

# Death Takes William Wechter, 88, Long-Time Salem Builder

William Wechter, 88, who supervised construction work on the Salem YMCA building, Odd Fellows Hall, Lausanne Hall, and many other buildings in Salem and the surrounding area, died Wednesday in a Salem hospital. Wechter had been retired about 15 years after a lifetime career as a general contractor in Salem. He had lived in a Salem nursing home since the death of his wife two years ago.

# France, Italy Agree on Arms Control Need

ROME (AP) — Two World War II enemies — France and Italy — agreed Wednesday on a need for wider controls of armaments to insure world peace.

A joint statement winding up two days of swiftly paced conferences between France's Pierre Mendes-France and Italian government leaders indicated the French premier had been successful in winning a friendly Italian reception for his proposed European arms pool.

The statement said the French and Italian leaders agreed to study further Mendes-France's arms pool plan. A reliable source said the Italians had agreed to it in principle but cautioned that the plan exists only in rough form and that hitches may develop. One high source in the Italian Foreign Ministry said the French premier was disappointed, but other authoritative reports said he did not expect to win complete Italian approval this soon.

# College Youth Shot to Death Over Jokes

SWARTHMORE, Pa. (AP) — A 22-year-old Swarthmore College student flashed a light into a dark dormitory room early Tuesday, spot-lighted a fellow student and then fired a fatal rifle bullet through the sleeping youth's head in a fit of rage over a series of practical jokes.

This quiet little Quaker college community awoke with a start to what police said was its first murder since the borough was incorporated in 1893. Delaware County detectives arrested Robert Bechtel, a scholarship student from Pottstown, Pa., for the slaying of Francis Holmes Strozzer, 19, Akron, O.

Bechtel, son of Helen Bechtel, a divorced waitress, later waived a hearing before Magistrate Morris Smith at the Swarthmore borough hall and was held without bail for action by the Delaware County grand jury on a homicide charge.

Detective Earl Allen said Bechtel told him he was enraged over pranks other students played on him and he was determined to get even.

The detective said Bechtel felt Strozzer was a ringleader of the tormentors.

"I felt they were persecuting me," he told police.

Bechtel, who was the student proctor in charge of the third floor of an ivy-covered dormitory in the center of the Swarthmore campus, said students had refused to respect his order.

He said they set fire to paper in waste baskets, rolled a 16-pound shotput ball down the long hall to bang into his door, set off firecrackers and dumped his bed in the hall, apparently in retaliation for the strict discipline he sought to maintain.

# Portland U. Plans Three New Buildings

PORTLAND (UP) — An expansion program for Portland University including a new library building and two dormitories during the next two years was announced Wednesday by the Rev. Theodore Mehing, a former president of the university.

The program will cost from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

Father Mehing, now provincial of the Holy Cross order with headquarters in South Bend, Ind., said the program would include both a men's and a women's dormitory.

The dormitories probably will not be started for about a year, he said. They will be financed through a government loan plan.

# Cattlemen Ask Continuation of Present Tariff

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The nation's cattlemen Wednesday urged continuation of present tariff bars on livestock imports and asked the government to watch carefully the flow of Mexican cattle into the United States.

Winding up its three-day annual convention, the American National Cattlemen's Assn. re-elected Jay Taylor of Amarillo, Texas, as president and named New Orleans as the site for the 1956 convention. The 1,300-odd delegates recommended the Agriculture Department negotiate with Mexico to cut down the flow of cattle into the United States should imports "become too heavy."

15 years after a lifetime career as a general contractor in Salem. He had lived in a Salem nursing home since the death of his wife two years ago.

Born Sept. 8, 1866, in Indiana, Wechter settled in Salem in 1900. He was a 50-year member of Chemeketa Odd Fellows Lodge here.

# British Firm Seeks to Buy Record House

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — A British firm has made a \$4,350,000 deal to buy the major interest in Capitol Records and its assets, which include Frank Sinatra, Jackie Gleason and Hopalong Cassidy.

Capitol president Glenn E. Wallichs announced Wednesday that he, songwriter Johnny Mercer and the estate of producer Buddy De Sylva have agreed to sell 248,435 of the firm's shares to Electrical and Musical Industries Ltd. of Middlesex, England. The trio founded Capitol in 1942 with \$17,000.

The English company, a large electronics concern which markets Angel Records here and abroad, has offered \$17.50 a share. The sale is conditioned on an offer by E.M.I. to all other stockholders at the same price and tenders of a total of two-thirds of the common stock outstanding, including the majority share. Total shares number 476,230, so the entire deal could amount to 8 1/2 million dollars.

The change of ownership would not affect personnel of Capitol, it was announced.

# Advertising Award Goes To Lipman's

NEW YORK (AP) — Lipman's, Salem, Ore., was one of nine stores winning top awards in the National Retail Dry Goods Assn.'s contest for outstanding newspaper advertising.

