



Mrs. Leonard Bruce, 748 Meadowlawn Dr., was awarded \$140 by the State Employee Suggestion Awards Board Friday for a suggestion which would reduce bulky files in the Department of Veterans' Affairs office where she is employed. Her suggestion will allow the department to get rid of 36 file cabinets—three times as many as those shown above being worked over by Mrs. Bruce. (Statesman Photo).

Last Union Vet
Of Civil War 109
Years Old Today

(Picture on Wirephoto Page)
DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — The last Union Army veteran of the Civil War will be 109 Saturday and his eyes are set on a horizon of peace.

The sight of Albert Woolson may be dimming, but his thoughts and his voice are not. In booming tones that belie his recent bouts with lung congestion, the old soldier said: "This business about war is all nonsense. "I see a peaceful life ahead of us."

While admiring President Eisenhower, Woolson makes no bones about naming Ulysses S. Grant as his favorite president.

Fair Board
Clears Rodeo,
Horse Show

The way was cleared Friday for revival of a combined horse show and rodeo at the Oregon State Fair.

The State Fair Board received approval from the State Emergency Board to make budget changes which would permit replacing the circus performances of recent years with the rodeo-horse show combination that had been staged before.

Principal budget change would be in the spending of \$7,000 of State Fair Board money for two new horse barns. In other major action at the Emergency Board's meeting in the Capitol Friday, \$335,000 was allowed for construction of the proposed new police house at Oregon State Penitentiary, and a requested \$42,600 for the State Civil Defense Agency was rejected. (Additional entry, Sec. 1, Page 5.)

Accused Plane
Bomb Killer
Tries Suicide

DENVER (AP) — John Gilbert Graham, 23, accused killer of 44 in an airliner crash, tried to kill himself Friday night by strangulation in the Denver County Jail, Warden Gordon Dolliver said.

Graham's attempt on his life was thwarted by guard Jim Martin, who noticed the prisoner's irregular breathing, rushed into the cell, ripped a make-shift noose from Graham's throat, and applied artificial respiration.

Graham was unconscious for about five minutes, Dolliver said. Graham was scheduled to be tried March 5 by a jury that would determine if he was sane last Nov. 1 when he is accused of dynamite-bombing a United Air Lines plane. Federal agents said Graham has admitted placing a dynamite bomb in the luggage of his mother, Mr. Daise King, 54, who died when the plane crashed 11 minutes after takeoff from the Denver airport.

Jet Bomber
Crash Kills 6

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Six men were killed when a B47 jet bomber crashed and burned shortly after taking off from the Ellsworth Air Force Base here Friday.

Air Force officials declined to give names of the victims and the home base of the plane until families of victims have been notified. The plane crashed with a force that shook windows in farm houses a mile away and burned so fiercely no rescuers could get near it.

Salem Area
Showers Seen

Warmer temperatures and showers are in prospect for the Salem area today and tonight, according to the Weather Bureau at McNary Field. Partial cloudiness is due Sunday.

Forecasters said the mercury probably would drop no lower than 36 tonight, with a high of 46-48 expected both today and Sunday.

Bank Robber's Gun,
Car Both
Fail; Posse Makes Quick Catch

ARLINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A would-be bank robber with a gun that wouldn't shoot and a getaway car that wouldn't start was beaten into submission Friday by a posse of about 20 men.

The posse was waiting when he tried twice to leave the Arlington bank's back door, each time with a woman hostage. The second woman easily ran to safety with a box containing the bank's money, estimated at \$55,000. Herman (Chick) Maxie, 32, was taken Friday night to Paducah by the FBI. Maxie waived a hearing at his arraignment before U. S. Commissioner Herbert Melton Jr. and was held under \$10,000 bond on a charge of bank robbery. Maxie entered the bank in mid-afternoon. He took the bank's keys at gunpoint from Cashier C. C. Perry and locked the front door. He tied up Perry and Mrs. Marie

Gov. Smith Asks Politics Not
Mar Efficient State Operation

Adlai Arrives
In Portland
For Address

PORTLAND (AP) — Adlai Stevenson arrived here by plane Friday, several hours ahead of schedule to avoid fog which, it was feared, would close the airport at night. Stevenson, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, will address a party Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner Saturday night.

