



KEIZER—After 16 months of prospecting and claim developing, Keizer geologist Lester Johnson Friday was preparing to ship first test load of uranium-containing ore to Atomic Energy Commission receiving station at Salt Lake City, Utah.

City May Levy Full \$35,000 Parks Tax

Budget Committee Studies Shift From Partial Figure of \$20,000

Salem's City Budget Committee may change its mind and levy the entire \$35,000 park maintenance tax approved by voters, it appeared Friday.

The budgetmakers agreed last Monday night to levy only \$20,000 of the tax, but since then park supporters have been making the point that the voters must have intended the city to spend the whole amount on parks.

The park levy, as an annual tax of \$35,000, was approved last week at the polls by a scant margin of 82 votes. When the City Budget Committee met early this week, members were divided on whether to levy the tax because some considered it was intended mainly for additional maintenance costs if a \$700,000 park bond issue permitted purchase of new parks.

Budget committee members compromised by deciding to levy \$20,000 of which about \$14,500 would offset this year an expense outside the park budget but marked for purchase of land adjacent to Wallace Marine Park.

By Friday, however, many budget members were reconsidering their action. Alderman Clayton W. Jones, park budget subcommittee chairman, said his committee had met again and decided to once more recommend that the entire \$35,000 be levied for park improvement use, and that the riverside park adjacent be purchased as originally planned.

Jones, who is a member of the Parks Advisory Board, said the parks department had on its priority list many improvements of present parks for which the \$35,000 would go. "Even if the bond issue would have passed," he said, "the new parks wouldn't have been far enough along within a year to require maintenance funds raised by the special tax."

Jones also said his committee would recommend an additional salary increase for Parks Superintendent Walter Wirth, above the 5 per cent raise earlier authorized. The budget committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in City Hall.

PORTLAND — A petition filed by Jack Clenghagen, Portland advertising executive, Friday asked a recount of last week's close vote on the city's proposed eight-million-dollar sports center.

The vote decided whether to place the center on the east or west side of the Willamette River here. The preliminary count showed the east side won by a margin of about 1,500 votes in a total of 127,000 votes.

PRINEVILLE — Gov. Elmo Smith received an overtime parking ticket while speaking at a Kiwanis Club luncheon here Thursday. The governor paid it promptly.

He stopped here to make the talk while en route to his home at John Day.

"Ah, Dad, stop being an old grouch and let us watch you sleep!"

School Budget Okehed

Narrow Margin Of 444 Votes Brings Victory

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT JR. Staff Writer, The Statesman

Salem school district voters, turning out in surprising numbers Friday, gave the 1956-57 operating budget approval by a narrow 444-vote margin. Final official count was 2,922 to 1,833.

At stake in the election at 17 school precincts was \$1,629,316.27 over the six per cent limitation needed to balance a total school district budget of \$5,070,899.75.

It totals up to a \$3,360,583 tax bill for the taxpayers in two counties and will add an estimated 7.1 mills to their assessments. Only 6 of the 17 district precincts had overall negative votes on the budget, but yes votes held only narrow margins in several others.

Leading the opposition was Highland School which often votes against school issues and which was recently involved in a dispute between a group of parents and the school administration.

Against Budget Joining Highland against the budget item were voters at Grant, Richmond, Garfield and Roberts schools and at the School Administration office. Except for Roberts they represent areas of older people who have few children still in the schools.

Leading the favoring count were voters of Morningside area who approved the budget 271 to 94. Top vote was at Leslie Junior High School with a total of 504 of which 303 were in favor.

Narrowest Margin It was the narrowest margin for a school budget in many years and apparently reflected the attitude of voters a week ago in rejecting several city bond issues. Last year's school budget won by a comfortable 1,344 to 891 margin, but the amount over the six per cent limitation was a considerably smaller \$1,166,809.39.

Bulk of the increase in school operating costs over last year is attributed to boosts in salaries for both teachers and classified workers of the district. Nearly half a million dollars of the increase in the total budget went to pay increases.

The Precinct votes were:

Table with 3 columns: Precinct, Yes, Total. Includes Highland, Washington, Grant, Englewood, Admin Bldg, Richmond, Leslie, Morningside, Four Corners, West Salem, Keizer, Hayesville, North High, Garfield, Roberts, Liberty, Brush College, Totals.

U. S. Fighters 'No Match for Russ Bomber'

WASHINGTON — An Air Force general told Congress Friday the best U. S. fighters now in operation could not cope with the Russian's newest jet bomber, in a "suicide" attack on this country.

Gen. Earl E. Partridge, chief of the continental air defense command, said the F-86, F-89 and F-94 "have inadequate altitude performance to cope with the Bison, provided the Soviets should decide to sacrifice their aircraft by employing one-way tactics."

Dies at 101



GATES — Lewis T. Henness, 101, who died Friday at his country home near Gates.

