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State Labor Merger

The national merger of the AFL and CIO unions is being followed by the merger of federations at lower levels. That for Oregon is set for next June. A committee has been working on the constitution and its details were revealed last week. The new name will be Oregon State Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Just as on the national level the merger required a shuffling of personnel, with an obvious effort to take care of most all of the officials in positions equally good, the Oregon merger contemplates absorbing most of the former officers of the separate organizations, with former AFL heads taking top places.

The setup as now reported makes J. D. McDonald, now president of the Oregon Federation of Labor, AFL, president of the new state Labor Council, with Jess Bell, president of the CIO State Industrial Council first vice president of the merged body. Second vice presidents will be H. E. Barker of Salem and Anne Chambers, both AFL vice presidents and Ken Thorstad, CIO vice president.

Jim Marr who has been the executive secretary of the AFL State Federation, will assume that post under the consolidation, and George Brown, now the CIO executive, will become executive political director to handle political relations for labor at the legislature and with the public. Marr and Brown have long worked together on matters of common interest.

The merger at state level should reduce some of the past friction within the ranks of organized labor. Still to be consummated is the merger of the separate unions in the same field such as the AFL sawmill workers' union and the CIO woodworkers' union. Some heads may be bumped in the process; some grips will be voiced as the merging of old rivals takes place; and new frictions will arise among segments of the labor movement. There may even be some breakaways—the Teamsters' union is not very cordial to the new setup. But at least the great breach in the "house of labor" is in process of being healed. How it functions will be watched with interest by the rank and file members, by employers and by the public which depends on the services of organized labor.

Looks as though the Portland papers were trying to squeeze more circulation out of the Marjorie Smith case, which now is in for another legal round, this time over who gets the insurance left by her late husband.

Rep. Norblad Enlisted by GOP Club for Annual Elephant-Donkey Diamond Contest

By A. ROBERT SMITH, Statesman Correspondent WASHINGTON — Congressman Walter Norblad's record shattering sprint across the state of Oregon in his abortive quest of the governorship a few weeks ago wasn't completely in vain after all.



His colleagues in Congress figured he must be by now one of the more physically fit lawmakers — so they enlisted him as a member of the GOP baseball squad.

Norblad left Friday for Daytona Beach, Fla., to round out his spring training with some of his more portly colleagues during the Easter congressional recess.

Oregon must now look to Norblad to do honor to the state in the annual charity contest between the Elephants and the Donkeys which will be played here in Washington, D.C., in a few weeks.

The past two years, Congressman Sam Con has been the star from Oregon. He was the catcher for the Republican Elephants. But this year, Sam said, "I could get down in position," said the 53-year-old ex-captain and Sunday sandlot ball player from Baker, "but I couldn't get back up."

Most Capitol Hill oldtimers will tell you that the annual junket to Florida is the main reason for Congress taking a week's recess in the spring. The Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce picks up the tab for the trip for the congressmen and their families.

Everyone seems to gain by the venture. The ballplaying politicians can sweat a few foul balls without getting beat over the head by their opposition; Washington's underprivileged kids get to go to summer camp on the gate receipts; and Washington fans get to see a game, the only one of its kind anywhere, that has the principal virtue of making whatever the Washington Senators do look good by comparison, even in last place in the American League.

Senator Wayne Morse was treating everything and everyone at arm's length this past week. He explained that he had lost his eye glasses last week-end while pitching hay on his farm in nearby Maryland.

Wearing an old pair of specs that pre-dated his bi-focal days, the senator looked like he was playing a trombone every time he picked up a document and pushed it back and forth, closer and farther away from him, trying to get the proper range.

Dan McBarron, a lumber buyer from Rogue River, came to Washington a few days ago for the first time in his life to testify before a congressional committee on the freight car shortage that plagues his industry's mills.

"I've never been in this city before and obviously never appeared before so distinguished a group as this," McBarron told the senators.

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Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

April 2, 1948 Daylight saving time — which since its introduction in the United States in 1917 has been subject to acclaim and denunciation by other nation's millions — begins again in all five states and parts of 18 others. All points in Washington and Oregon will remain on standard time.

