

Voters, in Salem, Keizer Approve Schools Merger

Gus Moore, Mrs. Brydon to Keep Positions on Salem School Board

Consolidation of the populous Keizer elementary school district north of Salem with the larger Salem district was approved by voters in both districts Monday night.

Salem district voters turned out in "light" numbers to elect

The results of the school election in Salem according to districts include:

Precinct	Consolidation	Yes	No	Edwards	G. Moore	Brydon	J. Moore
Highland	64	49	15	53	35	76	35
Grant	114	84	30	46	138	131	41
Richmond	74	58	16	25	104	103	29
Morningside	58	50	8	26	116	106	43
Four Corners	17	14	3	9	19	17	13
West Salem	37	22	15	35	32	32	28
Washington	77	63	14	53	79	99	43
Englewood	165	111	54	138	75	188	87
Acme Blvd.	151	114	37	47	112	181	46
Leslie	114	112	2	71	210	189	99
TOTAL	991	637	354	563	1,820	1,162	464

Gus Moore and Mrs. Edith Brydon to the Salem school board of directors. They defeated Charles C. Edwards, Salem mortician, and John Moore, local labor leader.

Keizer voters trooped to the polls in large numbers to register landslide approval of the consolidation measure, 628 to 92. The Keizer school budget of \$84,260 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation also was approved 407 to 263.

Salem voters also approved the merger 991 to 637. Both the Salem and Keizer boards had given formal approval of the consolidation prior to the election.

Non-High Passes

Keizer approved the Marion County non-high school budget by a vote of 383 to 295. Keizer was the last remaining major suburb in the Salem area with a separate school district.

Under recent laws Keizer would have faced a major tax increase in 1958 to send its children to Salem high schools.

As a result of the merger it is predicted Salem's school tax will rise about 1 1/2 mills. This could be changed, however, depending on Keizer's future building needs.

Budgets already have been set up for Salem and Keizer separately for the coming school year.

Mrs. Brydon Leads

Gus Moore, who gathered 1,020 votes last night, is the current Salem school board chairman. Mrs. Brydon, Salem housewife, who led all four candidates with 1,137 tallies, will complete the unexpired term of the late Mrs. David Wright. Mrs. Brydon was appointed to the post.

Salem school officials said that despite the "light" vote compared with other controversial elections in the past, last night's turnout was the heaviest for a "directors election" in the past 15 years.

Bond Issue

For Silverton High Leading

SILVERTON — A controversial \$195,000 bond issue measure for the year-old Silverton Union High School district was leading late Monday night on returns from eight of 12 members districts.

The incomplete county showed the bond issue, to be used to build an addition to the present Silverton high school, to have garnered 446 votes in favor and 188 against.

Only two of the reporting district voted against it. They include Evans Valley, 14 to 12, and Central Howell (includes Brush Creek) 38 to 37.

Other districts who reported included Evergreen, Victor Point, Silver Crest, Mt. Angel, Bethany and Silverton. Monitor, Crooked Finger, Scotts Mills and Butte Creek remained to be heard from.

At Silverton voters elected Herman Gochie and Mrs. Allan Foster to the school board. Defeated candidate was James Ekman.

Jefferson Kills School Budget

JEFFERSON — Voters here Monday turned down a local school budget of \$120,000 in excess of the six per cent limitation. The vote was 73 to 67 against.

Directors elected to the school board were Marvin McGill, Darwin L. Cook and John W. Finlay. (Other rural school district vote results on page 2, sec. 1.)

Higher Work Standards Due In Canneries

The Oregon Wage and Hour Commission ordered higher standards Monday for women and minors in the fruit and vegetable packing industry. The change is effective Aug. 13.

The order sets a 66-cent hourly wage minimum, and provides for time and a half overtime pay after 10 hours, and double time after 12 hours daily. Minor employees will be limited to 10 hours of work a day.

Overtime now is paid after 12 hours.

The new order also calls for 10-minute rest periods after three consecutive work hours, and weight-lifting restrictions.

Meat processors also are brought under the order.

Russia Approves West Proposals For Big 4 Meet

SAN FRANCISCO — Russia was reliably reported to have given a tentative approval early Tuesday to Western proposals for conducting next month's top level meeting in Geneva.

