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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 mergor required a shuffling of personnel, with an obvious effort to take care of most all of the officials in positions equally good, the Oreon merger contemplates absorbing most of he former officers of the separate organizaons, with former AFL heads taking top

The setup as now reported makes J. D. icDonald, now president of the Oregon Fedation of Labor, AFL, president of the new ate Labor Council, with Jess Bell, presicent of the CIO State Industrial Council first ice president of the merged body. Second ice presidents will be H. E. Barker of Saem and Anne Chambers, both AFL vice residents and Ken Thorstad, CIO vice pres-

Jim Marr who has been the executive secstary 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 nd with the public. Marr and Brown have ong worked together on matters of common

The merger at state level should reduce ome 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; ome gripes will be voiced as the merging of old rivals takes place; and new frictions will arise among segments of the labor movenent. 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

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

By A. ROBERT SMITH

tesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON - Congress-

man Walter Norblad's record

shattering sprint across the

physically fit lawmakers - so

of the GOP baseball squad.

ey enlisted him as a member

Norblad left Friday for Day-

tona Beach, Fla., to round out

his spring training with some of

his more portly colleagues dur-ing the Easter congressional re-

Oregon must now look to Nor-

blad 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

The past two years, Congress-

man Sam Coon has been the

star from Oregon. He was the

entcher for the Republican Ele-phants. But this year, Sam said,

"I could get down in posi-tion," said the 53-year-old ex-

cattleman and Sunday sand lot

ball player from Baker, "but I

he began to feel his age.

state of Oregon

in his abortive

quest of the governorship a few weeks ago

wasn't com-

pletely in vain

His colleagues

in Congress fig-

be by now one

the more

after all.

### Another Tour for Oregon's "Ambassador"

Oregon's only Frank Branch Riley, wit, raconteur, toastmaster par excellence, orator and word painter, is off on another tour as "ambassador of the Pacific Northwest." As he has been doing with great regularity for 30 years, Riley is going to important centers of the Midwest and East and Northeast to give his illustrated lecture on the glories of Oregon and the Northwest. He has scheduled 30 appearances before business groups, service clubs, professional societies, some of them "return engagements," so well received have his travelogues been. Riley goes under the sponsorship of business leaders of Oregon. His mission is to invite visitors as tourists and also to attract men for permanent residence with capital for investment in this land of magnificent scenery and salubrious

Coincident with news of his 1956 tour comes a beautifully printed book of 135 pages, on "Frank Branch Riley, Ambassador of the Pacific Northwest." Part One is biographical; Part Two consists of excerpts from his occasional orations, after-dinner speeches and travelogues. Walter W. R. May, editor of the Oregon-Voter, has done a Foreword in delightful and graceful prose, and has edited the biographical material. Kilham Stationery and Printing Co. deserves credit for the excellent typography and presswork.

Frank Branch Riley is a veritable institution in Oregon, and he has built his fame across the country in his weaving of words into pictures that match the rare views that Illustrate his lectures. We can all wish him abundant success on his 1956 missionary en-

### Better Wood Utilization

Those who attended the Chamber of Commerce First Citizen dinner early this year recall the very optimistic address of Hillman Luddemann of Portland who heads the Pope & Talbot operations in the Northwest. He pointed out the trend toward greater utilization of our timber. It is not surprising therefore to read that his company plans to spend \$1,750,000 at Oak Ridge for a green veneer mill and a particle board plant. Later the veneer operation will be expanded to produce plywood.

Another big company, Diamond Match Co., plans to spend \$15,000,000 in a new integrated forest products manufacturing plant at Red Bluff, Calif., adjacent to its extensive timber lands. Its president in explaining the program to a group of security analysists in New York, said that at present the recovery from logs delivered to the mills is only about 50 per cent, but with an integrated plant it may be possible to double that, half going into lumber products and half into fibre products. He added: "Rapid increases in value of timber and logs are forcing this type of integration on the forest products industry.