Death Claims Century-Old Gates Pioneer

GATES — Ranks of the valley's century-old residents were thinned Friday with the death of Lewis Theodore (T) Henness, oldest resident in the North Santiam country. He was 101.

Henness died Friday morning at the family home between Gates and Mill City where he lived with a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Lake. Henness was born Sept. 29, 1854, on a donation land claim between Stayton and Mehama.

His parents had come to Oregon from Iowa in 1832. A farmer, trapper and woodsman in his active days, Henness often related residents of the area with his tales of hunting game with a muzzle-loading rifle in early days when he made his own bullets. He had 36 cougars to his credit.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at First Christian Church in Mill City. Wedding Chapel, Stayton, is making arrangements. (Add. details Page 2, Sec. 1.)

Slot Machine Seized; Paid In Golf Balls

NEOTSU — A slot machine that was paying off in golf balls was seized by state police at a clubhouse here Friday.

State Police Lt. Farley Mogan said the slot machine was taken from the Devils Lake Golf Course clubhouse and that William Theodore Strimwes, operator of the establishment, was fined \$25 in Taft Justice Court after pleading guilty to a charge of operating a slot machine.

Mogan said the slot machine took quarters and paid off with 1 to 20 golf balls. He said it was the first slot machine arrest in which state police from Salem had participated for two years. Sgt. William Colbert of Newport state police headquarters accompanied him.

Area Clouds On Forecast

Weekend vacationers can expect clouds and possibly a few showers today, the McNary Field weather bureau announced.

Forecast for today, tonight and Sunday is for mostly cloudy weather with some sunshine this afternoon. Drizzle or a few very light showers are possible today.

High today and Sunday is expected to be 70, low tonight 50. Clouds and a little rain are predicted for northern Oregon beaches this morning. Partial clearing this afternoon and evening is expected. High Saturday will probably be 60-65, the low 45-50.

Woman Skier Lost on Mt. Hood

City Sewer, Water Rates Hike Studied

Legislation was prepared in City Hall Friday for raising both the city water rates and the city sewer service charge July 1.

These rates would follow plans under consideration for some time. Both will appear Monday night before City Council in ordinance form, with a majority of the Council as sponsors.

The basic effect on householders would be elimination of the present low irrigation rates during the summer and the increase of the sewer charge (levies on the water bills) from 65 cents to \$1.

The basic water rate in effect here 40 years would be unchanged, but lifting the irrigation rate (adopted in 1938) and raising larger user rates would produce an estimated \$90,000 new revenue to be used in paying off the \$3,750,000 bond issue voted by the people last week to finance a new water supply line from the North Santiam.

The sewer service charge increase would raise about \$50,000 a year which City Manager J. L. Franzen says is needed to keep abreast city sewer construction work. Councilmen listed as sponsors of both bills are Mayor Robert F. White and Aldermen E. C. Charlton, Loring Grier, P. W. Hale and James Nicholson.

Ike Declares Union Near For Europe

WACO, Tex. — President Eisenhower said Friday European union seems nearer now than in centuries. He called communism "a gigantic failure" but said "even this mighty nation is not wholly immune" from its threat.

Speaking to 665 graduating seniors and 11,000 spectators at Baylor University's commencement, the President said that even where communism is dominant, men still dream of the day when they may walk "fearlessly in the fullness of human freedom."

The quiet crowd interrupted Eisenhower twice for applause in his 36-minute foreign policy address delivered from a lowering rostrum. A strong breeze from an unit blew his academic robes briskly as he spoke, and obviously kept the President cool.

Awarding Eisenhower the honorary doctor of laws degree, Pres. W. E. White of Baylor cited the President as "the leader of the forces of freedom" in war and peace.

City Theater Chief Quits; Successor Set

Earl Y. (Pete) Jones, manager of Forman Bros. theaters here, announced Friday that he is leaving the theater business to run a Portland restaurant.

Lloyd Wirtz, manager of the theaters in Bend for the past three years, will replace Jones. Jones has represented Forman Bros. in Salem since 1953. He spent 2 1/2 years managing theaters in Bend prior to moving here.

Jones said he has purchased a rate at Park and Washington streets in Portland. It will be known as Pete's Farm Style Hamburgers. Jones plans to sell his Salem home, he said.

Wirtz is not new to the Salem area. He opened the North Salem drive-in theater here about eight years ago.

Junior Rose Festival Selections Tonight

WU Students Watching for H-Bomb Fallout



Willamette senior Walter Wilson watches an electronic brain during period tests of the university's physics department to determine if recent hydrogen bomb tests are producing any radioactive "fallout" in the Salem area.

Students of the physics department, under the direction of Dr. Robert L. Furbrick, are using a combination of Geiger counter and scaling circuit to keep track of the number of radioactive particles in Salem's air. The scaling circuit is an electronic "brain" for adding up the count of the Geiger counter.

