

Platoons of Children Work Hard to Keep Up With Bountiful Strawberry Harvest



Scenes like this one taken Monday on the William L. Woelk farm north of Salem on Windsor Island Road were typical as the strawberry season hit its peak. Nearly 150 pickers—mostly kids—were hard at work on this 12-acre patch when the panoramic photograph above was taken. Roy Carnett, 3915 N. River Rd., is shown in the foreground holding a box of the freshly picked berries. Most pickers were finished for the day Monday when rains began late in the afternoon. All told, Woelk has about 40 acres in strawberries. The school bus shown in the background is used to haul pickers and belongs to Woelk—who believes kids (even some of the younger ones) do a fine job harvesting the crop. (Statesman Photo by John Erickson.)

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IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

Following publication of the report of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries on the deposits of bauxite in the Salem hills south of town options were reported taken on tracts and test drilling started to determine the extent of the deposit. Whether the bauxite will be mined in the near future doubtless depends on what is found as to the volume of ore and its richness in aluminum. Assuredly if these figures are good the ore will be mined. Presently aluminum companies with reduction plants at Vancouver, Troutdale and Longview import alumina, which has been reduced from bauxite clear from southeastern United States. The bauxite ore itself comes from Dutch Guiana and Jamaica, and from Arkansas, Alabama and Georgia. A local source of supply would therefore be most welcome, for it would save heavy transportation costs.

While the advent of a mining operation would bring in considerable money to this area, one of the type contemplated would have its drawbacks too. This would be what is called strip-mining. Bulldozers would strip off the overburden to expose the ore. This would then be handled by shovels and ore-cars or trucks. When the ore is exhausted the countryside would be completely devastated: to trees, big piles and ridges of the overburden which had been washed aside, and holes or pits where the ore had been removed.

Strip-mining resembles placer mining in the destruction it gives to the topsoil. In a number of states the law requires one engaged in this type of mining to level the surface. Such legislation was proposed in Oregon as far back as 1939, then with a view to saving top soil on placer mining of rich alluvial valleys in Eastern Oregon. Nothing was done, however, so a strip or placer-miner in this state does not face the same requirement as in other states. This vacuum in our laws ought to be filled, with an act modeled after laws in other states which would protect the future beauty of the countryside and its utility as well. Until that is done the only protection is what might be done voluntarily by those who are engaged in the business.

Suit Questions Legality of City Plan for Street Improvements

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

The City of Salem was sued in Marion County Circuit Court Monday to determine if it is properly spending a \$300,000 street fund it gets from state highway revenues.

This reopened at the City Council's meeting Monday night

an aldermen's scrap over which city streets should be widened under the new city budget, with special emphasis on Fairgrounds road and on South 12th street proposals.

Only immediate result was a Council vote in favor of spending \$22,000 for widening South River road between Miller street and city limits—a project not directly involved in the lawsuit.

16 File Suit

The suit was filed by 16 S. 12th street businessmen, advocates of the 12th Street widening proposal, seeking a declaratory judgment on the legal correctness of 44 city budget items scheduled in the 1955-56 city budget to be paid out of the State Street and Road Tax Fund.

Defendants are the City of Salem, the City Council and the individual aldermen and mayor. The suit maintains the aldermen are personally responsible if spending from the state fund is not "for the construction, reconstruction, improving, repairing, maintaining, cleaning and policing of streets of the city of Salem."

"Without Knowledge"

Alderman E. C. Charlton, himself a principal backer of 12th street widening in South Salem, declared to his colleagues at City Hall last night that the suit had been filed without his knowledge. "It is ill advised, ill timed and shouldn't be allowed to interfere with the development of 12th street."

In subsequent discussion, Charlton insinuated that the lawsuit had been inspired by Alderman David O'Hara of North Salem, a backer of the Fairgrounds road widening who earlier this month had questioned the legality of allocating parts of the state fund to salary, office supplies and certain other expenses of the city engineering staff.

