

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

The March number of the Oregon Historical Quarterly comes in a grey cover in place of the familiar buff, with freshened typography in title page and text, bound with sewed sections instead of being side-stitched, and with illustrations to accompany some of the articles. This reflects the touch of the new editor, Thomas Vaughan who is also director of the Society. It is a welcome indication that the Society which seemed to have grown somewhat moribund is experiencing rejuvenation.

The contents of the March number which opens the 58th volume of this very valuable publication, confirms the impression given by the printing job. The lead article is a tribute to the late Lewis Ankeny McArthur by Omar C. Spencer, former president of the Society. Other articles are: "Food of the Overland Emigrants" by Kathryn Troxel, "The Idaho Admission Movement" by Merle W. Wells. A letter from Wilfred Jossy of Bend describes a boat trip down the rarely traveled course of the John Day River and one from the venerable Loyal Graham relates the story of how Oregon adopted the first gasoline tax in the nation. A section of excellent book reviews and one with reports from affiliated societies and another with current news notes rounds out the issue.

However, I have had on my desk awaiting editorial treatment a copy of the December Quarterly, buff cover and all. Its two articles merit attention. One is a collection of letters from (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

Walla Walla Con Slain in Pen Theater

WALLA WALLA (AP)—While 1,400 prisoners watched the regular Saturday afternoon motion picture in a darkened theater, an inmate of the Washington State Prison was stabbed to death.

Ralph Stevenson, 22, serving a term for second degree assault from Seattle, died almost immediately from a wound beneath the left arm pit.

Warden Lawrence Delmore said Charles N. Lambert, 22, convicted of armed robbery in Spokane, admitted the stabbing. Prosecutor Arthur Hawman is investigating the incident and said charges will be filed.

The fatal stabbing occurred a few minutes after the picture started. There was no disturbance and no interruption in the program. "As nearly as we can determine what transpired," Delmore said, "Lambert, who was seated behind Stevenson in the auditorium became engaged in an altercation with the victim."

"Lambert admits he had a knife and that in the altercation he stabbed Stevenson. We have not been able to establish whether Stevenson was armed at the time nor have we come up with any definite reasons for the fight."

The men were seated near the back of the auditorium. Other inmates summoned guards stationed near the door.

Lambert later told investigating officers he was arguing with Stevenson and "someone shoved a knife in my hand and the first thing I knew I hit him."

Warden Delmore said both men came here from the state reformatory at Monroe. He identified Lambert as one of the ringleaders in the Monroe riots two years ago. The picture being shown was "Rogue Cop."

Pastor to Face Rape Attempt Count Monday

OREGON CITY (AP)—A Presbyterian minister from Newberg will go into district court Monday to answer a charge of assault to commit rape.

The Rev. David William Schuller, 37, is held with bond set at \$7,500. The bond was increased by \$5,000 Friday after another charge was filed against him at Vancouver, Wash.

There two women accused him of being the man who attacked them. One of the women, a church secretary, said she was attacked in a Vancouver church.

Sheriff Fred Reakecker said Schuller dictated a statement telling of a series of assault attempts. A former Korean War chaplain and father of two children, Schuller told of going to several Clackamas County houses, the sheriff said.

At each he would ask if a Mr. Jackson lived there. If he could determine that no man was home, he would ask the woman at the door if he could come inside to use the telephone, the sheriff said.

Reakecker added that several women refused to let him in, but assault attempts were made on at least two others.

