

Couple in Salem Raising Aleutian Girl



Shown here is the entire Buel Ward family recently returned to Salem from a two-year tour of duty on the Pribilof Islands near Alaska. Shown in the Joseph Hall home are Mr. and Mrs. Ward, a young Aleutian girl they are raising as their own, and the family cat, also brought home from the Aleutian Island. (Statesman photo).

Traffic Lights Amaze Child From Pribilofs

By CONRAD PRANGE
Staff Writer, The Statesman

The Buel Wards were not permitted to bring back a seal-skin when they returned from the bleak Pribilof Islands this week—but they brought back something infinitely better.

Her name is Evdokia. She is six, a dark-haired native Aleut and had never seen a live, growing tree until she left the Pribilofs with her foster parents recently.

The Wards, former Seal teachers who just completed two years teaching the natives on the famous Fur Seal Islands, hope one day to adopt "Eva." Meanwhile they are raising her as their own daughter.

"The Pribilof natives seldom leave their islands," said Mrs. Ward. "So, although they have American movies, they still have not seen first-hand the many facets of civilization."

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Great Britain is having trouble with another of its outposts—Singapore, the island-city at the tip of the Malay peninsula. It is a crown colony separate from the Federation of Malay which absorbed some of the units which with Singapore formerly constituted the Straits Settlements. Singapore is pressing for home rule though willing to remain within the British Commonwealth. The Colonial Secretary's office in London is unwilling to make as many concessions as the local authorities demand. Recent talks between Alan Lennox-Boyd colonial secretary, and Chief Minister David Martin of Singapore broke down and the Singapore delegation left London to return home.

High Court's Ruling Affects TV in Salem

WASHINGTON — A Federal Communications Commission ruling limiting the number of television and radio stations under one ownership was upheld Monday by the Supreme Court.

Need for Rest Puts Baldock in Hospital

Need of a complete rest Monday caused State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock to enter Salem Memorial Hospital. The development resulted in postponement of a Friday testimonial dinner honoring Baldock.

Fair Weather On Forecast

Continued fair weather was on the books for today and Wednesday. McNary Field weathermen said, with the temperature expected to go up to about 82 today after three days down in the 70s.

CRASH PROVES FATAL

GRANTS PASS — Samuel Ottebain Wertz, 78, a resident of the Jerome Prairie district near here, was killed in a head-on collision southwest of here Sunday night.

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City Budget Board Declines to Levy Full Park Tax Approved by Voters

Only \$20,000 Due During This Year

About One-Half Mill Tax Foreseen, Rather Than Full Mill as Before

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

Only a \$20,000 share of the voter-approved \$35,000 parks maintenance tax will be levied this year, it was agreed Monday night by Salem City Council and the citizen members of the City Budget Committee.

This means that the additional tax for park purposes this year will likely amount to about one-half mill, instead of the approximately one-mill levy that the \$35,000 maximum would have required. City officials estimate one mill this year will produce \$37,700.

In other highlights of budget committee action at the City Hall session last night, a \$670 library repair program was added to the budget; the \$2,500 appropriation for city 4-H was eliminated; \$5,000 was added to street improvement funds with a recommendation that The Road widening be considered. (Add. details on page 2, sec. 1.)

Principal reason given for not levying the maximum park tax amount was that the \$700,000 parkland acquisition and park improvement bond issue failed at the polls last Friday. The new maintenance tax, which passed by a slim margin, had been proposed as a companion measure to help pay upkeep of new parks as well as to increase funds for operation of present parks. (Election story on page 3, sec. 1.)

Decision on the park money came as a compromise after considerable discussion. Alderman E. C. Charlton, as revenue subcommittee chairman, recommended that the entire \$35,000 be levied.

Mayor Robert F. White at first objected to levying any of the \$35,000, stating that his understanding had been that all of it had been planned as revenue needed to keep up new and enlarged park operations. The bond issue would have made possible.

Others pointed out that neither the ballot title nor the informational booklets publicizing the city measures had so limited the park tax use. Then Alderman David O'Hara suggested the compromise.

Actual placing of the new money in the budget had its complications. Of the \$20,000 total, \$5,443 was added to park operating expenses of \$57,358 in the budget draft, while the other \$14,557 went into park operations, but in such a way as to offset a like amount listed elsewhere as capital improvement to purchase lands adjacent to Wallace Marine Park. The result was to add \$14,557 to emergency funds of the city.

The wording of the ballot title on the park tax included: "To authorize Council each year . . . to levy special tax in a sum not exceeding \$35,000 . . . for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving the Salem public parks."

Salem's recent city election also had the effect of beefing up the \$3,018,000 budget submitted, in balance, by City Manager J. L. Franzen two weeks ago. The voters added to this total \$1,348,000, including the \$200,000 park money, \$188,000 for street widenings and \$1,000,000 for new bridges and \$1,000,000, which is that part of an authorized \$3,750,000 water bond issue that the city would spend in the coming year on start of the new supply line from the North Santiam River.

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GIs Fight Floods In Idaho

Kootenai River At Record Level, Overflows Area

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho — The Army arrived with 500 troops and heavy equipment Monday to fight off the bulging Kootenai River which reached a record level, flooded 1,000 acres and threatened 39,000 more.

A convoy of infantrymen and engineers pulled in after a 350-mile trip from Fort Lewis, Wash., and the soldiers went to work quickly to strengthen earthen dikes against the river.

Sixteen separate "diking districts" protect the 40,000 acres of rich wheatland in the Kootenai Valley and this north Idaho town of 2,000 persons. A spring heat wave that melted heavy mountain snowpacks brought on the flood.

One district, No. 7, collapsed Monday morning and muddy river water rushed in on more than 800 acres. Hopes of saving another district, No. 1, were abandoned and water began rolling over the top of the dike. District 1 has 3,000 acres.

