

Council Preparing \$5 Million in City Ballot Items

The Weather

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with occasional rain today, tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature, with the highest today near 50 and the lowest tonight near 35.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
30.89 16.07 18.69

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Ground-Breaking Ceremony Today To Start American Can Co. Project

Firm's Vice President Plans Inspection of North Salem Factory Site

American Can Co.'s top executive on the West Coast, Vice President R. C. Stolk, today will be in Salem to make personal inspection of the site for his company's new Salem plant.

He and other top officials of the nationwide manufacturing firm will conduct a formal ground-breaking at 11 a. m. on the property just purchased by American Can north of the Cascade Meat plant on Portland Road, between the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric railroad lines.

Stolk, who is in charge of all West Coast operations for American Can, with offices in San Francisco, will conduct city leaders to the site on a special train from downtown Salem, following a 10 a. m. press conference in the Marion Hotel.

The industrial leader is expected to confirm the company's plans for immediate construction of a plant that can get into can-making production this summer. Contractor for the work has not yet been selected, but an early start is predicted by the property purchase terms which included call for the seller (Cascade Meat) to put an access road into the site immediately.

With Stolk today will be A. Alexander Black, Pacific division sales manager, and L. E. Davis, division manager for manufacturing, both of San Francisco, and E. G. Gross, the company's Portland representative. Salem Mayor Robert F. White, Chamber of Commerce President Elmer Berg and other civic leaders will take part in the ground-breaking and the luncheon following.

Judicial Style Trend Invades Circuit Court



Two judges in Marion County Circuit Court donned judicial robes for the first time Tuesday as legal activity of 1956 got underway at the Marion County Courthouse. Judge Val B. Sloper (left) and Judge Joseph B. Felton are shown in the new robes, presented them by the Marion County Bar Association, while looking up a case in the court library. The majority of Oregon circuit judges already wear the black robes. (Statesman Photo)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Senator Wayne Morse has been selected by directors of the Sidney Hillman Foundation to receive the Sidney Hillman award. The citation has not been announced but is reported to acclaim the Oregon senator "for public service in support of civil liberties and civil rights; and for support of natural resources."

Adlai Plans Feb. 11 Talk At Portland

PORTLAND — Adlai Stevenson, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, will come to Portland Feb. 11 to speak at a Democratic banquet.

Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, said Tuesday that Stevenson's acceptance of the invitation did not signify his intention to enter the May 15 Oregon primaries, "although that subject is still under active discussion at Stevenson's Chicago headquarters."

New Year Start Painful Again To Nevada Jailer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — For jailer Eddie Johnson, the start of 1956 was history repeating—with a beating from a would-be escapee.

John F. Thomas, an ex-convict awaiting trial on a burglary charge, jumped Johnson Monday night. Detectives upstairs heard the commotion and subdued Thomas after the jailer suffered a broken nose and bruised face.

'Cartridge' on Airliner Gets Close Scrutiny

WHEELING, W. Va. — The sheriff's office of Ohio county reported Tuesday night that a mysterious "cartridge" was taken off a TWA airliner.

Capt. L. Ryan, pilot of the twin-engine Martin airliner which was en route from Chicago to Washington said he found the object in the aisle of the plane after making a routine stop here. He said it was removed immediately and placed in an open field.

Ryan said the object was about the size of a cigarette and wrapped in tissue paper.

Capt. Sather said it resembled "a cartridge similar to ejection cartridges used to blast jet pilots from their aircraft when a bailout is necessary."

Navy Testing Vaccine Aimed To Kill Colds

WASHINGTON — The navy is conducting pioneer field trials of a triple-barreled vaccine designed to combat some types of severe colds.

The service has begun tests at its Great Lakes naval training center, using a still-experimental vaccine developed by scientists of the National Institute of Health (NIH.)

The vaccine is a theoretically wider-range variety of an earlier vaccine which NIH successfully tested in two prisons last year against one of the many different germs which can cause cold-type illnesses.