Multnomah GOP Chairman to Quit

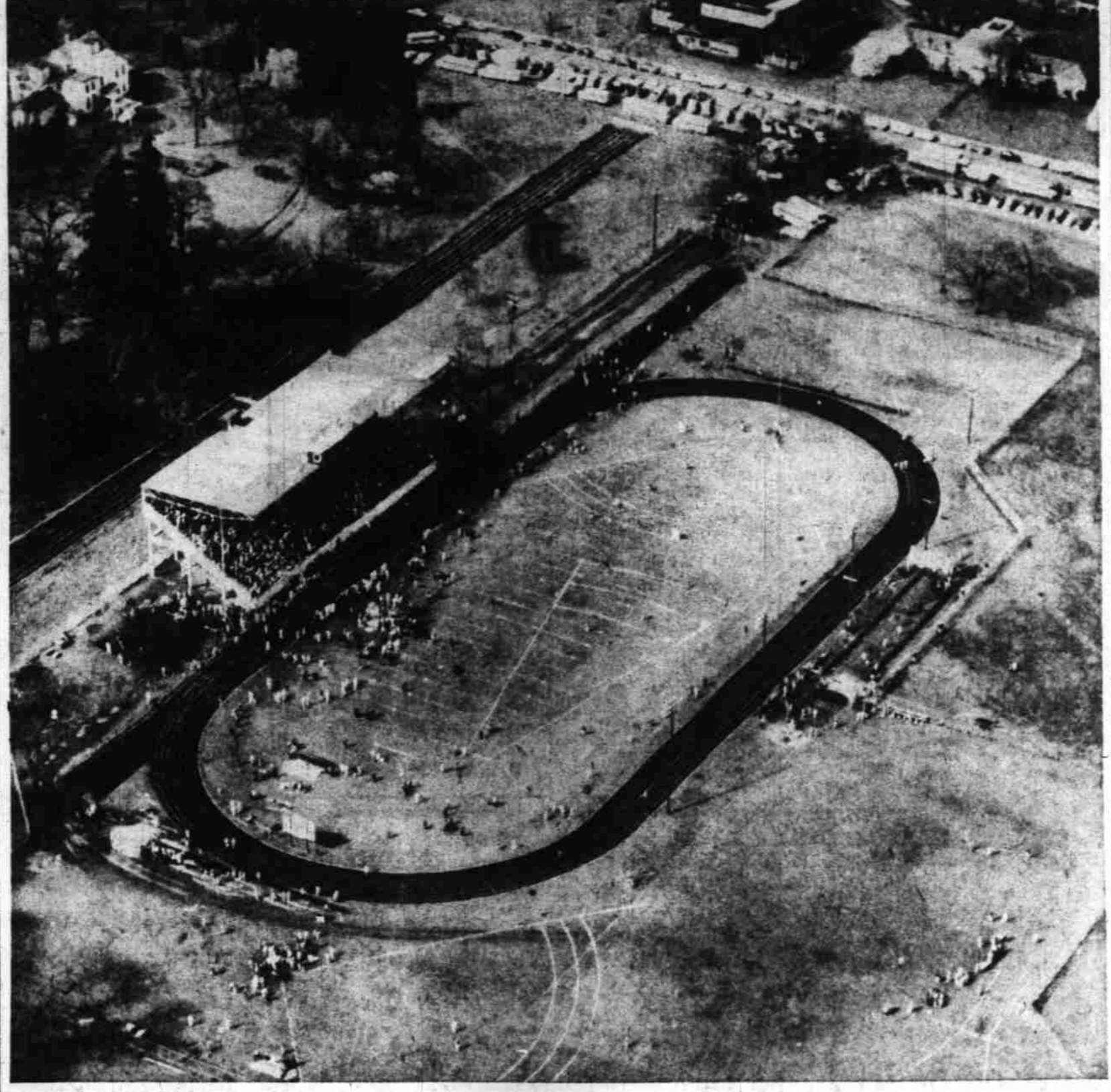
PORTLAND (AP)—Philip Englehart of Portland announced Friday he plans to resign as chairman of the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee.

He said he would be out of the state from May to October.

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Nearly 5,000 Watch 2,000 Compete in Relays



Nearly 5,000 spectators gathered in McCulloch Stadium Saturday afternoon to watch 2,000 athletes compete in the Willamette Relays (story on sports pages). Among the spectators was State-

Train Wreck Hurts 35 Near Albany, N.Y.

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—More than 35 persons were injured Saturday night when a crack New York Central passenger train slammed into a rockslide about 15 miles south of here. Ten cars and two diesel units were derailed.

Twenty-five persons, including passengers and crewmen, were treated at hospitals here and in Hudson. Most seriously hurt was the engineer, W. T. Kelly, 62, of Tarrytown, who was hauled from the shallow water of a creek by a fellow crewman. Kelly was reported in critical condition.

Wreckage of the combination Pacemaker and Advance Commodore Vanderbilt, bound from New York to Chicago, blocked the two mainline tracks of the Central on the east side of the Hudson River about a mile and a half south of Schodack Landing.

Portland Movie Star 'Back Home'

PORTLAND (AP)—Film actress Jane Powell, who began her singing career in Portland as Suzanne Burce, arrived here Saturday by plane.

Scores of youngsters were at the airport with autograph books. A number of her former schoolmates also were on hand.