Salem faces the threat of a transportation tieup, with a city bus driver's strike, if demands are not met by Oregon Motor Stages, Inc. Several Salem drivers will join other union members in Portland.

The United States crisis over Iran collapsed when it was learned that Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala had informed officials here was prepared to accept a Soviet statement to the security council as a guarantee of the withdrawal of Russian troops from Iran.

25 Years Ago

April 2, 1931 The expected ousting of five State Game Commissioners was Meier, who at the same time made known his five new appointees to the organization. They are Marshall Dana, Carl Silven, Irving Vining, M. F. Corrigan and Dr. J. C. Vandebert.

If you think Maurice Neuberger, Sam Con and Wayne Morse never would be caught agreeing on a single issue, they proved you wrong this past week.

They proved that they think cake baking is the greatest, particularly the baking of the nation's queen of the kitchen, Mrs. Henry Jorgenson, the Portland housewife who won \$25,000 not long ago in national competition with a filbert-filled number she called "Ring-a-ling."

Mrs. Jorgenson had lunch with Mrs. Neuberger, Con and Morse—all the other members of the Oregon delegation were out of town, or they would have come too. And not a word of dissent was heard from either party's members when the baking whiz said, "Oregon filberts were the key to my success."

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From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

April 2, 1948 Dr. Chalmers George, former-Salem dentist who has been doing special work in New York, arrived here and will remain two weeks. Mrs. George and family will return east with him, where they have decided to make their home.

40 Years Ago

April 2, 1918 The junior class of the high school proved its supremacy in interclass activities when it won the debate from the senior class team. The junior debaters were Paul Pierce, Harold Aspinwall and Glen Ackerman. The senior team was composed of Carlton Savage, Oral Lemmon and Mary Findley.

The prospects for a bumper fruit crop in all lines are the best in several years, according to L. J. Chapin, who has made a tour of nearly all parts of the county during the past three weeks.

25 Years Ago

April 2, 1931 The boys of the state training school responded heroically and effectively to an SOS call from a neighboring farm where fire broke out. At the Girardin farm, the fire threatened some valuable timber.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



This modest little place is ideal for a newlywed couple... A couple, as yet, unaccustomed to being hopelessly in debt!

IT SEEMS TO ME

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probably would. A revolution in Spain might jeopardize our bases a-building there, while the turbulence in North Africa can't help but give a measure of insecurity to our position there. We have a landing field in Saudi Arabia with an eye to protecting American interests and personnel in the oil fields. The agreement is due for renewal and Saudi Arabia is putting on the squeeze for more arms which it offers to pay for out of oil royalties. (One condition of the old agreement, not to bring in Jews in the military complement was a recent topic of criticism in Congress). All this adds up to concern of our government in the field of foreign relations, that we keep our present friends as faithful allies.

This concern finds expression also in demand for development of longer-range bombers, and the Navy exploits this as justification for building floating bases, the giant aircraft carriers. In this connection report should be made of the drive of the Navy toward reconstruction of its fleet for use of atomic fuel. The success of the atomic submarine Nautilus has not only led to building of new subs with the same power but to use of atomic power in surface craft. The Wall Street Journal says the Navy's objective is the atomic propulsion of all major combat ships from subs to destroyers to carriers some time in the 1960s. This will be an expensive program. Diesel powered subs cost \$2.5 million, but nuclear subs cost over twice as much. An aircraft carrier of the Saratoga type costs nearly \$200 million; one with atomic power will cost more. The great value of nuclear power in naval vessels is that such ships can stay much longer at sea and cruise further from base. Space required for atomic fuel is tiny compared with that for oil or coal. Senator Jackson of Washington, member of the armed services committee and of the joint committee on atomic energy, has given this picture of the future Navy: "Nuclear aircraft carriers, with the capability of firing nuclear guided missiles, will send aloft nuclear-powered aircraft to drop atomic bombs on the enemy. The carrier will be supported by nuclear-powered craft, some of which will have nuclear missile-firing capabilities. Nuclear subs would fire atomic missiles from under the water at the enemy."

Safety Valve

(Editor's Note: Letters for The Statesman's Safety Valve column are given prior consideration if they are informative and are not more than 200 words in length. Personal attacks and ridicule, as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question.)