Stevenson, who flew here from San Diego, went at once to a hotel to work on his address. A press conference is scheduled Saturday morning. He was greeted at the airport by a group of Democrats including Rep. Edith Green, State Chairman Howard Morgan and National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland. Morgan said earlier that Stevenson will criticize the Eisenhower administration's power and farm policies.

Stevenson has said that his visit to Oregon is primarily to aid Sen. Wayne Morse in Morse's campaign for reelection.

Message Told
Sen. Case to
Vote Gas Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Francis Case (R-SD) told Senate investigators Friday he received an apparently "fictitious" telegram urging support for the natural gas bill.

He urged an inquiry to determine whether this wire, and possibly others, was in fact faked "to influence my stand." A special Senate investigating committee shrugged the suggestion off. Chairman George (D-Ga.) held the question of phony telegrams "doesn't have any bearing" on this particular inquiry.

The investigation was set up by the Senate to look into the question whether a \$2,500 contribution to Case's re-election campaign by Nebraska lawyer-lobbyist John M. Neff was an improper attempt to get Case to vote for the gas bill.

Case turned down the gift and voted "No" when the bill exempting natural gas producers from direct federal regulation passed the Senate last Monday.

Hall Feels
Better About
'56 Ike Plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall reported Friday he feels "a little bit better" about the chances of President Eisenhower running for reelection.

The President may check in at Walter Reed Army Hospital Saturday to see what the doctors say about his physical condition.

He is scheduled for a complete new examination to ascertain how his heart has stood up under the strain of the presidential workload.

Hall predicted last November that Eisenhower would lead the GOP forces through another national campaign if he is physically able, and the party chief said Friday, "I haven't changed my mind one bit."

New Site Proposed
For Sports Center

PORTLAND (AP) — Still another site for Portland's proposed eight-million-dollar sports center was advanced Friday.

A petition to the City Council asked that several sites in the vicinity of Barbur Blvd. and S.W. 35th Ave. be considered. A downtown West Side site, adjacent to the Auditorium, has been selected for the sports center, but that is under attack by East Sideers, who have proposed a number of sites east of the Willamette River.

The Weather

Place	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	44	21	00
Portland	44	21	00
Baker	40	18	00
Medford	38	16	00
North Bend	48	24	00
Roseburg	48	24	00
San Francisco	62	36	00
Los Angeles	67	43	00
Chicago	37	23	00
New York	40	18	00
Willamette River	64	30	00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with showers today and tonight and partly cloudy Sunday; high both days 46-48, low tonight 36. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 41.

Governor to Give Up
Flying Own Airplane

Gov. Elmo Smith's private airplane is for sale. The new governor announced Friday that because of lack of time and his heavier responsibilities, he has reluctantly decided that he will forego the pleasures of piloting his own plane for the present. The plane is a four-place Cessna 180.

"With my increased responsibilities to the state of Oregon," Gov. Smith said, "it seems best to dispose of my airplane and postpone my personal piloting career temporarily."

The governor first learned to fly in the late 1930s and has a private pilot's license. He said he and his 18-year-old son,

Calls for High
Standards of
Government

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT JR., Staff Writer, The Statesman
Gov. Elmo Smith asked for maintenance of high standards of state government as new political developments added to what he called "The present highly charged political atmosphere."

Major interest in the continuing swirl of political activities focused on a telegram urging Congressman Walter Norblad to reconsider his decision to run for governor and seek reelection as representative from Oregon's First District.

The plea came from Mrs. Marshall Cornett, Republican National Committeewoman from Klamath Falls, who lamented the loss of Norblad's capital experience and seniority and expressed fears that the party might lose the congressional seat to Democrats.

Norblad, reportedly on a swing through Southern Oregon, was not available for comment on the request received in Salem.

The telegram declared that Oregon needs Norblad in Congress and his stated intention to campaign for governor presents a grave danger of the Democrats capturing his congressional seat.

Concern Felt
"Having in mind Senator Corndon's statement a few years ago regarding two congressmen who sacrificed their important committee positions to go to the Senate, I feel concerned that you too should make such a sacrifice."