"Not Ashamed"

Replying to Charlton, O'Hara said of the lawsuit, "Well, I'm not ashamed of it."

Charlton asked the city attorney to draft a resolution calling for \$14,000 to be spent on widening 12th Street from Mission "as far south as that money will go. I'll ask for completion of the job next year."

Charlton presented traffic count figures which he said showed 12th street carried heavier traffic than any other street considered for widening.

"Most Unethical"

Asserting that the alderman was comparing 12th with the Fairgrounds road project, O'Hara branded Charlton's suggestion as "the most unethical proposal I've ever heard in the City Council, with an alderman making an improvement in his ward must be made at the expense of another ward."

Charlton said it appeared that the \$14,000 amount was about the only item not challenged in the lawsuit.

Attorney Roy Hewitt, representing the plaintiffs, told The

Pickets Halt Work on Atom Bomber Bases

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Picket lines thrown up by the AFL Ironworkers local 14 has halted construction work in Spokane and Moses Lake and the union president said Monday night the strike might be extended to the Hanford atomic works at Richland, Wash.

Howard A. Turner, president of the striking union which has jurisdiction in eastern Washington and northern Idaho, said talks had been scheduled with representatives of the construction firms at Hanford. He said the union will make contract demands on two firms at the atomic plant, the Hoffman Construction Co., Portland, Ore., and the South Construction Co., Seattle.

The union is seeking pay raises totaling 32-cents an hour. Members now receive \$2.85 an hour.

Earlier Monday, C. E. Hively, executive secretary of the builders, said the union had posted pickets at Larson Air Force Base at Moses Lake and stopped construction of test facilities for Boeing B52 jet bombers.

Turncoat GI In China Asks Freedom Aid

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A letter asking help in getting out of Communist China was received at Southern Baptist Convention headquarters Monday from a prisoner of war slated to be released by the Reds.

The letter dated May 19, 1955, was from former Army Cpl. Lewis W. Griggs, 22, of Jacksonville, Tex. Dr. R. Alton Reed, executive secretary for the convention relief and annuity board, said the appeal will be relayed to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London July 16-22.

Griggs, who left high school at 17 to join the Army in 1949, was captured in Korea in 1951 and refused repatriation after the Korean armistice.

Griggs' letter, mailed from Kai-fung, China, with a return address in care of the Red Cross in Peking, said in part:

"The problem we need assistance in is in getting out Communist China. . . We are having much difficulty in doing so. . . At the present I don't know if we will be killed, thrown in prison or let leave China."

Self-Rule for Cyprus Eyed By England

LONDON (AP) — Government sources said Monday night Prime Minister Eden's government plans to offer Cyprus limited self-rule soon in an effort to quench fires of rebellion smoldering in that British Mediterranean stronghold.

The reported plan would be wrapped up in an offer of a new constitution that would leave the strategic island, whose people are mostly of Greek and Turkish blood, a colony within the British Empire.

The possibility of eventual independence within the British Commonwealth presumably would form part of the offer.

Even while wooing the Cypriots politically, the government is sending in a 2,000-man police detachment and taking other measures to put down a campaign of violence and propaganda against the Colonial administration.

Court Orders Slot Rehearing

PORTLAND (AP) — A court rehearing was ordered Monday in connection with attempts to prevent a ban on slot machines from becoming effective here.

The rehearing — on a date still to be set — became necessary with the unexpected death last Friday of Circuit Judge Lowell Mundorf. He had heard arguments in a suit brought by Lou Dunis for Portland pinball machine operators.

A city ordinance bans coin-operated slot machines, but pinball operators removed or plugged the coin slots in their machines and argued that these were legal. They brought suit to halt police seizure.

Saw-Filled Pie Brings Arrest of 2 Klamath Women

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — Two women are being held under \$3,500 bond each after an unsuccessful attempt to smuggle four hacksaw blades into a jail cell.

