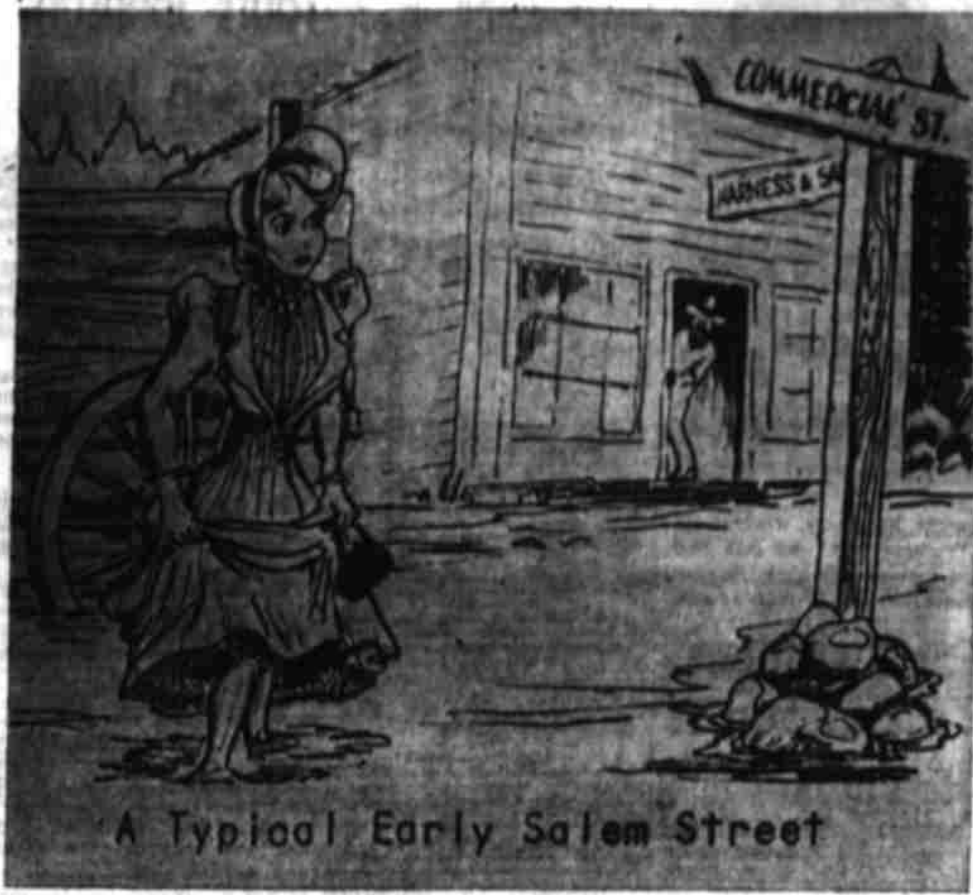




A Typical Early Salem Street

This young woman's smile is for the man who made Salem streets so wide some 100 years ago. With the mud problem solved but traffic increasing, today's residents feel quite differently about them. The sketch by Joseph Formick, McKinley teacher, is from a new book, "The Salem Story," written by Salem teachers for third graders.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Joseph Formick

The House on Tuesday passed an omnibus rivers and harbors authorization bill. It is similar to the one passed by the Senate last year. The 1956 bill was vetoed by President Eisenhower who objected to inclusion of certain items because they had not been cleared by administrative agencies. Some fears were expressed that this bill may meet the same fate, but, in the present haste to open valves at the federal treasury so that checks may flow over the land, that may not happen.

One of the items is the Yaguina Bay project whose cost is estimated at \$19,000,000. It calls for extensive work to make a seaport at Newport, and was recommended by the district office of the Corps of Engineers and approved by the review board in Washington. In spite of that blessing, spending this much money on Yaguina Bay seems to this writer to violate prudence in the expenditure of public funds.

As I recall the Army engineers turned down the proposal on their initial review. Then it was represented that a big pulp-paper mill was going in on the Yaguina River, that Georgia-Pacific, the owner, planned a pulp mill in Alaska and would, if the harbor was improved, haul the pulp to Yaguina Bay for further processing. On the basis of this information the Corps made a new study and came up with a benefits cost ratio which showed a plus of

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Navy Scrubs Moon Firing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (U)—Danger of freezing the inner works of its intricate Vanguard satellite rocket stymied the Navy's launching plans Wednesday. It was also learned that the pyramiding mechanical woes may stall any early launching.