Informed quarters said the Western powers had presented a series of proposals at a four-hour meeting and that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov told them that at first sight he saw no reason to object.

The Soviet diplomat, however, said he wanted to have the proposals translated into Russian so he could study them further. He said he would give his reply in a day or two.

ANIMAL CRACKERS BY WARREN GOODRICH

"Yes, dear, you are a gay, stimulating conversationalist — now shut up!"

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President Takes Out Time to Chat With Golf Champ

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When the President of the United States wants to meet someone, he meets him.

Despite the fact that Jack Fleck, new National Open Golf champion, had checked out of his motel, he was tracked down Monday afternoon and spent five minutes talking golf with President Eisenhower in the latter's hotel suite.

The President congratulated him on beating Ben Hogan in an 18-hole playoff Sunday, according to Fleck, and told him that "When you beat Hogan you beat a great golfer."

Rocket Blasts Destroy Jets At Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — A jet fighter created an uproar at the Portland Air Force Base Monday by accidentally firing a dozen practice rockets that caused an estimated two million dollars in damage.

There were no reports of injury after the brief but fiery affair. The jet fighter was parked at the time. Two planes were destroyed.

The missiles scattered through the Air Force parking area at the base and one of them bounced off a house a mile away.

An Air Force spokesman said the 3 1/2 foot rockets were practice weapons and did not carry live warheads.

The damage was assessed at: two F-89 jet fighters destroyed; two more damaged, a jeep ruined; a C-46 transport plane damaged lightly, and holes in two buildings.

The Air Force spokesman said the two jets destroyed caught fire when the rockets hit the fuel tank or live ammunition in the planes. The far flying rocket struck the home of 1st Lt. Russell Nelson. It hurt no one there.

One man fled for safety from his position on the wing of another plane.

Col. Elmer McTaggart, acting commander of the base, said one man is being held for investigation in connection with the incident. The only identification he would give was to describe the man as "an authorized individual." A board of inquiry was set up quickly but the Air Force would not speculate on the cause of the uncontrolled rocket firing.

South Salem Fire District To Vote Today

SOUTH SALEM — Voters of Liberty-Salem Heights rural fire district will vote Tuesday between 2 and 8 p.m. at the fire hall on Chaney Way east of Dickson's Market, on a 5-mill special levy.

The proposed levy of 5 mills a year for three years would raise an estimated \$40,000 to finance construction of a new fire hall and purchase of a 1,000-gallon pumper in a move planned by the fire district board in order to obtain a better insurance rating.

Board Secretary Lyle Suttler said studies of the plan indicate that savings in insurance would more than offset the higher tax. He gave the comparison that the 5-mill levy would mean an extra tax of about \$12 on a \$10,000 house and, with advancement of the insurance rating, the saving on such a house would be \$19 to \$20 a year.

The new fire hall will require also the purchase of permanent property for its site, he added. Present district annual tax is 4 mills.

Scientists Sad, Clouds Hide Eclipse in Ceylon

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP) — The sun was hidden by the moon over a great stretch of South Asia Monday in probably the longest total eclipse in 1,236 years — but few of the scientists gathered in Ceylon could see it.

Heavy rain clouds hung over most of the area from which the eclipse might have been observed, although the scientific observation posts had been set up in what is statistically the driest part of North Central Ceylon.

Only a team from Harvard University could report even fairly satisfactory viewing conditions. This team took photographs of the infra-red spectrum of the sun in eclipse. Other American and Swiss, French, German, British and Japanese scientists said their instruments could record nothing.

The total eclipse lasted 7 minutes, 7.8 seconds at the center of its path. In the Philippines it was 7 minutes, 4 seconds.

The 18-mile-wide band of darkness started in the Indian Ocean and advanced 24 miles a minute over about 1,276,000 square miles of the earth's surface, including Ceylon, Thailand, Indochina and the Philippines.

Astronomers find no record of any total eclipse longer than Monday's since 717 A.D. They said only four total eclipses will exceed seven minutes in the 20th Century.