A navy source told a reporter Tuesday he knew only that "a small scale test" of the vaccine was being made by naval medical research unit number 4. He said the vaccine is being administered to "approximately 200 recruits undergoing recruit training at the center, and the men all volunteered for the test."

Last November, scientists at NIH said they hoped it would be possible to "field test" the new vaccine on approximately 10,000 military recruits.

Leo Durocher Gave No Lip To Gunman

HOLLYWOOD — Leo (Lippy) Durocher disclosed in an interview Tuesday that he has finally found someone he won't argue with—a man with a gun.

The former manager of the New York Giants said he was held up Monday night in the driveway of his Beverly Hills home.

"I was just closing the door of my garage," he told a reporter, "when I heard someone say, 'don't move.' I did move and turned right into the face of a pistol."

"I said nothing. I was too scared to talk. The gunman said, 'Give me your money.' I gave him \$200. All I had on me. If I had had \$1,500 I'd have given him that, too."

Durocher said his actress wife Laraine Day was asleep at the time. He said he reported the robbery to police.

Durocher is now a \$50,000-a-year NBC executive.

Savings Bank Insures Lives Of Depositors

BELOIT, Wis. — The Beloit State Bank Tuesday put into effect a savings account-life insurance program which covers depositors under 60 years of age up to \$2,500.

President Arthur B. Adams said it works this way: Every customer who now has a savings account with the bank is automatically and at once covered with life insurance for the full amount of his savings account up to \$2,500 providing he or she is not yet 60 years of age.

There are no charges of any kind for this life insurance, Adams said.

The Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Salem	48	41	28
Portland	49	38	28
Baker	41	31	28
Medford	50	39	28
North Bend	58	43	28
Roseburg	49	39	47
San Francisco	58	41	28
Los Angeles	77	45	28
Chicago	37	29	28
New York	40	28	28
Willamette River	11.1	28	47

Governor's 'Team' Confers



Fred M. Shideler, former Oregon State College information director, is shown above (seated) Tuesday during his first day as administrative assistant to Gov. Paul Patterson. Conferring with him is Edward Armstrong, also an administrative assistant to the governor. Shideler took a year's leave of absence from the college to take the newly created job. (Statesman Photo)

Over Inch of Rain Raps Salem; More Forecast

Nearly half an inch of rain fell on the Salem area between 11 p. m. Tuesday and midnight, to produce a 24-hour total of 1.39 inches and a two-day rain of more than two inches.

Except for the usual overflowing street drains, however, no difficulties caused by the storm had been reported Tuesday night.

The Willamette River reading at Salem had been affected little, rising two-tenths foot in 24 hours to 11.1 at midnight.

City crews at midnight were preparing pumps for use during the night. County crews had not been called out at midnight.

More rain was forecast for today and Thursday by McNary Field weathermen in a storm which covered a wide area.

Rain fell steadily Tuesday for the third day at Detroit, washing ice and snow from North Santiam Highway for some distance into the mountains. Highway Department officials warned of rolling rocks at Detroit.

Traffic was reported moving steadily through Santiam Pass Tuesday after a virtual halt for several hours Monday afternoon and evening due to freezing rain on packed snow.

Gorge Clogged
Heavy rain also cleared the snow-clogged Columbia River Gorge, where an estimated 1,000 automobiles were stalled Monday. Associated Press reported. Ice and snow was still reported in the Cascade Locks area and east, however.

Newport received over three inches of rain again Tuesday for a two-day total of almost 7½ inches. Heavy rains in Portland caused new slides and at least one house was reported threatened on the West Side.

Dope Packets Said Arriving By Parachute

CHICAGO — Packages of dope from the southern hemisphere are being parachuted into this country from airplanes, the warden of Stateville prison said Tuesday.

Warden Joseph E. Ragen told a state legislative committee hearing. "An effective smuggling ring operating from the southern hemisphere is flying planes over the U. S. and dropping packages of drugs in remote places where persons are waiting to receive them."

