

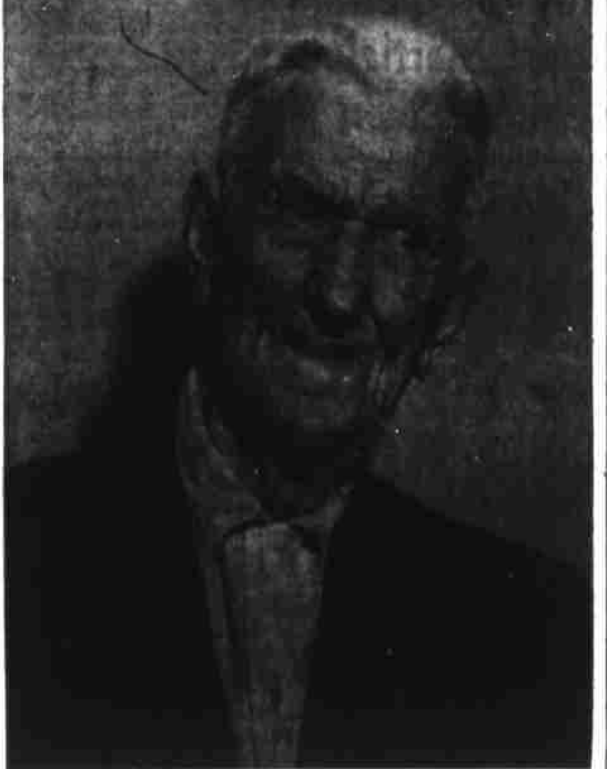
Plane Crashes in Portland; Salem Youth Killed

The Weather Today's forecast: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers. A few scattered showers tonight. High 70. Low 48. (Complete report page 2)

Salem Man Notes 100th Year Today, Lives 83 Years on 'Borrowed Time'

By JERRY STONE Staff Writer, The Statesman A Salem man who 83 years ago was given up as lost in a Norwegian blizzard, will observe his 100th birthday today. The century milestone for Ole S. Raen will be marked by a quiet family dinner at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raen, 1590 Madison St.

only the Norwegian language, he retains a lively interest in current events. "Father wanted to vote in the last general election," said Henry Raen, "but he couldn't do so because it was found that he hadn't registered."



Ole S. Raen, who will observe his 100th birthday today at the home of a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raen, 1590 Madison St.

He was given up for dead when caught in a raging blizzard that forced him to go without food and shelter for seven days. He came out of the ordeal with badly frozen feet and hands. Ole Raen came to this country in 1879 at the age of 22 and hit out for North Dakota. The railroad took him as far as Fargo, N. D., where the tracks ended. From Fargo he walked 80 miles to Mayville, N. D., his destination. He arrived with 25 cents.

Among those gathered to honor the centenarian today in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raen will be daughters, Mrs. L. E. Fos, Salem, and Mrs. Lillian Peske, California; a son, Oscar Raen, Burbank, Calif.; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The elder Raen also has one great great-grandchild.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Ferguson This is the week of decision for the Legislative Assembly on Oregon's tax program for the biennium. The House has sent to the Senate its package which consists of the following: 1. Personal income tax bill. This repeals the 45 per cent surtax passed in 1955. It lifts the exemption from \$500 to \$600 per person. It revises upwards the tax schedule so that despite the repeal of the surtax the new law is expected to produce substantially more revenue. Collections will be made by virtually "full withholding" from salary and wage payments.

Tornadoes, Floods Pound Wide Areas Across Texas

DALLAS, Tex., May 12 (AP)—Tornadoes, thunderstorms and floods pounded weather-weary Texas today. At least three persons were drowned as floods hit west, central and south Texas over the weekend. A tornado ripped into the small north central Texas town of Crawford late today, but no one was injured. Snyder police said a tornado hit the ground 15 miles north of that Texas town. The Weather Bureau said a tornado hit south of Big Spring in west Texas, but no damage was reported.