But so far Salem has had nothing but a normal count which Dr. Furbrick says may all be attributed to cosmic rays. The mysterious cosmic rays send the Geiger counter clicking at a 45 to 55 per minute rate without any help from nuclear fission or fusion.

And that rate is about the bracket in which counts of the past four days have fallen. On Tuesday for instance, samplings at 3:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. showed counts of 55.9, 53.3, 50.4 and 49.2. Wednesday morning at 11 it was down to 43.75; at 11:20 it was back up slightly to 46.9. Thursday's clicks were at about the same rate.

Salem may still be due for some "fallout" from the blast, carried on the fickle winds which twist back and forth across the Pacific. Particles could be carried here via surface winds which swirl up around Japan and Alaska from the test area. More likely however, they would be borne on the jet stream which rushes toward the west coast at upwards of 200 miles an hour.

If Salem does get some "fallout," Willamette's "brain" will do some speedy calculating, the sensitive mechanisms proved Thursday. A radium dial wristwatch held an inch away from the counter had the "brain" adding at the rate of 3290 a minute. A lump of uranium ore from the Lakeview strike did the same.

Fastest Tune It'll have to click a much merrier tune than that before anyone starts worrying about the effects of radioactivity in Salem.

Radio activity is an old story for Dr. Furbrick who worked on the Manhattan Project which led to the first atomic bomb over a decade ago.

Current samplings are not the first for the Willamette physicists. Russia's nuclear tests of last winter produced negative results also. Plans for checking on fallout from earlier tests by the U.S. lost out to a spring drought a couple of years ago.

Dr. Furbrick and his students had taken rainfall samples during two drening months before the tests to serve as a base for any added radio activity. Then when the tests came it didn't rain for a whole month, wasting all the preparation.

Radioactivity in Salem Not Affected by Nuclear Tests

This week's hydrogen bomb blast in the Pacific hasn't produced a single extra click of the geiger counter in Salem.

In fact, the frequent tests for radio-active "fallout" being conducted by Willamette University's physics department shows that the activity count has been dropping here since Monday, the day the H-bomb was exploded 10,900 feet in the air over Bikini Atoll.

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Search Party Combs Trail Near Resort

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore. (AP) — Skiing equipment belonging to a woman lost for more than 24 hours on the slopes of Mt. Hood was found Friday, but the woman herself still is missing.

She is Lynn Wattier, a secretary at this skiing resort lodge. She became separated from a party of other skiers in Thursday's afternoon fog.

Searchers combed the area through Thursday night and on Friday morning found her trail in the snow. She apparently had walked down a canyon, out of the snow and had abandoned her skis and ski poles.

Plane in Search An airplane equipped with a power microphone flew over the steep walled canyon Friday. The Forest Service said it was hoped the woman would be seen by the plane and then given directions from the air to follow the canyon floor to a highway.

The temperature in the area Thursday night fell to 20 degrees. The woman was reported clad in warm ski clothing.

The search was to continue through the night. Miss Wattier is 21 years old. She came from St. Paul, Minn., to visit the lodge earlier this year as a guest and while here applied for a job. She returned to St. Paul and three weeks later was offered the post of secretary. Her parents since have moved to Bristol, S.D.

38 Searchers Set A crew of 38 searchers, including foresters, a skiing group and 12 members of the Mountain Rescue and Safety Council were to set out early Saturday to comb a six square mile area in the region where Miss Wattier is believed to be lost. Bloodhounds also will be used.

Those who followed her trail Friday said that at one time she was within 500 yards of the Mt. Hood Loop Highway on the south side of the canyon.

Electricity Stops Heart In Surgery

NEW YORK — Use of a low voltage electric shock to stop the heart during heart surgery was announced Friday by a group of Brooklyn doctors. A mechanical heart took over the heart's function.

Human hearts have been stopped before for an operation, but this was believed to be the first time it was accomplished with electricity.

The surgery ended, a high-voltage shock started the heart beating again. The patient was an 11-year-old Brooklyn girl, born with a hole in an inner wall of her heart.

The operation to repair the hole was performed by doctors of the state university college of medicine. It was pronounced a success.

Rogue Hides Boater's Fate

Searchers found no trace Friday of Phil Johnson, Salem man who was swept away from his companions by the roaring Rogue River Wednesday high in the Coast Range mountains.

The hunt by state police, sheriff, deputies and State Board of Aeronautics search and rescue planes will continue today, although the entire river from its mouth at Gold Beach to the scene of the accident, 75 miles northeast, has been covered. Curry County Sheriff R. G. Sabin said.

WILBERT cartoon strip with a character and text.

BASEBALL section listing Northwest League, Pacific Coast League, National League, and American League games.

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