Lovell Tackles McKay Mystery To the Editor:

With all due respect to all the high pandjandrus concerned I submit that the great McKay mystery, or who pushed whom and why is still unsolved after two recent dispatches from Washington.

(1) Last Wednesday AP reported McKay as repeating, this time to a group of Amherst students that the President did not ask him to run against Senator Morse. This is all very fine, but McKay added that "Leonard Hall and Sperm Adams didn't ask me, but they did pressure me." Question: did Mr. Eisenhower do the same thing or did he just stand aside and let his henchmen do the pressuring?

(2) On Thursday comes Herbert Brownell, who is quoted as telling our own Robert Smith that he "concurred in the idea of urging McKay to resign and enter the Oregon senatorial race." But Brownell concurred while not aware of the poll of Oregon voters which indicated that McKay might be the G.O.P.'s best bet against Morse. This poll then did not influence Brownell as, allegedly, it influenced McKay and the Republican committee, although Brownell did consider McKay a vote-getter.

Brownell, further, "did not speak with President Eisenhower directly about the matter, nor did he know what transpired in the White House meeting between McKay and Eisenhower a few hours before McKay boarded a plane and flew to Portland under a pseudonym."

Maybe nothing happened at this meeting except for some chit chat about the weather, farming and golf. Maybe McKay did not even mention the pressure he was under from Adams, Brownell and Leonard; suggest leaving the cabinet; or ask the President about it. But, if Eisenhower did not ask him to run (or urge, tell, pressure or influence him) it is still hard to see how McKay's oft-expressed reluctance to run for the Senate was overcome. Maybe Ike was "very sorry to lose McKay" from the cabinet as Brownell claims. But if he really wished to keep McKay, could Adams, Brownell and Hall together have exerted enough pressure to force McKay to quit? Personally, I think not.

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Military Spending

To the Editor: I was very much interested in your column relative to, or alternative to, war. And I think you are to be commended for your timely

South Salem Rates High at Debate Meet

South Salem High School won the Middle Willamette District Speech Tournament at Oregon State College Saturday by placing first in debate, first and second in extempore speaking, first in after dinner, impromptu and radio speaking, and third in discussion serious reading and oratory.

Runners-up were North Salem, Dallas High School and Serra High School respectively. First and second place winners will represent their schools in the Oregon High School Speech League Tournament at the University of Oregon April 13-14.

Individual South Salem winners included John Anderson, first in impromptu; William Ford, first in after dinner speaking and second in extempore; Kathleen Deeney, third in discussion; Janice Hall, third in serious reading; and Kenneth Savage, third in oratory.

For North Salem George Andrews was first in humorous and second in impromptu; Joy Brown, first in oratory; George Baker, first in oratory, and George Baker, third in extempore.

James Fliflet from Serra placed first in poetry reading, with Danny Ritter second in oratory.

South Salem is coached by Miss Amanda J. Anderson, North Salem by Glenn Smith, and Serra by Sister Gerardine.

Nine Quartets Scheduled for City Songfest

Nine quartets and 30 members of the Salem Senate-Aire Chorus have promised to pack color and harmony into a 2-hour singing review at Saturday night's third annual Oregon Barbershop Song Parade in the North Salem High School auditorium.

Under Rotary sponsorship, the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) is bringing the singers together to raise money for a public swimming pool at Silver Creek Falls.

Names of the nine quartets are Lake Oswego Four, Rose City Four, Portland, The Four Bo's, Astoria; Model T. Four, Vancouver; Gas Lighters, Everett, Wash.; Sharp Four, Eugene; Scrap Iron Four, Eugene-Springfield area; Jasper Jills, North Salem High School; and Salem's Capitol Chordsmen. Members of the latter quartet are Frank Gray, Dick McLintic, Dick Roth and Don Robinson.

The Senate-Aire Chorus, under Don McLintic's direction, will open and close the program. All singing is either a capella or in 4-part harmony.

Quartets will be costumed and amid a stage setting out of the 1900's, including mustache cups and barber poles. Tickets are available from Rotarians, Senate-Aire members, or at Stevens Jewelry Shop.

Three Hurt in Polk Accident

DALLAS, Ore. — Three persons received apparently minor bruises when a car rolled twice before coming to a stop on its top in the ditch beside Highway 22 late Saturday night, near Rieckreall.