Stop by Police Good News For Couple

When a state police halted a Canadian vehicle over the weekend just south of Salem on 99E, the occupants were given good news, not a traffic citation. The visitors also gained a high respect for "American honesty."

Von Stroheim, Actor, Dies

HOLLYWOOD, May 12 (AP)—Erich von Stroheim, the actor best known as a monogamous, arrogant Prussian army officer, died today in a hospital near Paris. He was 71.

Twisters Sink Boats

DACCA, East Pakistan, May 12 (AP)—Four river boats were sunk by tornadoes in east Pakistan yesterday, drowning more than 50 persons, official sources reported.

Legislators Face Top Money Bills

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE City Editor, The Statesman Some of the session's most hard-fought, hammered-out legislative issues on taxes, education and labor are ready for final vote in the Oregon Senate today.

Legislature Today

9 a.m.—Ways and means committee meets. 10 a.m.—House and Senate meet, 120th day. 2:40 p.m.—Senate special order on HB 163 for reorganization of Oregon school districts. In both Senate and House face thick stacks of bills as they convene at 10 a.m. for their 120th day. After working since January on a program of expanded labor benefits under the unemployment compensation law, the Senate labor committee will see its compromise labor bills on the Senate floor today.

12 Die as Racing Car Crashes Into Crowd

MANTUA, Italy, May 12 (AP)—Spain's dare-devil sportsman, Marquis Alfonso de Portago, his American co-driver, a Dutch driver and at least 10 spectators were killed today as tragedy again struck the Mille Miglia road race.

Actor Suffers Real Agony in Death Scene

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., May 12 (AP)—"You're dead," a member of the cast of the Jamestown Festival play, "The Founders," told Opencanough as he stabbed him during an opening dress rehearsal for Williamsburg residents.

Mayflower at Halfway Point

PENANCE, England, May 12 (AP)—Mayflower II radioed today she is halfway across the Atlantic on her voyage from England to Plymouth, Mass. The copy of the Pilgrim vessel is 21 days out.

Scientist Says Satellites 'Possibly Circle Earth'

INDIANAPOLIS, May 12 (AP)—Wilhelm A. H. Gurnatz, president of the Great Lakes Region of the Astronomical League, said today "there is a strong suspicion" that a man-made satellite already is circling the earth.

Tentative Claim to TV Channel 3 Rests With KSLM But No Decision Reached

(Editor's Note: The Statesman recently asked its Washington correspondent to clarify with the Federal Communications Commission the status of TV channel 3 allocated to Salem. His story follows.) By A. ROBERT SMITH Statesman Correspondent WASHINGTON, May 12.—The legal claim to Salem TV channel 3 still rests with the owners of Radio KSLM until the Federal Communications Commission takes further action to determine who may use this important Willamette Valley television outlet.

Salem Flier's Body Plunges Through Roof



PORTLAND, Ore., May 12—Police and firemen look at hole punched in roof by body of flier Allen Wood, 21, Salem, Ore., after his plane disintegrated over Portland today. The body crashed into the home of Fred G. Thomson, narrowly missing Thomson and his daughter as they sat in living room. (Picture also on Page 2.) (AP Wirephoto)

Polk School Vote Today

DALLAS, Ore., May 12 — Polk County school districts will vote Monday between 2 and 8 p.m. on the proposal to increase the rural school budget tax levy above the 6 per cent limitation. Total budget for elementary and high schools is \$334,083.94. This figure exceeds the limitation levy by \$81,450.96. (Add details on sports pages.)

Table with 3 columns: League, Team, Score. Includes Northwest League, Pacific Coast League, American League, and National League.