Charged with trying to aid a prisoner to escape were Mrs. Zeldia Pearson, 26 and Phyllis Hill, 19.

Klamath County Sheriff Murray Britton said Mrs. Pearson visited her husband in his cell, then returned a short time later with a cherry pie and some ice cream. Jailor Fred Chaffee found the hacksaw blades imbedded in the crust of the pie.

The husband, Leon G. Pearson, and Melvin Chloquin, 25, are accused in the death of John Madrueno, a railroad worker.

Bullet Expert Quizzed

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT JR.
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Testimony of the state's ballistics expert was questioned critically Monday by defense counsel as the first degree murder trial of Casper A. Overross resumed in Marion County Circuit Court.

Attorney Otto R. Skopel Jr., leading the defense cross-examination of state's witnesses, challenged crime laboratory technician Ralph Prouty repeatedly on the accuracy of his testimony relating to bullet holes in the automobile of the slain Ervin Kaser.

Prouty, with the crime laboratory since July 1953, was on the witness stand most of the afternoon as the state sought to set the technical scene of the Feb. 17 murder south of Silverton.

6th State Witness

The young Portlander was the sixth state witness to take the stand in the five-day-old trial, and the fifth called to the witness chair Monday.

Previously Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Kellerhals, only known witnesses to the slaying, were among those offering testimony. They followed Deputy Sheriff Richard C. Boehringer to the stand and were followed by Melvin Kaser, brother of the dead man.

Mrs. Kellerhals, who has lived for 18 years across the highway from the Kaser home, was the first to recount details of the first few minutes following the shooting of Kaser. She told of hearing Kaser's car pull into his driveway and of a car door slam about the same time a second car halted on the highway a few yards north.

"Someone's Shooting"

"Mannie, someone's shooting at Ervin," she recalled saying after hearing one shot. She said both she and her husband jumped from bed to the front window of their home in time to see flashes of three more shots, and to see the second car speed away south.

Mrs. Kellerhals testimony differed slightly from that of her husband on details of the second car's movement. She said the car, identified as dark in color, appeared to leave the scene about two or three seconds after the last shot, while Mr. Kellerhals said the car started immediately.

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Helen Keller Recognized on 75th Birthday

(Picture on page 8, Sec. 1)

EASTON, Conn. (AP) — Helen Keller, who has done little compromising in her lifetime, did so Monday on her 75th birthday.

She spent half of it—reluctantly—as a public citizen; half as a private one.

After a morning during which she gracefully and obediently posed for cameras in traditional birthday positions and talked with the press, the doors of Arcan Ridge were politely but firmly closed to the world.

Helen Keller went back to work at her desk, catching up with her mail.

Actually, the day was much more complicated than that in spite of the efforts of Polly Thomson, her companion, to make things as easy as possible for this gray-haired and blue-eyed woman who, deaf and blind herself, has dedicated a lifetime to helping all handicapped persons.

Miss Keller, just returned from a five-month, 40,000-mile working trip around the world on behalf of the blind, "is in perfect health and feels fine, but the doctor says that after a trip like that she needs a two-month vacation," Miss Thomson explained, adding grimly, "and so do I."

Weathermen Say Showers

AMARILLO, Tex. (AP) — Two people were killed by lightning Monday night as a band of thunderstorms swept across the Texas Panhandle.

Another shower day is expected for the Salem area today, but McNary Field weathermen do not expect the rainfall to total Monday's amount of 44 of an inch.

A high of near 68 is forecast for today, low near 44 tonight. Wednesday is expected to be partly cloudy with scattered showers.

At the coast, it will be mostly cloudy with a few scattered showers, according to the Associated Press. Westerly winds of 5 to 15 miles per hour are expected and temperature range of 54 to 62.

'Russian Pilots' Shoot Down Nationalist Jet

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — Communist MIG jet fighters shot down a Nationalist jet trainer Monday and attacked an unarmed amphibious commercial plane in an abrupt flareup of warfare over the Formosa Strait.