The Kootenai reached a peak of 35.4 feet early Monday, the highest ever recorded here. The previous high was 35.38 on May 23, 1954, when it dropped fast after a surge. Flood stage is listed at 31 feet.

Gov. Robert E. Smylie, who declared a state of emergency here Sunday, said he would fly to Bonners Ferry Tuesday for an on-the-spot inspection.

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DALLAS, Ore.—Trimly-landscaped country home of Mr. and Mrs. Bayliss Gilbert Fanning, 12 miles northwest of Dallas, was scene of slaying that saw Fanning arraigned on first-degree murder count Monday. Mrs. Fanning was shot as the left house through a back-porch door. Fanning's son by former marriage lives in house in background, came running when shots were heard. (Statesman Photos by John Erickson).

Farmer Faces First Degree Murder Count

By CHARLES IRELAND
Valley Editor, The Statesman

DALLAS, Ore. — First degree murder was charged Monday in the arraignment of Bayliss Gilbert Fanning, 57, prosperous Polk County farmer accused of the back-porch slaying of his much younger wife.

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County Demos In Close Race As Delegates

Two Marion County Democrats are in a close battle for the eighth and last spot in the party's delegates-at-large list to the national convention. Results had not yet been received from a number of precincts.

Latest count Monday night showed Jason Lee, Salem, standing eighth with 65,468 votes. Dave Epps, Mill City, had 65,161. The party sends eight delegates-at-large to its convention.

Returns still had not been counted from numerous precincts in Clatsop, Tillamook and Yamhill counties. Three precincts also remained "out" in Polk County.

In the race for the two first district Democrat delegate spots returns from 529 of 649 precincts had Jan E. Bauer, Washington County, in front with 27,270. Second was Roy R. Hewitt, Salem, with 26,664 and third was Marguerite Berg, Salem with 24,327.

Top seven in the Democratic delegate-at-large race included: Sen. Richard Neuberger 147,500; Rep. Edith Green 140,400; Monroe Sweetland, 125,000; Joseph K. Carson, 84,900; Alfred Corbett, 76,119; Sen. Walter Pearson, 75,200; M. James Gleason, 74,700.

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\$128 Million For Northwest Rivers Asked

WASHINGTON — A 128 million dollar water river development program was recommended for Oregon and Washington Monday by the House Appropriations Committee.

It would cover expenditures for the next fiscal year by both the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

It would include increases over the administration budget requests to complete planning on John Day Lock and Dam on the Columbia and to step up Ice Harbor Dam construction on the Snake River.

John Day planning funds are increased under the bill from \$200,000 to \$1,400,000. It would clear the way for a start on construction next year.

A boost from five million to eight million dollars is made in the recommended funds for Ice Harbor Dam.

Funds were approved as budgeted for major dam construction on the Columbia and its tributaries, with the exception of The Dalles and McNary dams. The Dalles was cut from \$47,000,000 to \$42,457,000 and McNary from \$4,500,000 to \$2,828,000.

The Dalles Dam item is the largest in the bill.

The cut in the recommendation is not expected to affect The Dalles Dam construction schedules. The committee said it is one of several projects which would share in more than 4 1/2 million dollars of savings and schedule delays which reduce anticipated expenditures.

Money is included in the bill for starts on six new navigation and flood control projects. They are: Washington — Quillayute River Harbor, \$444,000; Shishole Bay, Seattle, \$300,000; Bellingham Harbor, \$400,000; Anacortes Harbor, \$140,000.

Oregon — Malheur Improvement District, \$55,000; Schofield River, Reedsport, \$54,000.

Appropriation to start planning on three projects was recommended in the following amounts: Lower Columbia River, Washougal area, Wash., \$17,000; Columbia, Chinook-Sand Island, \$13,000, and Pendleton, Ore., \$25,000.

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Cherry Crop Called 'Spotty'; Heat Improves Strawberry Crop; Picker Prospects Good

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

"Spotty" is the word for the cherry crop this season, according to Robert Shinn, manager of the Willamette Cherry Growers Inc.

"There are some orchards which are looking exceptionally good. There are a lot of orchards that are average and some in which there will be a very light crop. A few will have complete failure," Shinn said Monday as he indicated that the "cherry situation isn't too bad."

Harvest in the Willamette Valley will be considerably earlier than last year's very late season. Picking is expected to get underway around June 20. It was recalled Monday that cherry picking in the valley didn't begin until mid-July a year ago. About the same amount of pickers will be needed this year as last, Shinn estimated.

The picking situation holds true for strawberries, too. Shinn believed. While some strawberry fields suffered from the winter, others came through in comparatively good shape. Recent warm weather has speeded the blooming, and also greatly improved the plants and the

Pinballs Still Not Illegal

PORTLAND — Pinball machines, outlawed last Friday when city voters upheld an ordinance banning all types of coin type and key-operated pinballs, still are not illegal here.

City Auditor Will Gibson said Monday it will be about two weeks before the official vote is certified for the city council. Then the mayor will proclaim passage of the measure and the way will be clear for arrests of violators.

The telephone expansion project in Salem was approved by the company's advisory council at a Salem meeting Monday and was commented on by PT&T General Manager F. A. Dresslar in his talk before Salem Chamber of Commerce at a Marion Hotel chamber luncheon.

The telephone company has spent over a million dollars in construction and new equipment in its Salem area since Jan. 1, 1955. Dresslar said. He noted the new fifth story on the State Street telephone exchange building should be completed by Aug. 15.

Dresslar said the company's investment in Marion County in the last 10 years jumped from \$2,900,000 to \$11,500,000; while its customers gained from 9,700 to 32,000 and its employees from 100 to 400.

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