Knowland Predicts Congress To Reject Quemoy Defense Ban

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. George (D-Calif.) and Knowland (R-Calif.) predicted Saturday the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will slap down a proposal to ban American defense of the China Coast islands of Quemoy and Mat-su.

George, who heads the committee, said he is opposed to a proposal made by Sen. Morse (D-Ore) to put Congress to record against use of U. S. forces to defend the Nationalist-held islands.

"I am opposed to Sen. Morse's resolution," George said. "We will take it up in committee in due course but I do not believe the committee will approve it."

Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, said he believes the proposal will be voted down "overwhelmingly."

He noted that a somewhat similar proposal by Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) had been rejected 20-8 by the combined Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committee in approving the "defend Formosa" resolution subsequently passed by Congress.

Morse's proposal was offered Friday in the midst of a barrage

Peiping Cuts Tempo of Formosa Propaganda

LONDON (AP)—A marked stepdown in the Peiping radio's sabre-rattling raised speculation here Saturday that the Chinese Reds may be turning away from their boasted plans to capture Formosa.

Monitors of Red China's daily propaganda broadcasts said they had noted these two trends:

1. A tapering off in the past 10 days of the once frequent references to Chinese Communist armies and their mission to "liberate Taiwan (Formosa)."

2. Some signs that the Reds also were watering down their vitriolic abuse of the Chinese Nationalist leader, Chiang Kai-Shek.

Diplomatic sources speculated that Britain and Russia may be registering some success in backstage efforts to persuade Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai to exercise restraint in the present tense situation.

The monitors said there had been no single reference to the "liberation" of Formosa in Peiping broadcasts in the last three days.

Diplomats said it may be possible that the propaganda backtracking reflects diplomatic activity aimed at talks on a Formosa settlement.

Britain has sought to enlist the aid of the Soviet Union since January in an attempt to quiet the explosive situation in Formosa Strait. Both have expressed fears that a major clash in the area might start another world war.

A London radio monitor of Peiping's broadcasts said: "There has been a marked fall off in plugging Taiwan in newscasts. Peiping has seemed even hard put to find material for the news bulletins."

"The total hours of broadcasting has been more or less maintained, but considerable idle time has been noted — time formerly devoted to Formosa."

Test Alert to Use National Air Guards

Members of the state's National and Air Guard units will participate in a forthcoming test alert called Operation Minute-man, it was announced Saturday.

Guardians from every state will take part in the test, designed to determine how rapidly units can be mobilized in time of emergency.

The test is scheduled for the near future, with Oregon units being under command of Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, state adjutant general.

Mercury Rise On Forecast

Warmer daytime temperatures are predicted for today and Monday by McNary Field weathermen who however, see local frost tonight. Cloudiness but no rain is expected both days.

State police advise chains on both Santiam and Willamette Passes. The passes were reported clear last night and the packed snow at the summits was well-sanded.

Today's high should be around 55, and Monday's around 57. The Salem-area night low should be around 32-34.

Dairymen Warn of Price Wars Unless Milk Minimum Set

Hostile Force Said Heading For Saigon

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—French Gen. Paul Ely worked feverishly Saturday to avert a renewal of hostilities between the South Viet Nam government and the Binh Xuyen private army. As he negotiated there were reports a hostile force of the Hoa Hao religious sect was approaching the capital.

French military sources estimated two battalions of the Hoa Hao private army were closing in. They are commanded by one-armed Gen. Le Quang Vinh, known as "Bacut," who is Premier Ngo Dinh Diem's most implacable foe in the struggle for power.

Gen. Ely, French commissioner general in Indochina, is sending his chief of staff, Gen. Gambiez, to the headquarters of Gen. Tran Van Soai, commander of all Hoa Hao troops, in an effort to head off an attack on Saigon, a city of two million.

Short and famed for his sweeping handlebar mustache, Soai is a member of the antigovernment coalition which has been trying for two weeks to topple Diem.

Philippines Tremor Toll Soars to 348

MANILA (AP)—The number of known dead in the worst Philippine earthquake of the century rose to 348 early Sunday and officials predicted it may exceed 400.

In addition, a Manila Times correspondent reported from Cagayan De Oro City in Misamis Oriental Province of Mindanao that 22 bodies had been recovered from four municipalities. This report, however, had not been confirmed.

The Philippine Red Cross said 100 persons were missing, more than 300 injured and about 12,000 made homeless. Philippine News Service reported 538 injured.

Communications disrupted by the series of violent tremors Friday still make a complete check of the death toll and damage impossible.