These familiar with the workings of the 72-foot rocket said the prolonged attempts to fire the Vanguard have led to more complications—electrical troubles and metal corrosion.

The Navy said it would try again in the near future, and has already explained that this test must be held during daylight hours for photographing and tracking purposes.

Amity, Willamina, Dayton Girls Tops In Spelling Bee Semi-final Round

AMITY — Sure-spelling girls from Amity, Willamina and Dayton finished in that order Wednesday night in a semi-finals of The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest. The champions of 10 Polk and Yamhill County schools competed.

The three, all of whom qualified for the Grand Finals to be held in Salem on Thursday night, March 27, were:

First—Alice Marx, 12, in the 8th grade at Amity, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Marx Jr., who spelled "psychiatrist" and the required extra word "sapphire."

Second—Andrea Slack, 13, in the 7th grade at Willamina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levern Slack, who spelled "mucilage" after Alice had missed it but slipped on the required extra word "psychiatrist."

Third—Margaret Richards, 13, in the 8th grade at Dayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Richards, who spelled "rhododendron" which Andrea spelled to remain in the running at that point.

Almost up with the winners, in a high fourth place, was Judy Lodi, 12, in the 8th grade at Willamina, who went down on "logos."

Valley, Salem Story Compiled for Pupils

By RUSS BIERAUGEL
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Salem teachers are making history again this week. The story they wrote, "The Salem Story," is now being printed in the school district printing room and will be distributed to schools next week for use in third-grade social studies classes.

In large, plain type, the book follows the growth of the Capital City from the wandering tape villages of the Calapooia Indians to the present teeming community with its clusters of state buildings, industries, stores, schools and churches of all faiths.

It follows the Methodist missionary, Jason Lee, along the Oregon Trail to Mission Bottom where he and his helpers pitched their tents 10 miles north of the present city of Salem.

The community called Chemeketa, or sometimes The Mills, started with a grist mill and a sawmill and a dam for power where High Street now crosses Mill Creek.

On high ground, near level farmland and at a crossing of Indian trails at a point where Willamette River could be forded in summer, Lee's mission was moved to The Mills.

First House in Salem Built in 1841

The first house was built in 1841 and it is still in use as an apartment house at 600 Broadway NE.

According to the teacher-historians, the city's present name, "Place of Peace," was suggested by Dr. David Leslie, its first church's first pastor, because the Indians and white settlers got along so well. Dr. Leslie's church was on the site of the present First Methodist Church at State and Church streets.

Dr. William H. Willson, a pioneer Salem carpenter, is the man to thank for planning the city's wide streets. The book says the ladies did not like the wide streets when it was muddy.

The first real street was built by Thomas Cox at the corner of Ferry and Commercial streets. The book mentions many other historical milestones and landmarks and gives a full account of the battle of several cities for the capital and the development of the present imposing group of state buildings in the heart of the city.

The book was written by a committee of five elementary teachers headed by Mrs. Adora Hanson, Liberty School fourth-grade teacher.

Authentic Sketches Brighten Book

Committee members were Mrs. Ethel Carothers, Hayesville School; Mrs. Mildred Wyatt, Brush College School; Mrs. Juanita Lambert and Mrs. Bess Thompson, both of Baker School.

Brightening almost every page is an authentic sketch by Joseph Formick, fifth-grade teacher at McKinley School.

Formick also illustrated a recent new edition of "The Oregon Story," a text written several years ago by a teacher committee for sixth graders which was expanded and simplified last year.

Salem history has been taught for several years but as in the case of state history, no textbook was available until the teachers wrote one.

The third-grade study follows naturally a second-grade study of neighborhood structure, which follows a study of the family in the first grade.

Death Decreed for Red Embezzler

VIENNA, Austria (U)—The case of the Bulgarian state grain-buying agency at Russe on the Danube River has been sentenced to death for embezzling products worth about \$15,000.

A Bulgarian newspaper reported he will be shot.