The advertising for which Lipman's was honored covered a series of full-page displays publicizing the opening of the Salem store last Sept. 9. It was planned jointly by John Adlon, general manager of the Salem store, Philip Hawley, merchandise manager, and Colan McKinnon, sales promotion manager for both the Salem and Portland stores.

The advertisements were produced by the Portland advertising staff of Lipman's and appeared in the Oregon Statesman and Capital Journal in Salem.

# Escaped Con Attacks Pen to Free Friends

LA BELLE, Fla. (AP) — James A. Harrell, an escaped convict wounded in a bold, pre-dawn attack on a prison camp here, said Wednesday he had intended to turn his friends loose.

"It would have been easy to do," he told reporters. "At night there's nobody around but one guard."

The guard, Frank Warren, shot Harrell through the stomach when he made a shooting attack early Wednesday. Warren was shot in the foot, but the prisoner denied he had fired the shot.

"If I'd shot him, I would have killed him," Harrell said. The 26-year-old Hialeah Fla. prisoner escaped from the camp Jan. 4 when he and three other prisoners sawed through the fence. He said he and a friend, whom he refused to identify, drove a stolen car to the camp Wednesday. The friend waited in the car while he went inside the wire fence surrounding the compound. Harrell returned to the car after he was injured, but he said the friend was gone.

Hospital attendants said Harrell was in "fair condition."

"MOST WANTED" MAN TAKEN WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation Wednesday night announced the arrest of Walter James Wilkinson, one of the agency's ten most wanted fugitives, in Los Angeles.

**HOLLYWOOD**  
Color  
"FRENCH LINE"  
"BIG HEAT"  
"THE HUMAN JUNGLE"

# Gov. Langlie Assailed for Tax Suggestion

OLYMPIA (AP) — Gov. Langlie's suggestion to the legislature that it probably should let the people vote on an income tax was bitterly attacked by a member of his own political party Wednesday.

Sen. William Goodloe, Seattle Republican, rebelled against the titular head of his party soon after the chief executive had delivered his biennial message to the 34th session of the legislature.

Gov. Langlie told the legislators the state will need approximately \$1 million dollars additional tax revenue to run state government during 1955-57 and a boost in the sales or business tax may be the only immediate way to raise that kind of money.

Langlie reviewed the possibility of an income tax, said the people had turned it down at the polls before, but probably should be given another chance to vote on it in 1956 to see if they had changed their minds. But, he added, such a tax would not bring in any money this biennium when it is needed.

Langlie advocated a reassessment of property taxes, asserting they are far out of line. Again, he said it would be several years before such an adjustment could bring in the money the state needs now.

# Jury Acquits Hormel Heir

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — George Hormel Jr., 26, heir to a meat packing fortune, was acquitted Wednesday of marijuana possession charges.

The young jazz musician smiled broadly at the verdict handed down by the jury of nine women and two men which deliberated the case since 2:35 p.m. Tuesday.

Hormel was arrested Sept. 19 on charges of having 13 marijuana cigarettes in his car.

# County PTA Hears Solons

Two state senators spoke on education and taxation to a meeting of the Marion County PTA Association Wednesday night at Hubbard Elementary School.

Sen. Don Husband, Eugene, spoke on taxation. Sen. Warren McMinimee, Tillamook, on education. Several boys from MacLaren School presented musical numbers.

Mrs. Clyde Gideon, state PTA legislative chairman, also spoke. Some 75 attended the meeting and heard that the Oregon PTA Association now has 90,097 members.

# Bend Host to Dairy Meet

BEND (AP) — The Oregon Dairymen's Assn. opened its annual meeting here Wednesday amid much speculation on whether the dairymen will call for new milk controls.

State milk control was voted out at the polls last November. There was much division of opinion among dairymen here, some wanting a revised state control, some wanting a federal milk pool, and others favoring a free market.

Committee meetings began Wednesday.

# March Draft Set at 11,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army Wednesday issued a draft call for 11,000 men in March, the same number previously announced for February.

The Pentagon cut the calls for those two months as part of an overall reduction in military manpower. Previously the monthly quotas had been for about 20,000 men. Secretary of Defense Wilson said last month the 11,000 level would be continued at least through June.

The Army, now the only service using the draft, is due to lose the greatest number of men in the manpower cutback program.

# Retired General Cannon Succumbs

ARCADIA, Calif. (UP) — Retired Air Force Gen. John Kenneth Cannon, 62, who once headed the Air Force training program, died early Wednesday at his home of a heart attack.