When the clouds failed to disperse, Prof. H. von Klüber, leaders of a joint British-Ceylonese team, ordered abandonment of two major experiments, one to test the late Alfred Einstein's theory of gravitational effect on ray light and the other to study the sun's surface.

Two other U.S. teams set up on the East Coast, one from Hayden Planetarium of New York and the other sponsored by Trans World Airways, also had to sit by helplessly.

A despairing Swiss scientist, Prof. M. Waldmeier, flew his country's flag at half mast because his team could see no part of the eclipse from Polonnaruwa airfield, where it was based alongside a London University group and a Japanese team led by Prof. M. Huhata of Tokyo University. "Complete failure," sighed Huhata. "Just bad luck."

Detroit Man, 3 Boys Believed In Car at Bottom of Reservoir

Overcross Jury Selection Starts Today

Case No. 42100 of state of Oregon vs. Casper A. Overcross charged with the rifle slaying of Ervin Kaser opens at 10 a.m. today in Judge George Duncan's Marion County courtroom.

A packed courtroom is expected this morning when District Attorney Kenneth O. Brown and his special Assistant Charles Raymond begin with Defense Attorneys Bruce Williams and Otto R. Skopel Jr. the preliminary task of picking the 12 or 13 jurors who will hear the case.

Estimates of attorneys indicated selection of the jury from a regular panel of 60 and reserve list of 100 may take two to three days. Examination of prospective jurors for the first degree murder case is expected to be a slow and careful process by both sides. (Additional details on page 2, sec. 1.)

Portland Firm Bids Lowest On Ship Jobs

Willamette Iron and Steel Co., Portland, has submitted the low bid of \$26,000,000 to convert two mariner vessels, Gov. Paul Patterson's office announced Monday.

The word came from Clarence Morse, chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission.

The governor said the work will employ more than 1,000 men for 18 months. There was a spirited contest for the job between the company and Maryland shipyards.

The governor said: "It is tremendously gratifying that the merits of the Willamette bid were recognized despite tremendous pressure from Eastern seaboard interests. Recognition of the key position of West Coast shipyards in national defense is both proper and a promise for the future."

"This favorable action demonstrates the effects of united effort by West Coast interests. The position of the Willamette Iron and Steel company was vigorously supported by Gov. Langlie of Washington and Gov. Knight of California, and by coast industry and civic leaders as well as myself."

Gov. Patterson went to Washington several days ago to plead the company's case.

Another Fair Day Expected

Weathermen at McNary Field predict another fair day today, with a maximum temperature of 80, slightly lower than Monday's maximum of 84.

Brief morning clouds and some tonight are also forecast. Lowest temperature tonight is expected to hit 50. A high of 76 is forecast for Wednesday.

At the coast, Tuesday's weather is expected to be fair except for morning clouds, with westerly winds of 5 to 15 miles per hour. Temperature range is expected to be 48 to 65.

Pack Train Heads Into Cascades to Bring Out Body

EUGENE (AP) — A pack train headed into the Cascade Range south of Bend Monday to bring out the body of a fisherman.

A nine-mile hike over partly snow covered trails was made by P. J. Giesen to inform authorities of the death of Calvin Osborne, 30, of Rogue River Sunday night. It was believed Osborne had died after a heart attack. He was a member of a party of eight which had walked into the Mink Lake Basin area.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	84	48	.00
Portland	84	49	.00
Baker	94	46	.00
Medford	87	51	.00
North Bend	88	50	.00
Roseburg	94	45	.00
San Francisco	64	51	trace
Los Angeles	79	57	.00
Chicago	89	66	.00
New York	87	62	.07

Willamette River 0.1 foot. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly fair today, except for brief morning cloudiness; partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. High today near 80, low tonight near 50. Cooler Wednesday with high near 76. Temperature at 12:51 a.m. today was 57.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Sept. 1 31.22 64.54 28.72

Crumpled Guard Rail Serves as Clue



DETROIT, Ore.—State police Monday examine the broken end of a guard rail where a car believed to be carrying a Detroit man, his two sons and their companion apparently crashed off the North Santiam Highway 185 feet into Detroit Lake. Search of the deep waters of the lake are scheduled to resume early Tuesday (Statesman Photo).