Chinese Nationalist air force headquarters said intercepted intercept conversations between the MIGs indicated the pilots were Russians. The air force asserted also that fluent Russian was overheard in the directions from the ground to the attacking MIGs.

The Defense Ministry assailed the incidents as "unprovoked attacks by Communist jets on unarmed Chinese aircraft over international waters."

It said the pilot was killed in the crash of his flaming jet when it plunged into the sea north of the Matsus. The other trainer escaped. (Peiping radio, in a Chinese language broadcast heard in Tokyo, reported Chinese fighter planes shot down one Nationalist plane and damaged two "over the Southeast China Coast.")

The ministry reported a two-engine PBV Catalina amphibian owned by the Foshing Airlines was attacked by two MIGs about 12:30 p. m. while bound for Matsui.

Aboard were four Chinese crew members and 1st Lt. John J. Goodrich, 26, Rayne La., Medical Corp member of the U. S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG).

The plane had been chartered by MAAG.

The pilot landed near the island, checked the plane, waited for dark and returned to Taipei's Pinehill Airport Monday night.

He said none aboard was hurt, contrary to earlier reports by the airline that the American officer was wounded slightly.

Day-Old Portland Baby Abandoned

PORTLAND (AP) — A one or two-day old infant abandoned here early Monday was taken to a baby home where it was described as normal and healthy.

The infant's cries at about 1 a. m. led Robert Carlson, 17, to investigate. He found the child and called sheriff's officers, who took it to Waverly Baby home.

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	69	48	.44
Portland	65	47	.27
Baker	79	41	.00
Medford	82	45	trace
North Bend	60	55	.11
Roseburg	76	46	.00
San Francisco	64	46	.00
Los Angeles	70	60	.00
Chicago	82	55	.00
New York	82	65	trace
Willamette River	-0.4	foot.	

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with a few scattered showers, high near 68; partly cloudy tonight with low near 44. Partly cloudy with scattered showers Wednesday.

Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 53.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year	Last Year	Normal
31.70	44.90	38.95

Twisters Rock Middle West in Wake of Flood

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (AP) — Two persons were killed late Monday when a tornado smashed into the Hillerage housing development northeast of here.

The dead were identified as Mrs. V. J. Daniels, 50, and Jim Karbous, 16, both of here.

A report of a third death could not be verified.

The tornado whipped into the area at a time when residents were wondering if the flooding Upper North Platte River might wash them out of their homes. The river was on its worst rampage in 25 years.

Scottsbluff hospitals were crowded with injured from the housing development. Estimates of the number hurt ranged up to 75.

Alert Sounded

An alert sent out by the Weather Bureau here in mid-afternoon was believed to have led many persons to leave their homes to seek storm shelters, thus cutting down the toll when the twister raged into the Hillerage development in late afternoon.

Some 20 houses were reported smashed in the Hillerage section while out in the farm lands an additional eight were reported flattened by the swirling funnel cloud which had force enough to roll automobiles up into twisted heaps of scrap metal.

Touched Cemetery

The tornado was reported to have first touched ground at the Scottsbluff cemetery, then to have swirled back into the air to flash on to the housing development before again descending to create its destruction.

The one cheerful thing here was that the flood waters pouring out of Wyoming were not expected to fan out over "as much territory as originally predicted."

It was different over in Wyoming at Torrington, about 40 miles west of here.

Residents Evacuated

There residents had been evacuated from sections of the town of 3,247 as the river kept up a threat of reaching a new high. And the Red Cross said some 500 families might have to leave their homes if the river continued to rise.

Tweed Wins School Post At Silverton

SILVERTON — Edgar Tweed of Monitor was elected to the Silverton Union High School board of directors in an election Monday night, which was duplicated at four other union high districts in Marion County.