Half of Polk's Road System Damaged by Flood; Survey Sets Repairs at \$135,000

By CHARLES IRELAND Valley Editor, The Statesman
DALLAS, Ore. — Year-end floods caused at least \$135,000 damage to Polk County roads and bridges, County Judge C. M. (Cal) Barnhart said Tuesday.

The judge said 400 miles of roads—about half of Polk County's 800-mile road system—were damaged to some extent.

The high water saw five county bridges "go clear out", Barnhart added.

The county is hopeful that a federal grant that will cover the damage. "But all we know is what we've read in the papers," Barnhart reported.

Congress Swamped By Bills

WASHINGTON — A blizzard of bills accompanied the opening of Congress Tuesday.

The new legislation ranged from urgent proposals for federal disaster insurance to a constitutional amendment which would give the Supreme Court power to determine when a president is unable to perform his duties.

Flood control measures also poured into the hopper. Late in the day the House bill room was so jammed it ceased making any more bills public until Wednesday.

In a bipartisan step to provide quick loan assistance to victims of floods and other disasters, Rep. Spence (D-Ky) and Wolcott (R-Mich.) introduced a bill which set up a 200-million-dollar fund for the purpose.

Gives Court Authority
The constitutional amendment was proposed by Rep. Frelinghuysen (R-N.J.). He said that in addition to giving the Supreme Court authority to pass on the president's fitness it would provide, in cases of temporary presidential "inability," for the vice president to take over.

Frelinghuysen introduced two other bills aimed at relieving the president of some of his executive responsibilities. One would create the office of administrative vice president.

Explosives Penalty
Another early entry was a bill to provide the death penalty for any fatality resulting from putting explosives aboard a civil aircraft. Rep. Hillings (R-Calif.) said he was impelled to introduce it by the death of 44 persons in a Colorado airplane crash last fall.

Rep. John Bell Williams (D-Miss.) proposed legislation to prohibit airlines serving intoxicating liquors on flight over the United States. He described it as a safety measure.

Disaster Insurance
One of the first bills of the new session was a proposal by Rep. Thompson (D-N.J.) to provide a federal program of disaster insurance.

"Flood disasters, such as the tragic and costly floods that occurred in California recently and in New Jersey and many New England states following the hurricanes last fall place an intolerable burden on individuals and business," Thompson said.

He added his measure would reimburse flood victims for 50 percent of their losses, retroactive to July 1, 1955.

Rep. Green (D-Ore) introduced a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide that revenues from the offshore oil lands be used for grants-in-aid for primary, secondary and higher education. Known as the Oil for Education Bill, it duplicates one introduced in the Senate earlier by Sen. Hill (D-Ala) and 35 other senators.

(Congress stories also, Sec. 1, Page 11; Sec. 2, Page 9.)

Death Takes 3 of Quads

LANCASTER, Pa. — Three of quadruplet boys born Monday to a postal clerk and his 25-year-old wife died Tuesday in Lancaster General Hospital. The fourth boy, who had been reported in good condition earlier, was listed as "fair" Tuesday night.

John Philip Hohenwarter died Tuesday afternoon. His brother, Mark Anthony, died several hours later. Carl Conrad died shortly before midnight.

The surviving quad is Norman Charles, first born of the quads who weighed a total of 14 pounds 7 ounces.

Auto Industry Production Cut

DETROIT, Mich. — Mercury division of Ford Motor Co. announced Tuesday a production cutback "to reflect current market conditions," and said it would result in the layoff of 2,350 employees.

Chrysler Corp. announced Dec. 16 it was laying off 1,400 in its automotive body division and cutting back its Plymouth division from an overtime schedule to a 40 hour week.

Chevrolet division of General Motors announced previously an 8 per cent production cutback.