# Alleged Informer Hospitalized



LOS ANGELES — David Brown, 49, an official of the Civil Rights Congress who recently claimed he was a paid FBI informer, is pictured at a receiving hospital Tuesday where he was treated for 16 razor wounds on his wrists, arms and temple. Police said he told them the wounds were self-inflicted, after they found him in a downtown hotel. The Civil Rights Congress has been listed by the U.S. Attorney General as "subversive and Communist." The FBI has denied that Brown is an employee. He revealed Monday that his story of being kidnaped last week and later released was a hoax. (AP Wirephoto)

# Registration for College Classes Officially Closed

Registration in adult extension classes for college credit here officially ended Wednesday with 223 enrolled.

Classes are held at North Salem High School in the evenings. Thirteen courses are offered and they will meet 10 times. Persons may still register, but will face penalties, said George Porter, supervisor of the program.

Meanwhile, an income tax class in the adult vocational program will begin next Monday in room 108 at North Salem High School. It will be taught by John C. Paulus of Willamette University.

Persons may register at the room or at the Public School Administration Building.

# \$52,619 Suit Results From Truck Wreck

A damage suit which seeks \$52,619 from Safeway Stores, Inc., was filed Wednesday in Marion County Circuit Court.

Plaintiff, Leonard Gaunt, alleges an employe of the store, Lloyd Kelsey, was negligent in a two-truck accident one mile north of Hubbard on Highway 90E Jan. 25, 1953.

Kelsey, states the suit, was driving a truck owned by Safeway Stores. Gaunt says he suffered a fractured jaw and crushed nose in the mishap. He was driving a pickup truck, which he alleges was demolished.

An earlier suit, which named Safeway Stores and two other persons as defendants, was dismissed on motion of the plaintiff several weeks ago.

# New Director of Handicapped Society Named

PORTLAND — James M. (Mush) Torson, former head of the department of physical education and basketball coach at University of Portland, has been named executive director of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the Easter Seal Society, Edgar White of Coos Bay, president, has announced.

Torson succeeds Howard Feast who resigned recently to accept a post as director of welfare and evacuation for Region 6 of Civilian Defense, with headquarters in Denver.

After resigning from the University of Portland last year, Torson became associated with the McGuire Bearing Co. as a salesman. He is a graduate of Oregon State College, where he was an outstanding athlete in both basketball and baseball.

SALEM COUPLE HURT — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Larson, Salem Route 2, received non-serious injuries early Wednesday when their car skidded on icy pavement and went into a ditch beside the Pacific Highway near Albany. They were treated for bruises in the Albany hospital and released.

# Space in City Post Office May Be Used

Plans for utilizing basement space in the Salem post office may be carried out during this fiscal year, Congressman Walter Norblad learned Wednesday.

S. G. Schwartz, operation manager for the Portland regional office of the U. S. postal service, has informed Norblad that funds may be forthcoming soon from the bureau of facilities.

# Nominees for County Demo Club Revealed

Candidates for offices in the Marion County Democratic Club were named Wednesday night at a meeting in the home of Guy Jones. Nominees were announced by Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, chairman of the nominating committee.

Tom Enright was designated as candidate for chairman of the club. Other candidates are Vern Groves for vice chairman, Ruth Skinner for secretary, and Glen Sorenson for treasurer.

Named as candidates for the club's board of directors were Mrs. Hattie Stanley, John Rade-maker, Mrs. Sheila Laure, Mrs. Betty Horn, Guy Jones, Earl Reynolds and Steve Anderson.

Club elections will be held Jan. 22, when the Democratic Club will hold a joint meeting with Oregon Young Democrats. The Young Democrats will hold a two-day legislative convention in Salem Jan. 22 and 23 to discuss the Democratic legislative program.

Participating in the convention will be members of the legislative committee of the State Democratic Central Committee.

# Suburbs Add 1,500 Homes Within 2 Years

More than 1,500 new homes have been constructed during the past two years in suburban areas around Salem, the Marion County Health Department revealed Wednesday.

The homes are located within two or three miles north, east and south of Salem. County sanitarians, who made the discovery in checking septic tank and tile installations in the areas, did not examine the west Salem locale, which is in Polk County.

The figure is a conservative estimate, said the sanitarians, as they did not attempt to make a comprehensive survey.

Some of the septic tank installations in these areas, commented the sanitarians, have already created public health nuisances and are potential hazards.

It was pointed out that infectious hepatitis, spread through contaminated water, has increased 500 per cent in Oregon since 1948.

# Mrs. Gormley Of Hubbard Succumbs

Statesman News Service HUBBARD — Mrs. Iness V. Gormley, 84, died Wednesday at a Woodburn Nursing Home.

She had moved to Hubbard from Tangent about 10 years ago and from Hubbard to Aurora three years ago to live with a son.