"Also there is grave danger of your seat going to the opposition. Have you seriously weighed these conditions against the possibility of gain? You are valuable to us. We need you in Congress."

Candidacy Told
Meanwhile another candidate announced ambitions to succeed Norblad in the House. He is Silvertown area turkey grower R. F. Cook, who filed Friday for the Republican nomination.

Cook an unsuccessful candidate for Marion County Representative in 1952 and 1954, said he would base his campaign on reductions in farm subsidies, foreign aid and the national debt. A 56-year-old former school teacher, Cook is active in grange affairs.

Salem Attorney Jason Lee has already announced he will seek the Democratic nomination, and Dr. Frank Fowler of Astoria says he is considering entering the race on the Republican side. Prominently mentioned as a GOP candidate also is Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry of Salem.

Plea Issued
Governor Smith's plea for governmental propriety came in a meeting with top officials of the executive department, first since he assumed his duties on the death of Gov. Paul L. Patterson last week.

"The present highly charged political atmosphere makes it particularly important that state affairs be conducted with competence, economy and utmost propriety, not for the political benefit of this administration but to preserve, and where possible to improve, existing high standards of the state government," Smith declared.

He told his department heads he expects his administration to be a dynamic one with changes being made in policies and personnel as the need becomes evident. At the same time, he added, few basic changes in the policies of the late Gov. Patterson are contemplated.

Confidence Expressed
Gov. Smith expressed confidence in Robert Johnson, whose appointment as director of finance and administration becomes effective March 5. He said Johnson will be responsible for assisting in maintenance of smooth and cooperative administrative machinery in the executive branch.

The governor advised departments to begin immediately the preparation of suggested legislative proposals for the 1957 session and to give early attention to the 1957-58 budget which will be considered by the next legislature.

(Additional political news sec. 1, page 2.)

Farmers Union Hears Tax
Report; Morse Due Today

By LILLIE L. MADSEN, Farm Editor, The Statesman

Although state income taxes will probably bring less returns because of lower farm incomes the state has a possibility of coming out with a small "cushion" in the year head, according to State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., who is a member of the tax interim committee.

The senator spoke Friday at the 46th annual convention of the Oregon State Farmers Union, now in session at Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Salem. Attendance this year has been large in the first two days of the three-day event. It is expected to reach a peak Saturday when Sen. Wayne Morse speaks at 11 a.m. at a public session.

"Unless we increase expenses more than normal, the present tax structure will carry us along," Wilhelm said in his afternoon address. However, he admitted the problem of increasing school demands, and left the thought that sales tax was not unappealing in the state tax/interim committee.

"Because of the schools, we may have to increase our taxes. Opposition to more property tax is loud. Oregon's personal income tax is the highest of any state in the nation. There's no scarcity of tax ideas submitted to us, but we've found none that everyone likes," the senator concluded as he ticked off a dozen or more tax "possibilities" among them the sales tax. He reminded the group that the cigarette tax will be on the ballot this fall.

Study Underway
Some study of the interim committee is being given on the claim that Oregon's "high taxes are keeping out industry," he said, as he also reported that the committee was working with Oregon State College on a study which, when completed, should show whether the farmer is paying more than his share of the tax burden—and how much more.

In answer to questions on the possibility of a school equalization tax on state level, Senator Wilhelm admitted the "wide differences" in assessed valuation in the state, and said this was being corrected, as rapidly as possible. He also said it was conceivable "that a logger or contractor might shift equipment into a county that has lower assessed valuation that one in which he lives." He pointed out that there was already some equalization, but added that it may need some "stepping-up." (Additional details Sec. 1, Page 3.)

Portland Bandit
Irritates Woman;
She'll Leave Town

PORTLAND (AP) — For the second time in three weeks Mrs. Ethel M. Peterson, 40, was held up Friday at the downtown cleaning establishment where she is an attendant.

What's more, she said, it was the same robber each time. She told police she had had enough and would leave town "and never come back to Portland."

Friday the robber forced her to lie on the floor and took about \$40. The cleaning place is less than two blocks from the main police station.