This calls for heavy investment of capital, but it will provide more employment and help to bring stability to the forest industry of the West. Oregon welcomes this venture by Pope & Talbot at Oak Ridge.

Minnesota is the land of ten thousand lakes, but the number who have tried their hands at "interpreting" the state's recent primary election is far greater.



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

(Continued from name one)

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 in security to our position there. We have a landing field in Saudi Arabia with an eye to protecting American interests and person-nel 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 roy-alties. (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 sub marine 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 propulsion of all major combat ships from subs to destroyers to carriers some time in the 1960s. cost over twice as much. aircraft carrier of the Saratoga type costs nearly \$200 million:

The great value of nuclear power in naval vessels is that such ships can stay much longer at sea and cruise farther from base. Space required for atomit of Washington, member of the armed services committee and School auditorium. of the joint committee on atomic

"Nuclear aircraft carriers, with 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."

In 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 foursomes are Lake Oswe-to Four; Rose City Four, Portland; The Four Bo's, Astoria: Model T. Four Bo's, WOODBURN — Mrs. John

# Safety Valve

high panjandrums 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 Sherm Adams didn't ask me, but they did pressure me." Question: did Mr. Eisen hower do the same thing, or did he fust stand aside and let his

henchmen do the pressuring? (2) On Thursday comes Her-bert 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 senatoria race." But Brownell concurred while not aware of the poll of Oregon voters which indicated McKay might be 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-

Brownell, further, "did not speak with President Eisenhower directly about the matter, nor did he know what transspired in the White House meeting between McKay and Eisenhower a few hours before Mc-Kay 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 realwished to keep McKay, could Adams, Brownell and Hall together have exerted enough pressure to force McKay to quit? Personally, I think not.

Military Spending

Ivan Lovell

sands of people; which could mean unrest in general since we mean unrest in general since we

Personally I am quite alarmed about our future progression and I am sufficiently convinced that we could arrive at a solution unthe proper leadership,

It is silly for our produce to be decomposing when people are tendants said. going hungry. Am I justified in thinking you should make an ef-by Leu flipped into the ditch ap-first aid men said.

I actually believe you can start something in this direction and O. B. Allm 5395 Dallas Rd.

Editor's Note,- The prospect of any early and sizable reduction in military spending is slight. If it comes gradually the readjustment can be made successfully though probaby not without distress to individual families and communities. It seems more probable that spending for military purposes will continue to increase. end of 1955.

Newsprint Waste! To the Editor:

ORCHIDS to O. K. DeWitt and Chandler Brown, but a big Head of cabbage to Safety Valve for allowing one eternally comp ing contributor to WASTE so much valuable newsprint. Why not limit number of letters as well as length of letters? Long ago we have stopped reading this man's letters, just glance at the signature and then skip him. He doesn't believe in a free America. a government by the people. He insists on government control. As long ago as the Revolutionary War we graduated from that narrow dangerous ism.

Yours for better Safety Valve Reading. Ralph Martin

Route 2.

GEESE HERALD SPRING

ST. JOACHIM, Que. O. - Spring is here, as far as the world's only flock of greater snow geese is concerned. An advance guard of 200 scout birds of the flock has ar rived at this St. Lawrence River community from the south Atlantic I was very much interested in on their annual flight flight north

The average clerical office

## By Lichty South Salem Rates High at **Debate Meet**

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

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 the Oregon High School Speech League Tournament at the University of Oregon April 12 of Oregn Apri versity of Oregon April 13-14. Individual South Salem win-ners 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 An-

drew was first in humorous and second in impromptu; Joy Brown, first in oratory; George first in oratory, and George Baker, third in expem-James Fliflet from Serra

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

## This will be an expensive program. Diesel powered subs cost \$2.5 million, but nuclear subs Scheduled for one with atomic power will cost City Songfest