Born near Halsey, July 30, 1870, Mrs. Gormley was a member of the Halsey Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Frank Tobey, Aurora, Ralph Tobey, Ventura, Calif.; a daughter, Miss Myrtle G. Tobey, Oahu, Hawaii; two brothers, Arlie Cummings, Brownsville, Barney Cummings, Salem; and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, Hollister, Calif.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Halsey Methodist Church with the Rev. J. C. Johann officiating. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery near Halsey. The Ringo-Cornwell Chapel, Woodburn, is making arrangement.

# Salem Man Dies Following Stroke

Moses Honaker, 84, a resident of a Salem nursing home, died Wednesday in a Salem hospital where he was taken after suffering a stroke. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Maude Honaker.

Howell-Edwards Funeral Home will be in charge of funeral arrangements.

# At The Theaters Today

ELSORRE  
"ATHENA" with Jane Powell, Edmond Purdom and Debbie Reynolds. Also "Mystery Lake."  
CAPITOL  
"CATTLE QUEEN OF MONTANA" with Barbara Stanwyck and Ronald Reagan.  
"HUMAN JUNGLE" with Gary Merrill and Jan Sterling.  
GRAND  
"REAP THE WILD WIND" with John Wayne, Susan Hayward, Ray Milland.  
"MASSACRE CANYON" with Phil Carey and Audrey Totter.  
HOLLYWOOD  
"FRENCH LINE" with Jane Russell.  
"THE BIG HEAT" with Glenn Ford.

# Management Unit Installs New Officers

Salem chapter of Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association installed officers Wednesday night and heard a panel discussion "Applications, Letters of Reference and Their Worth."

New president is Hazel McLaughlin; vice president, Joe W. Thomas; secretary, Barney Carroll, and treasurer, Ellis Drake.

Participating in the panel discussion were Warne Nunn, assistant commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission; Roy Rice, chief clerk at Ladd and Bush branch, U.S. National Bank, and Gerhard H. Pagenstecher of the Commercial Placement Agency.

# County Prisoner Treated for Cuts

A Marion County jail prisoner was treated Wednesday morning for non-serious wrist cuts, said Sheriff Denver Young.

The prisoner, Joe C. Blansfield, 36, had shallow cuts on the wrist, apparently made by a razor blade, said city first aidmen who treated him.

Blansfield from Houston, Tex., is in his fourth month of a six-month sentence for concealing stolen property.

# FRANKIE SAYS:

First off, I want to extend a hearty welcome to each and every member of the State Legislature visiting Salem. Secondly, I want to tell you about Salem's taste sensation — Smorgasburgers. Broiled beef on a large bun, garnished with relishes of your own choice. One taste and you'll cast a unanimous vote FOR such a tasty creation. For a tasty dish to go with your Smorgasburgers, we suggest tossed salads, baked beans or crisp French fries. Mmmmm, good! We'll be looking for you.

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STANWYCK - REAGAN  
"THE HUMAN JUNGLE"

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ON OUR WIDE-VISION SCREEN!  
REGULAR PRICES!  
"ATHENA" COLOR starring Jane Powell, Edmond Purdom, Debbie Reynolds, Vic Damone, Louis Calhern  
SPECTACULAR!  
In 1816, a tremendous earthquake hit the southern states, diverted Mississippi River, tore up trees and formed Heel Foot Lake in the state of Tennessee. This picture shows the fabulous wild life to be found there. A water moccasin fights a salamander to death!  
EDGAR BERGEN — in — "MYSTERY LAKE"

# Committee to Aid Refugees

Gov. Paul Patterson appointed a committee Wednesday to aid in settling refugees in Oregon.

The committee, asked by President Eisenhower, will act under the federal Refugee Relief Law, under which 200,000 refugees will be brought to the United States.

Members of the Oregon committee include: Joseph D. Wilson, state employment service, Salem; the Rev. Albert F. King, Beaverton, chairman of the Oregon Church World Service committee; the Rev. Everett J. Jensen, Corvallis, chairman of the Lutheran refugee committee; the Rev. William Van Meter, Salem, deputy state labor commissioner; Charles E. Royer, Portland, assistant director of Catholic Charities; Harley Libby, Jefferson, president of Oregon Farmers Union; Dr. J. C. Chu, Salem, state Tuberculosis Hospital.

# Area Farmers Seek Social Security Facts

Salem district Social Security Administration office has received more than 100 inquiries on coverage for farmers which went into effect Jan. 1, and the number probably will increase this week, according to Richard C. Stillwell, district manager.

The new program covers all self-employed farm operators with incomes greater than \$400 a year. Farm operators who have never had a Social Security card can obtain information or cards at the Salem office. Those living in Marion, Linn, Benton, Polk, Yamhill and Lincoln counties are in the Salem district.

Payments for coverage this year are to be included in annual income tax payments, the Salem office reported. No Social Security tax is to be paid on 1954 incomes. The first payment will be due in 1956.

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