Brooks Plans Expansion of Post Office

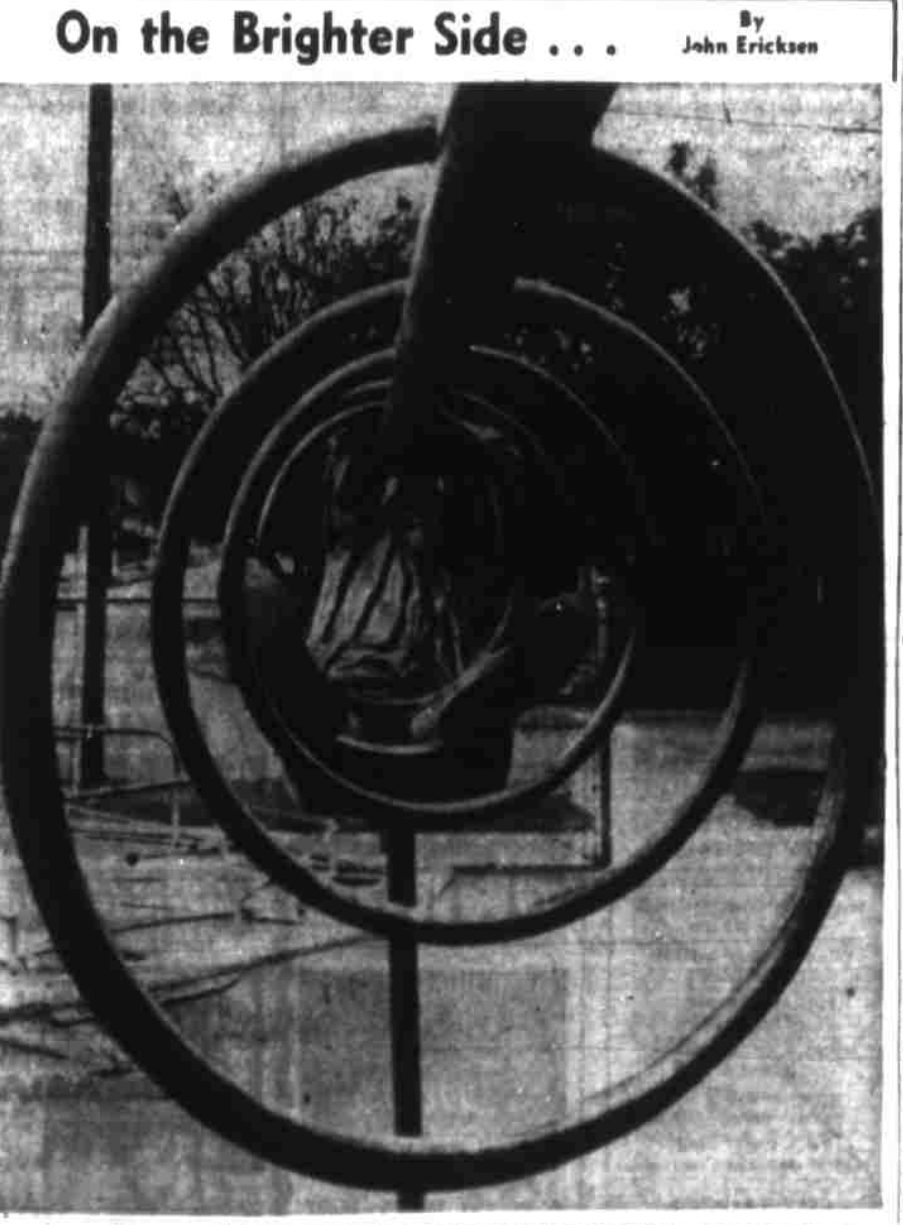
Statesman News Service BROOKS, May 12.—The Post Office Department has approved doubling the size of the Brooks post office, it was learned Sunday in a communication from Rep. Walter Norblad. Proposal for the expansion had come from Carl Aspinwall, owner of the post office site here. Aspinwall asked authority to enlarge the postal quarters from 562 to 1120 square feet of inside floor space.

Crowd Going to Church Stones Purse Snatcher

CHICAGO, May 1 (AP)—A crowd of angry churchgoers today stoned and pummeled a man who police said had snatched a purse from a woman parishioner and attempted to flee on a bicycle. Rescued from the crowd by police was Albert Douglas, 24, a Negro. Witnesses told police Douglas was snatched from his bicycle and grabbed a purse belonging to Mrs. Maude Nelson, 65, as she walked to St. Timothy Episcopal Church on the West Side. The purse contained \$5 cents.

