere.

The "super Skyhook" was made of transparent polyethylene film. Stretched flat, it would have covered three acres. Fully inflated it was 200 feet in diameter. The previous altitude record for a plastic balloon was 111,000 feet, a little more than 21 miles, set two years ago by a smaller balloon, officials said.

The balloon reached a final altitude of between 117,000 and 122,000 feet. The exact height will not be known until the instruments are studied. Radio signals which varied with the changing atmosphere gave ground observers altitude information.

Portland Man Shot to Death

PORTLAND (AP) — Police hunted unsuccessfully Tuesday for a man who shot Michael Joseph Crowe, 40, to death on a street corner and then disappeared.

Crowe left an all-night restaurant at the same time early Tuesday as the man blamed for the shooting. Witnesses said the two appeared to get in an argument after they went out the door. A shot followed, Crowe slumping to the pavement and the other man then walking away into darkness.

Witnesses said the two did not act as if they had met before.

Flood Stage Due Thursday At Vancouver

PORTLAND (AP) — The Columbia River at Vancouver, Wash., will reach flood stage of 15 feet by Thursday, Elmer Fisher, Weather Bureau river forecaster, said Tuesday.

At that level, the river will flood an estimated 10,000 acres of lowlands below Vancouver. This occurs almost annually and little damage is done.

The rising Columbia will back up the Willamette River at Portland. A flood of 18 feet is expected in the Portland Harbor by Saturday night or Sunday. Lower level docks are covered by water when the river is this high.

Fisher said both the Willamette and Columbia will continue a general rise to peaks of 25 1/2 to 27 1/2 feet, probably in mid-June.

River Danger Alerts Agency

The Oregon Civil Defense Agency announced Tuesday it has alerted civil defense agencies along the lower Columbia River to cope with major flood conditions.

State Civil Defense Director Arthur M. Sheets said that if a major flood occurs, the disaster relief activity would involve the engineering services of drainage and diking districts, cities, counties, the state, Army engineers, Red Cross and medical and welfare organizations.

Red Cross Units Warned of Flood

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pacific area disaster headquarters of the National Red Cross Tuesday announced it is alerting all local chapter disaster committees in Washington, Idaho and Oregon to the possibility of spring floods.

The Red Cross said it had been warned by the Weather Bureau and Army Engineers of the danger of flooding in the Columbia Basin and other areas from rapid spring thaws and runoff.

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No Time to Eat!

Fred E. Weber of 1616 Court St. placed the following for rent ad in the Want-ads and received at least 16 calls in the first day.

2 BEDROOM, dinette, fireplace, dry basement, gas heat, wired for range and washer, garage. Ph. X-XXXX.

Mr. Weber said: "Hardly gave me time to eat breakfast, the calls came so fast."

To place your Fast-Action Want-Ad Call 2-2441 Today!

ANIMAL CRACKERS BY WARREN GOODRICH

"Do you or do you not have Rhode Island Reds here?"

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Salem 3, Victoria 5
At Tri-City 7, Vancouver 0
At Calgary 12, Yakima 6
At Spokane 6, Lewiston 3
At Edmonton 4, Wenatchee 7

COAST LEAGUE
At Portland 9, San Francisco 15
At Los Angeles 9, Seattle 0
At Sacramento 3, Hollywood 7
At Oakland 1-8, San Diego 5-7

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Detroit 8, Philadelphia 3
At Baltimore 1, Washington 3
At Chicago 3, New York 4
At Cleveland 6, Boston 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Brooklyn 1, Chicago 7
At Philadelphia 2, Milwaukee 6
At New York 3, St. Louis 9
At Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 6