Oregon to Be
97 Tuesday

Gov. Elmo Smith called upon Oregon residents to observe the state's 97th birthday next Tuesday. He suggested that schools give recognition to the day.

Oregon sometimes is called the Valentine State because the bill granting statehood was signed by President Buchanan on Feb. 14, 1859. The news didn't reach Oregon until a month later.

Forest Grove Readies
for Television Show

By CHARLES IRELAND, Valley Editor, The Statesman
FOREST GROVE — The television eyes of three nations will gaze on this Willamette Valley city of 4,343 population Sunday.

The National Broadcasting Company is spending \$100,000 to bring the public a 10- to 15-minute preview of the barbershop harmony contest which Forest Grove (55 miles northwest of Salem) has made famous. The telecast will be part of Wide World (channels 7, 13), a TV show that pokes its live cameras around North America in search of special events and celebrations. The 90-minute show starts at 1 p.m. and the Forest Grove portion is tentatively expected to go on the air at 1:35 p.m. There also will be a "billboard" shot from Forest Grove at the start. Viewers will see the Washington County city as it might have

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Food, Fuel Airlifted
To Europe Villages

LONDON (AP) — Food and fuel tumbled out of mercy planes over snowbound villages of Europe Friday in the worst winter of the century.

American Air Force "Flying Boxcars" joined the rescue work as Europe's death toll climbed to 216.

Frigid blasts out of Siberia turned Europe from the far north to the Mediterranean's shores into one vast refrigerator. Austria and Hungary recorded temperatures down to 31 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, the coldest since 1929.

Ships Marooned
A Dane could walk to Sweden across the frozen Oeresund, the 4-mile wide sound dividing the two countries. The ice there marooned 50 ships. O the Danish island of Moen, a birthday celebration went into its fifth day because the 20 guests were trapped by snow.

Freezing 70-mile-an-hour winds whistled down the canals of Venice. Gales whipped the English Channel into an icy froth. The crew of the 216-ton British coaster Conlea abandoned ship off the Channel Islands. A freighter picked up six men but a seventh died of exposure.

Rescue vessels ploughing through mountainous seas in the Bay of Biscay took five persons off a 100-ton motor yacht.

The current issue of Southern School News, the publication launched by Southern publishers to give a strictly factual report of what is happening in this area of social relationship, gives a summary of results in the first year of desegregation at Soldan high school, St. Louis. This is a fine old high in the city's middle-class west end, in the path of Negro residential migration outward from the city center. Previously all-white, its enrolment has jumped from 900 to 1400 and now a third of the students are Negroes. Thanks to cooperative efforts by the school administration and the neighborhood association, the transition was made without serious incident. The end of segregation at Soldan is complete. Negroes and whites mingle freely in classes, in the lunch rooms, in gymnasium and athletic activities, in clubs, school elections and other extra-curricular affairs. Seven of the faculty of 83 are Negroes. No complaint has been received from whites about the Negro teachers.

Crosby's Son
Faces Suit
For \$100,000

TACOMA (AP) — Pvt. Phillip Crosby, 21-year-old son of crooner Bing Crosby, was sued Friday for \$100,000 in connection with an automobile accident Tuesday.

The suit was filed in the Pierce County clerk's office by Claude Pearson, attorney for 79-year-old Asa N. Brightwell, who was struck by a car driven by Crosby in near-by Tillycum.

The complaint alleges Brightwell was walking along the shoulder of the road when he was struck and further alleges that Crosby was guilty of careless and negligent driving. Thursday a drunken driving charge against young Crosby was dismissed by the prosecuting attorney's office. The soldier is scheduled to report to Ft. Dix, N. J., on March 15 for overseas service.

Brightwell received a fractured pelvis and ankle in the accident. He is at Madigan Army Hospital.

Abbott to Die

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Burton W. Abbott, 28-year-old former University of California accounting student Friday was formally sentenced to die in the San Quentin prison gas chamber for the kidnap-slaying of 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan last July.

ROAD PROMOTER DIES
EUGENE (AP) — J. E. Turnbull, 63, civic leader and Oregon highway promoter, died at a hospital here Friday.

"No sir — the nest was good enough for my ancestors, and it's good enough for me."