Rain on Forecast For Region Today

Cloudiness will continue for the most part today and Tuesday, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau at McNary Field. Showers are predicted for both days. Seasonable temperatures are due today. Forecast is for a 70-degree high and a low tonight of 48.



Monkey Rings Here's a monkey's eye view of Robert Gruchalla, 2240 Laurel Ave., playing on monkey rings at the Highland School playground. The rings are fairly new additions to most of the city playgrounds and are proving quite popular with the city's young "monkeys."

Aircraft 'Breaks Up' Over City

State Accidents Claim 6 Others

A young Salem pilot was killed Sunday evening when his light plane "disintegrated" over Portland and his body crashed through the roof of a house, narrowly missing two persons.

The victim was Willis Allen Wood, 21, son of Dr. and Mrs. John R. Wood, 1515 N. 5th St. He was a senior in pre-medical studies at Oregon State College.

The plane came apart at low altitude, according to witnesses, raining pieces of wreckage over a Southeast Portland residential area, but the fuselage missed striking any houses, Associated Press reported.

Wood's death was one of seven fatal accidents in Oregon over the weekend, the Associated Press reported. Traffic claimed three lives and three farmers died in tractor mishaps.

Aircraft Rented The plane in which Wood was flying alone was a Mooney Mite, a small single-seater, rented from Kreitzberg Aviation, Inc., at McNary Field. Wood had left Salem airport about 3 p.m., about two hours before the accident. He landed at Vancouver, Wash., to get parts for another airplane, and had taken off about 15 minutes before the crash, AP said.

A Portland man, Albert McGreen, said he was working in his yard when he heard an airplane engine sputter and looked to see the wings peel off and wreckage scattering over the area. A landing wheel hit the home of Dave Yodder, but no major damage was reported from plane parts, AP said. The body of the pilot crashed through the roof of the Fred G. Thomson home into a room where Thomson and a 10-year-old daughter, Connie, were sitting at a table.

'House Blowing Up' "We were sitting there working a crossword puzzle, when suddenly it sounded like the house was blowing up," said Thomson.

"My daughter screamed and we looked around behind us and there was the body on the floor, only five feet from us. There was a hole in the roof about 4 feet by 10. But it was so sudden we couldn't figure out what had happened."

Wood began flying last summer at McNary Field. Salem pilots estimated he had put in 50 to 100 hours flying time. He was slightly injured about six weeks ago in a night landing accident in heavy ground fog at the Corvallis airport in a Salem Pilots Association plane. The Cessna 130 was written off as a total wreck by the association and sold to Wood, who may have been hunting parts for it on his fatal flight.

A passenger on that flight, OSC student Jerry Long of Roseburg, received a back injury but Salem pilots said Sunday he is now at home and expected to recover completely. Wood had been a Salem resident since 1946, when his parents moved here from Yankton, S. D. He was a member of the golf team at Salem High School and later at OSC. Besides his parents, he leaves one sister, Miss Mary Wood, 18, and one brother, Robert Wood, 14, both at home and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Allen, Yankton, S. D. His father is a Salem dentist.

The weather reportedly was clear and calm at the time of the crash Sunday. Associated Press said cause of the accident was being investigated.

Garnatz, engineer at an Indianapolis electronics and electric machinery manufacturing plant, is a native of Germany. He is in charge of arrangements here for "Project Moonwatch," the nationwide test alert for satellite observers next Friday evening. In Los Angeles, Dr. Joseph Kaplan, chairman of the U. S. committee for the International Geophysical Year, said of Garnatz' remarks: "This is not true to my knowledge. I should be very surprised, indeed, if the United States launched a satellite without carrying out its previously specified intention not to do so without announcing it properly through international IGY channels." Dr. Kaplan added that he does not know Garnatz.