Nine quartets and 30 members great grandchildren. of the Salem Senate-Aire Chorus have promised to pack color and harmony into a 2-hour singing fuel is tiny compared with that review at Saturday night's third for oil or coal. Senator Jackson annual Oregon Barbershop Song Church, Interment at Dallas ceme-Parade in the North Salem High tery,

Under Rotary sponsorship, the energy, has given this picture of local chapter of the Society for the future Navy:

Mrs. Mattson

Astoria; Model T. Four, Van-Powerful, yes: but expensive couver: Gas Lightérs, Everett, In view of these pending de Wash; Sharp Four, Eugene; velopments, however, the with Scrap Iron Four, Eugene-Springdrawal of air base privileges in field area; Jasper Jills, North ness. Eervices will be 11:30 a.m. Iceland does not seem as alarm Salem High School, and Salem's Monday in Colonial Mortuary, Porting to our security as otherwise Capitol Chordsmen, Members of land, Burial will be in Lincoln the latter quartet are Frank Memorial Cemetery. Gray, Dick McClintic, Dick Roth and Don Robinson

Don McClintic's direction, will a sister in Michigan. She and John open and close the program. All Mattson were married in 1897 at singing is either a capella or in Iron Mountain, Mich. They moved 4-part harmony.

with elry Shop.

# such a condition. How in your opinion could the masses be par Polk Accident In Accident

DALLAS, Ore.-Three persons ditch beside Highway 22 late Sat- dent Sunday afternoon.

were released after treatment for bruises at Bartell Hospital, at-

parently when power brakes were applied sharply on approaching a truck stalled partly on the shoulpeople will give you their support. State Patrolman James A. Hamer Heart Attack Victim said. Hamer, who had set out flares and was standing by the truck while waiting for mechanical service, witnessed the accidently shortly before midnight ly of a heart attack. on Highway 22 west of Rickreall. He said driver of the stalled day. pickup was Carl Meyer, Clover- La

ed 2,666,000 in April 1950 to the San Francisco during a 40 year ca-

# Keep Pace in Oregon By LILLIE L. MADSEN Farm Editor, The Statesman Farm land prices and farmer though farm product prices and 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 centire nation last year, even though farm product prices and farm income went down. USDA economists, who have been analysing this accuaing paradox, say that more than just farming enters into the land values now. Real estate firms, throughout the Williamette Valley, report a strong

Farm Income Fail to

Price of Farm Land.

# **Death Claims Polk Native**

DALLAS, Øre. - Mrs. Frank Holman, 88, considered the oldest native residents of the Dallas area, died Sunday afternoon at a Dallas rest home following a short

Holman was born log cabin just outside the city on Sept. 14; 1867, a year after her parents crossed the plains from lowa. Except for a three-year return to Iowa as a child with her placed first in poetry reading, parents, Mrs. Holman lived all with Danny Ritter second in ora-her life at Dallas. her life at Dallas.

As one of the city's oldest families, the Holmans are commemorated with Holman Ave. Lucretia Jane Miller married

Frank Holman May 15, 1887. Both she and her husband were members of the Apostolic Faith Church of Dallas, which they were influential in founding and build. frequently been combined in the

She is survived by two sons, Merle of Jefferson and Glenn of one daughter, Mrs. Charles Mangis of Dallas; a brother, William P. Miller of Dallas; seven grandchildren and 10 Bollman Funeral Home of Dal

las is handling funeral arrangements. Services will be Wednes day at 2 p. m. in Apostolic Faith

# **Short Illness**

WOODBURN - Mrs. John Matt-

died in Portland after a brief ill-Born in Sweden 76 years ago.

she came to the United States The Senate-Aire Chorus, under alone at the age of 11 to live with to Portland 30 years ago.