DETROIT, Ore.—Passers-by are but small dots at the top of the steep 185-foot slope down which a car apparently carried four Detroit residents to their death on the weekend. Bits of metal and broken brush and rock indicated the car hit twice on the way down, once about midway and the second time just before plunging into Detroit Lake, now filled to peak level from melting snow. (Statesman Photo).

Strawberry Crop Short of Pickers

A shortage of strawberry pickers, particularly in the Keizer and Independence areas, was reported Monday by the State Employment Service. Buses are calling for workers at the employment office, 710 Ferry St., at 6 a.m. daily. Harvesters also are declared needed in the areas served by employment offices in Woodburn, Silverton, Stayton, Independence and Mt. Angel.

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Deep Water Blocks Attempt At Recovery

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DETROIT, Ore.—A broken guard rail and a trail of wreckage leading down the steep canyon to Detroit Lake apparently pointed Monday to the fate of four Detroit residents, missing from their homes here since Saturday night.

Missing and presumed dead in the 185-foot plunge of their 1941 Mercury coupe were James A. Jennings, 41, his two sons, Richard A. Jennings, 14, and Leo H. Jennings, 16, and their companion 17-year-old John F. Wallace.

The quartet was last reported seen Saturday evening by Jennings brother, Seth Jennings, as they departed from the Jennings' home presumably to attend a movie in Mill City. Police surmised they were returning from Mill City when the car missed a curve a mile and a half east of Detroit Dam, battered down a concrete guard rail and bounced the 185 feet into the lake.

Depth of the water at the scene, estimated to be 40 feet deep near shore and from 200 to 250 feet a few yards out, blocked recovery operations Monday but there seemed little doubt that the Jennings' car was on the lake bottom.

Licenses Plate Found
A license plate bearing number 7E667 which is registered to Jennings' car, and Jennings' billfold were discovered between the point where the car left the highway and the water's edge.

A Corps of Engineers crew and state police will make new dragging attempts Tuesday to locate the submerged car, but Sgt. Wayne Huffman of state police indicated there was not too much hope for successful grappling operations. The reservoir in back of Detroit Dam is now at peak level.

High winds through the canyon Monday also hampered dragging operations by the engineers from their tug the Lewiston.

Adding paths to the apparent highway tragedy was the fact that Mrs. Jennings is a seriously ill patient at the State Tuberculosis Hospital at Salem where she expected a visit from her family Sunday afternoon. And left at home was the Jennings' 10-year-old daughter Wanda, a victim of poliomyelitis which has left her a cripple.

Only the wish of her uncle Seth apparently kept Wanda from the same fate of her father and brothers. She had planned to accompany the four to the show but the uncle persuaded her to stay at home with him and watch TV instead.

Battered Rail
Hint of the tragedy was discovered Monday morning by state highway department maintenance worker Glen Davidson who noted the battered guard rail and investigated. Damage to the rail was reportedly seen as early as 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning, probably only shortly after the accident.

Young Wallace is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wallace and has been a resident of Detroit with his family for about nine years. The Wallaces have three other children. John Wallace was born June 17, 1938 in the San Fernando valley of California and was a sophomore at Detroit High School last year.

Richard Jennings, born at Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 22, 1941, completed the eighth grade at Detroit this spring. His elder brother born at Hoquiam, Wash., Aug. 16, 1938, had reportedly quit high school and was employed with his father on state highway work in the area.

The elder Jennings, who was born at Galvin, Wash., Feb. 5, 1914 has one other brother, Thomas L. Jennings of Seattle and two sisters, Mrs. Nora Dawson, Wapato, Wash., and Mrs. Percy (Ada) Alexander, Seattle.

W.U. Summer Signup Starts

Willamette University will open its summer session today, with first classes at 8 a.m. Registration is continuing all week, following an initial signup of 84 students Monday.

Summer students live and eat off the campus, as all college residences are closed until fall.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

At Spokane 2, Salem 6
At Wenatchee 1, Eugene 10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Cincinnati 3, New York 8
At Milwaukee 2, Philadelphia 1
At St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 1
Only games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

No games scheduled.

BASEBALL