Death Decreed for She's Impatient, Too

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (U)—Newsmen gathered here to report the imminent birth of Princess Grace's second child sent word into the palace Wednesday that they are getting impatient.

The message was delivered by the palace press adviser. He came out shortly and presented the idling reporters Grace's reply: "Tell them that I am just as impatient as they are."

Woodburn Tonight

WOODBURN — The champion speller of 13 Northern Marion County School will compete in a semi-finals of The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest at Washington School here at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, with the public invited free. Schools represented will be Aurora, Broadview, Butteville, Donald, Eldridge, Gervais, Hubbard, Lodi, Pioneer, St. Louis, St. Paul Academy and Woodburn.

the semi-finals. Betty Mae Ingram won a year ago.

Earlier in the long contest, Ronald Sloan, 13-year-old 8th-grader at Sheridan, went down on "embarrassment"; Linda Lee Battery, 14 and in the 8th grade at Oak Grove, put an extra letter in "quadrupled"; Audrey Ann Perry, 13 and in Perrydale's 8th grade, tangled on "participle"; Chester McNeil, 13-year-old from Popcorn's 8th grade (his second year as school champion), mixed up "oxygen"; James Hansen, 12, a 7th-grader from Rickreall, put an extra "e" in "argument"; and Billie Harvey, 13, in the 8th grade at Hopewell, inadvertently slipped on "purpose."

Winner Alice's teacher is Hubert Deaver of Amity. Mrs. Louis McPherson of Willamina is second-place Andrea's teacher and Mrs. Mildred Adams of Dayton taught third-place Margaret. The winner was awarded a Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary.

Chief judge was D. Lynn Guber, Yamhill county school superintendent, assisted by Bill Ross, master of ceremonies and manager of KSLM. Word caller was Wendell Webb, managing editor of The Statesman. Host principal at Amity Grade School was Albert Becker.

Attractive signs, portraying in crayon symbols of each community's origin, were attached to each contestant's table, with each one's name inscribed. Refreshments were served for the more than 150 persons attending.

Civil Rights Suspended in Cuba; Peace Cabinet Quits

By LARRY ALLEN
HAVANA (U)—A government decree suspended civil rights throughout revolt-torn Cuba again Wednesday and set off a Cabinet crisis. President Fulgencio Batista rode out the storm but saw his peace Cabinet walk out on him on Monday.

The 23-member peace Cabinet—named last Thursday for the difficult task of restoring order and conducting elections June 1—resigned after the decree was pushed through at an emergency meeting.

Premier Emilio Nunes Portuondo, the former ambassador to the U.N., led the walkout. He strode from the session and quit. He had declared only last night there would be no suspension of constitutional guarantees such as had been decreed seven times in 1957.

New Cabinet Named
Batista immediately named a new cabinet. The premiership went to Gonzalo Gueill, former minister of state. Most of the other ministers—Batista supporters who included business and civil leaders never in Cabinet jobs before—were reappointed.

The suspension of constitutional guarantees is effective 45 days. It meant immediate censorship of the press, radio and TV, including outgoing foreign news dispatches.

Rights of public assembly and freedom from arrest without warrant were cancelled for the 45-day period, giving military forces and police a freer hand to crush activities deemed revolutionary or subversive. The decree in effect rules out election campaigning, since all mass meetings are prohibited.

Demonstration Cancelled
The action probably means cancellation of a threatened anti-government demonstration by 15,000 Havana University students, set for Thursday. Police are empowered to smash it.

Thursday is the anniversary of a rebel invasion of the presidential palace in a bold effort to kill or kidnap Batista. About 20 were killed at the palace and 20 more elsewhere in Havana in the March 13, 1957, fighting.

'A-Bombed' City Accepts Apology From Air Force

(Picture on Wirephoto Page)
FLORENCE, S.C. (AP)—The first community ever known to survive an atomic bomb drop relatively unscathed got the red carpet treatment today from the Air Force.

The bomb did not set off a nuclear explosion when it drilled into the earth in a sparsely inhabited section five miles east of here Wednesday in mid-afternoon. But the TNT charge which triggers the nuclear device damaged six homes and a church and injured six persons, none seriously.