Storm Strikes Mid Rockies, Stalls Traffic

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A sudden storm plunged balmly April into winter Saturday and dumped heavy snow from Central Idaho across Utah into Nevada, tangling traffic and causing four deaths in a highway crash.

The biggest April snow since 1929 packed Salt Lake City's streets with ankle-deep slush.

Cars stalled by the hundreds throughout the snow country.

Sixty-eight cars, three buses and several trucks were reported tied up by deep snow at the village of Malta in Southern Idaho. Every spare bed and place to rest in the town was taken by the stranded motorists.

The fatal crash occurred some 10 miles north of here about 8:30 p. m. when a 10-wheel grain truck and an automobile collided.

U.S. Clears Way for Students To Return to Communist China

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—In the hope of prodding the Chinese Communists into releasing 56 Americans, the United States Saturday cleared the way for 76 Chinese students to go to Red China or wherever else they wish. Authorities assume all will want to go to Red China.

Allied governments, including the British, had advised the State Department that continued denial of permission for them to leave made negotiations for the release of Americans in China more difficult. Friendly countries and the United Nations have been trying to win freedom for the 56.

The American group includes 41 civilians, many in prison on various Communist charges, and 15 U.S. airmen captured during the Korean War and sentenced as spies — a charge which the U.S. government has denounced as false.

The students are a fraction of the more than 5,000 who were studying in the United States when the Reds overran the Chinese mainland in 1949. Most of them

Response to Ad Arrives Before Ad Set in Type

FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP)—A classified ad got results even before it was set in type to be inserted in the lost and found section of Saturday afternoon's edition of the Fort Dodge Messenger.

Printer Joe Casey, who daily makes up the classified pages of the Messenger, was surprised Saturday morning by a blue parakeet which flew in the open window of the newspaper composing room and landed on his shoulder.

Only minutes after Casey had locked the bird in his lunch box for safekeeping, he received the copy for a lost and found ad in which the bird's owner, Pete Shaw, offered a reward for the parakeet's return.

Instead of having the copy set in type, Casey telephoned Shaw. Shaw came to the newspaper office and gave Casey a \$3 reward in return for the parakeet.

Blossom Day Scheduled For April 17

Salem's annual, colorful Blossom Day program will be held Sunday, April 17.

On that day a scenic route through the countryside surrounding Salem will be mapped out for local motorists and the many visitors expected. The route is designed to show the most beautiful orchards in bloom in this area.

Plans for the event will be completed at a Monday night meeting of the Salem Cherrians, and Cherrians will be stationed at the Capitol building to act as guides and on strategic routes in the county to direct motorists. Maps will be given as aids.

At the Monday night meeting, wives of Cherrians will be guests for the first time in the 42-year history of the group.

Other April tourist attractions in Oregon include the second annual blossom festival at Medford on April 23. It will include a parade, featuring children's entries and floats.

A regional music festival is set for La Grande Saturday and the McKenzie White Water Parade April 24. This year's 19th annual parade will start at Red-sides, two miles above Blue River, at 10 a. m., and end at Leaugub Dam around 4 p. m.

A spring festival and hobby show is due at Grants Pass Saturday and Sunday and an Indian Spring Salmon Feast at Cello Falls April 24.

Dynamite Found At Oregon City

OREGON CITY (UP)—Four sticks of dynamite were found in a student locker at Oregon City High school, Principal Guy D. Barnett said Friday.

Barnett said the explosive was found alongside the Clackamas River by a student, who told him he brought the dynamite to school to give it to friends.

Molalla Boater Feared Drowned

OREGON CITY (AP)—A small plywood boat overturned in the Willamette River Saturday, and a fisherman, tentatively identified as William Blaser, 34, Molalla, was believed drowned.

Persons on the shore said they saw the boat overturn and one man attempt to swim away. Relatives of Blaser said they thought he was on a fishing trip and was accompanied by Bert Gibbins, also of Molalla.

The Weather
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, tonight and Monday. Warmer with a high today of 54-58 and Monday, 50-58. Low tonight 32-34 with local frost. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 39.
WILLAMETTE RIVER TO FEET
SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
24.82 26.04 33.71

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	49	35	.81
Portland	49	38	.15
Baker	42	27	trace
Medford	48	32	trace
North Bend	50	36	.21
Roseburg	53	23	trace
San Francisco	56	40	trace
Chicago	67	43	.00
New York	73	52	.00
Los Angeles	67	51	.00

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