List of Needs Studied

Final Decision Awaits Voting By Aldermen

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT Staff Writer, The Statesman
Nearly \$5,000,000 in city projects appeared headed for spots on the May primary ballot Tuesday as members of the Salem City Council discussed, trimmed and added to individual projects, most of which have been labeled "must pass" items by the various departments involved.

Biggest upgrading was a \$750,000 increase to the estimated \$3,000,000 bond issue officials say is needed to take the city's water supply off the potentially dangerous list. The cost, however, wasn't scheduled to go on the tax bill, but would be paid from water rate increases over a 20 to 30-year period.

Also apparently getting the temporary approval of councilmen were an estimated \$43,000 of matching funds for airport projects; \$140,000 for construction of

Seven money bills involving an approximate total of \$4,776,200 appeared headed for the city ballot, for the May 13 election. They are:

New water line	\$3,750,000
Four new bridges	140,000
Park sites, work	750,000
Street widening	188,000
Annual park fund	35,000
Airport projects	43,000
Fire alarm system	71,000

four new city bridges; \$138,000 for widening of S. 12th Street, Fairgrounds Road and Market Street; \$730,000 for purchase of park lands and development of all parks; \$35,000 annual levy for park purposes, and \$71,000 for a telegraphic box fire alarm system.

Ordinance Bills
Preparation of ordinance bills for all these items was ordered by the councilmen in the unofficial session Tuesday night and will come up for consideration at the regular meeting of the council next Monday.

Water, airport, bridge, street widening, and annual park levy all seemed likely to go on the ballot as recommended, but the major park measure and the fire alarm items were still not firm.

Most vulnerable, on the basis of council discussion, was the \$750,000 park issue which would provide \$300,000 for purchase of an additional 400 acres for park purposes, and \$450,000 for development of those and the city's present parks.

Shifted off of ballot consideration was an estimated \$29,675 to modernize present city library facilities and to establish a branch library in West Salem. Councilmen agreed that this could be absorbed in the 1956-57 budget.

\$71,000 Plan
The \$71,000 plan for a fire alarm system, which Chief Ellsworth Smith says is necessary to get the city into a class three rating eligible for fire insurance reductions, seemed to be the most favored of three alternate plans offered. It drew the endorsement of an alarm system representative who said it was the type used in both Eugene and Albany.

Smith said a class three rating would save the people of Salem \$135,000 in insurance premiums a year.

Two other items, neither involving finances, were scheduled for the city ballot. One, amending the city charter, would remove the one-year residency requirement for persons taking the Civil Service Commission examination for city policemen. The other involves changes in the retirement program for firemen.

Additional City Council news in Sec. 1, Page 2.)

Today's Speller

(Editor's Note: A list of 25 words to be published each school day to make up the 300-word basic list for semi-finals and finals of The Oregon Statesman-KELM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest in which nearly 4,000 11th- and 12th-grade students are participating.)

arouse	gallon
immune	laeander
butterfly	geometry
immediate	beggar
guardian	appreciate
package	surprise
lantern	improper
military	resemble
valley	narrative
uranium	lieutenant
element	democratic
franchise	circular
argument	

Salem's Post Office Scores Record Year

Salem postal officials' prediction of a record mail year for 1955 has been borne out, Postmaster Albert C. Gragg said Tuesday.

Total money receipts during the past year are slightly ahead of 1954 and the number of pieces of mail handled far outnumbered that of the previous year.

A record-breaking 13,946,900 mail cancellations were recorded during 1955. In 1954, it was 13,469,320 and in 1953, the amount was 13,307,870.

Another 40 to 50 per cent is made up of parcel post, third class mail and mail which is stamped by meter machines.

December, the holiday month just ended, marked an all-time monthly high in cancellations with 2,531,000. This compares with 2,404,200 of December of 1954. During the year just ended only one month, September, dipped below the 1,000,000-cancellation mark.

A total of \$1,063,946 was collected by the post office in 1955, approximately \$12,881 more than in 1954.

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