Dick Leu, Emma June Kinsey and Albert Howard, all of Dallas, were released after treatment for bruises at Bartell Hospital, attendants said.

The late-model hardtop driven by Leu flipped into the ditch apparently when power brakes were applied sharply on approaching a truck stalled partly on the shoulder because of a broken axle. State Patrolman James A. Hamer said. Hamer, who had set out flares and was standing by the truck while waiting for mechanical service, witnessed the accident shortly before midnight on Highway 22 west of Rieckreall.

He said driver of the stalled pickup was Carl Meyer, Cloverdale.

California's population increased 2,666,000 in April 1950 to the end of 1955.

Price of Farm Land, Farm Income Fail to Keep Pace in Oregon

By LILLIE L. MADSEN, Farm Editor, The Statesman Farm land prices and farmer income no longer keep pace. This is showing up in Oregon as well as throughout the nation. Oregon farm real estate values reached their peak last July and have remained rather steady since.

Land increases showed up in the entire nation last year, even though farm product prices and farm income went down.

USDA economists, who have been analyzing this seeming paradox, say that more than just farming enters "into the land values now. Real estate firms, throughout the Willamette Valley, report a strong demand for farm land and fewer farms on the market.

Farm Land Wanted

Business, outside of farming, has rolled along at a good clip. Non-farmers are asking for farm lands. People have come to look upon land as a opportunity for satisfactions other than making money. It is being considered as a security in case of inflation or depression. It is "fun" to own land.

Land affords new recreational opportunities for the family with the shorter work-week. These are only a few of the reasons given by those who desire to buy farms.

As for the cost, the USDA points out that it takes fewer weeks of industrial labor now to equal the price of an acre of farm land than it did in the 1947-49 period.

Many already farming are adding to their farm land for more efficient use of the larger amount of farm machinery, and equipment now needed for modern, economic agricultural practices. Where, a few years ago, a 200-acre farm was comparatively "big" in the Willamette Valley, now farms are running two and three times that size. Three and four farms have frequently been combined in the past decade to make one large livestock or grass ranch. On the otherhand, a below-normal number of farms are now on the market.

Optimistic Outlook

In a "look ahead" survey by USDA farm economist reporters, there are about double the number who expect prices to go up in the next six months to those who expect them to go up in the next five years. California and Florida look for an increase, basing their decision on the growing population and its effect on demand for land for residential and industrial use, rather than farm use. More than a third of the reporters, especially in the northwestern wheat area, the eastern Corn Belt, and the winter wheat area, thought that land prices would decline. About a third of these, again, thought the decline in farm land prices would be more than 10 per cent.

Northwest dairy farmers were expressing considerable pessimism in the week just past.

Mrs. Mattson Succumbs to Short Illness

WOODBURN — Mrs. John Mattson, Portland, mother of Elmer Mattson, former Woodburn mayor, died in Portland after a brief illness. Services will be 11:30 a.m. Monday in Colonial Mortuary, Portland. Burial will be in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Born in Sweden 76 years ago, she came to the United States alone at the age of 11 to live with a sister in Michigan. She and John Mattson were married in 1897 at Iron Mountain, Mich. They moved to Portland 30 years ago.

Besides her widower and son, Elmer Mattson, Mrs. Mattson leaves another son, Edward Mattson, Portland; three daughters, Mrs. J. H. Roberts, Mrs. Mildred Martell and Mrs. Vernon Walker, all of Portland, and 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Girl Injured in Accident

Salem first aid men applied a splint to a fractured collar bone of Linda Maxwell, 18, 1326 N. Winter St., after they had been called to the scene of an automobile accident Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maxwell suffered the injury when the car she was riding in with her parents struck a bridge column about a mile north of Independence.

She was later driven to Salem hospital for further examination, first aid men said.

Noted Journalist Heart Attack Victim

LOS ANGELES — Harry Lang, veteran newspaperman, died Sunday in his sleep, apparently of a heart attack.

He would have been 60 Monday. Lang, columnist on the Los Angeles Examiner, had worked on newspapers in New York, Washington, Chicago, Seattle and San Francisco during a 40 year career.

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