Tweed won over John Plas by a vote of 379 to 210. Plas, a Crooked Finger area farmer, was seeking reelection in the only contested election in the county.

Voting by districts for Tweed and Plas, respectively, included Evergreen, Tweed 11 to Plas, 1; Silver Crest, 8 to 0; Bethany, 18 to 5; Mt. Angel, 11 to 149; Silverton, 220 to 10; Central Howell (includes Brush Creek), 31 to 2; Scotts Mills (includes Butte Creek), 3 to 8; Crooked Finger, 0 to 16; Monitor, 28 to 0; Victor Point, 30 to 0, and Evans Valley, 19 to 19.

Tweed will take office July 11. The Silverton Union High School board will meet Tuesday night to canvass the vote.

Voting, which was described as "extremely light" at most other union high districts, showed these results:

Loren Hicks, Turner farmer, was elected a director of the Cascade Union High district, to succeed Delmer Barber, who was not a candidate.

Directors elected at St. Paul Union High were Robert Coleman and Joseph Pohlschneider, who will fill out the unexpired term of John Kaufmann, who died last spring. The district budget was approved.

North Marion Union High district elected Edward M. Shannon of Butteville unopposed to succeed Glenn A. Yerben, also of Butteville. A district budget of \$65,441 also was approved.

At Turnout Union High 14 voters turned out to unanimously reelect Russell Wilson of Lyons. Gervais Union High voted on its directors and budget last week and so did not vote last night.

Strike Authorized By Steelworkers' Union Leaders

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The CIO United Steelworkers wage policy committee Monday authorized a nationwide strike, but union President David J. McDonald said "Don't get the idea we are strike happy."

The 170-member committee voted unanimously to give McDonald authority to strike the basic steel industry at midnight Thursday if an agreement is not reached on union demands for a substantial wage increase.

The wage policy members also approved rejection of Big Steel's offer to increase wages an average of 10 cents an hour and an offer by Inland Steel Co. to increase wages about 10 1/2 cents an hour.

Springfield Boy Drowns in 'Learn To Swim' Class

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (UP) — A nine-year-old boy entered in a "learn-to-swim" program at Willamalane Park here drowned Monday morning in four feet of water in the park pool.

The victim was Freddy Callaway, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa G. Callaway of Springfield. Artificial respiration was applied to the boy immediately after his body was brought to the surface at 10:30 a. m., but he was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital at 11 a. m.

Freddy was listed as an "advanced beginner" in a class taught by Mrs. Elaine Nissen. Mrs. Nissen said the pool had been cleared of students at 10:25 and could not explain the drowning.

Tito Accepts Moscow Bid

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Tito has accepted an invitation to visit Moscow, returning the recent Khrushchev-Bulgarian visit to Yugoslavia.

This announcement was made Monday by the semi-official Yugoslav press, immediately after Yugoslavia and the Western Big Three had pledged their "continued cooperation."

ANIMAL CRACKERS
BY WARREN GOODRICH

"Let's set the alarm for 4 a. m. so we won't disturb mama when we leave."

Senate Okehs Unit For U.S. Security Program Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Monday passed a bill to set up a bipartisan commission to make a thorough study of President Eisenhower's federal employe security program before the presidential elections next year.

In a brief debate before approving the plan on a voice vote, both Democrats and Republicans voiced hopes that the study could be made in a "dispassionate, nonpolitical atmosphere."

Triplets Set Record At Closing Hospital

ELMA, Wash. (AP) — Identical triplets were born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Zepp, of Satsop, at Elma General Hospital.

They are the only triplets known to have been born at Elma General Hospital in its 57 years of operation. The hospital is planning to close permanently on Friday.

Attorney Roy Hewitt, representing the plaintiffs, told The

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE
At Salem-Spokane, rain.
At Eugene-Lewiston, rain.
At Yakima-Tri-City, rain.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
At Portland-Seattle, rain.
Only game scheduled.

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