Quartets will be costumed and Besides ber widower and son amid a stage setting out of the Elmer Mattson, Mrs. Mattson 1900's, including mustache cups leaves another son. Edward Mattand barber poles. Tickets are son, Portland: three daughters, Lovell Tackles McKay Mystery efforts in bringing the facts be- available from Rotarians, Senate- Mrs. J. H. Roberts, Mrs. Mildred Aire members, or at Stevens Jew- Martell and Mrs. Vernon Walker, all of Portland, and 14 grandchil-

Salem first aid men applied a splint to a fractured collar bone of received apparently minor bruis- Linda Maxwell, 18, 1326 N. Winter es when a car rolled twice before St., after they had been called to coming to a stop on its top in the the scene of an automobile acci-

equalized without profit in the Ind Albert Howard, all of Dallas, in with her parents struck a bridge column about a mile north of independence. She was later driven to Salem

The late-model hardtop driven hospital for turther examination,

## Noted Journalist LOS ANGELES OF - Harry

veteran newspaperman, Lang. died Sunday in his sleep, apparent-He would have been 60 Mon-Lang, columnist on the Los

Angeles Examiner, had worked on newspapers in New York, California's population increas- Washington, Chicago, Seattle and reer.

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 open land. sion. It is "fun" to own land. Land affords new recreational opportunities 'r 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 add-

ing 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 agd, 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 past decade to make one large livestock or grass ranch. C 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 de.line in farm land prices would be more than 10 per cent. Northwest dairy farmers were son, Portland, mother of Elmer expressing considerable pessimism.
Mattson, former Woodburn mayor, in the week just past.

### Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? We came near losing the game to them players." 2. What is the correct pro-nunciation of "homily" (a ser-

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Guinea, guitar, guidon, guiless.

What does the word "insidious" mean? 5. What is a word beginning

with sat that means "gloomy; ANSWERS

1. Say, "We ALMOST lost the game to THOSE players." 2. Pronounce the "o" as in "on," not as "home." 3. Guileless. 4. intended to entrap; characterized by treachery and deceit. "There is no more insidious peril than this." 5. Saturnine.

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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 imerce picks up the tab for the trip for the congressmen and their families. The United States crisis over

Everyone seems to gain by the venture. The ballplaying the venture. The ballplaying politicians can swat a few (oul 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 of making whatever the Washington Senators do look good by comparison, even in last place in the American League.

Senator Wayne Morne was Senator Wayne Morse was treating everything and every-one 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.

**Annual Elephant-Donkey Diamond Contest** 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

Rep. Norblad Enlisted by GOP Club for

trying to get the proper range. er from Rogue River, came to

"I've never been in this city before and obviously never ap-

hardly cracking a smile, boomed

Senator Schoeppel of Kansas, "Well, you'd better look us over because you are helping pay for this."

ed it back and forth, closer and farther away from him, Dan McBarron, a lumber buy-

Washington a few days ago for the first time in his life to testibefore a congressional committee on the freight car shortage that plagues his industry's

peared before so distinguished a group as this," McBarron told the senators.

ger, Sam Coon and Wayne Morse never would be caught agreeing on a single issue, they proved you wrong this past

They proved that they think cake baking is the greatest, par-ticularly the baking of the na-tion's queen of the kitchen, 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."

If you think Maurine Neuber-

Mrs. Jorgenson had lunch with Mrs. Neuberger, Coon 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." Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

April 2, 1946 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 of five states and parts of 18 others. All points in Washington and Oregon will re-

main 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.

Ala had informed officials he 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

Iran collapsed when it was learned

that Iranian Ambassador Hussein

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.

Dr. Chalmer 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 re-

turn east with him, where they have decided to make their home, Amelia Earhart added another outstanding performance to her brilliant flying record by taking an autogyro to a higher altitude than has ever been done before. It was reported she had reached a

### height of 19,000 feet. 40 Years Ago

April 2, 1916

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

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 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

The prospects for a bumper

fruit crop in all lines are the

fore the public

As you say to dispense the manufacturing of war supplies abruptly would displace such a condition. How in your cified without some form of a

Commerce and trade can be Dick Leu, Emma June Kinsey jury when the car she was riding tionally as well as internationaly.

it is too late?

C.A.S.

Route 3, box 616

To the Editor: our column relative to, no alternative to war.

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