High-ranking officers sloshed through ankle-deep mud of the Mars Bluff community in surveying damage done by the errant A-bomb that dropped accidentally from a B-47 jet bomber.

General Apologies
Maj. Gen. Charles B. Dougher, commander of the 38th Air Division at Hunter Air Force Base, Ga., where the jet bomber was stationed, apologized at a news conference to the more than 20,000 Florence area residents. The apology, issued in behalf of the Air Force, was accepted by Mayor David McLeod at City Hall.

A malfunction of the bomb release mechanism, the Strategic Air Command said, let the bomb slip.

British Anxious
LONDON (U)—The risks of nuclear devastation by accident provoked a fresh anxiety in Britain Wednesday.

Newspapers headlined the accidental dropping of an unarmed atomic bomb Tuesday in Florence, S.C. Questions were raised in both houses of Parliament. The U.S. Air Force flies B-47s with nuclear bombs over Britain and many people have been jittery about them.

Moscow radio said Wednesday night an accidental atom bomb explosion in the United States might make some jumpy American officials order a nuclear attack on the Soviet Union.

The idea was raised in a Greek-language broadcast commenting on the accidentally dropped atom bomb at Florence.

Oil Center In Indonesia Said Captured

JAKARTA, Indonesia (U)—The Jakarta government announced Wednesday night the capture of the American-operated oil center of Pankaburu that had been seized by Sumatran rebels.

But the rebel radio at Padang refused Thursday to concede the loss of the city and said heavy fighting goes on.

Jakarta parachute troops were dropped early Wednesday around Pankaburu, in the heart of Central Sumatra, in the battle for control of the rich oil lands run by the U.S.-owned Caltex Oil Co. Americans in the area were reported in no danger.

Making a pre-dawn landing under cover of B-25 bombers and Mustang fighters, the troops and crack shock troops seized the jungle-fringed Pankaburu airfield, then swept through the city of 50,000, the Jakarta government's Information Ministry said.

Capture of Pankaburu would give the Jakarta government its first major victory over the Sumatran rebels.

Defunct Firm Chief Tells of Losses to Dice

PORTLAND (U)—Thousands of dollars vanished in a dice game, creditors of a bankrupt firm were told by its president. But the trustee Wednesday said the real trouble began with courtroom de-fests.

William Kennedy, trustee for creditors of the Aluminum Lock Shingle Corp. of America, said Wednesday the company's troubles began when it lost a suit over patent rights.

Earlier, Louis Korter, the firm's president, told creditors that in a four-hour dice game he lost \$22,500 to a man he identified only as "Tony."

Korter made the disclosure Tuesday at a hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court here.

Korter, a Portland resident, was asked by bankruptcy referee Estes Snedecor to account for \$36,000 drawn from the corporation since October.

Korter replied that he lost \$22,500 of it playing dice one day in his office.

Korter also told the court that he owned 100 per cent of the corporation's stock, and that he regarded its money the same as his own.

Honor Guest Not Invited To Banquet

DETROIT, Mich. (U)—Forty Dearborn Junior Chamber of Commerce members gathered around banquet tables to honor 17-year-old Ann Sinclair Hodges, Michigan's "Voice of Democracy."

The Dearborn lass had brought national recognition to the Jaycees. Her recorded essay, "I Speak for Democracy," was judged best in a national U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce contest.

At the speakers' table Tuesday night were a plaque and radio, both for Miss Hodges.

But Miss Hodges was not there. The banquet committee had forgotten to invite her.

Three committeemen confessed each thought the other was handling the invitation.

Now Ann will be guest of honor in June at the Jaycee president's banquet. The invitation was extended today.

Snow Blankets South, Mid-U.S.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A March storm pounded parts of the Central United States with midwinter fury Wednesday. A deep snow blanket piled up from northern Texas into Missouri and Arkansas.

Usually balmy El Paso, Tex., was blanketed with 7 1/2 inches of snow, the heaviest fall in 52 years.

The Weather Bureau warned that snow might accumulate to a depth of 10 inches in parts of Oklahoma, with 4 to 8 inches likely in parts of southeast Missouri and near the southeast Kansas border with Oklahoma.

Scattered snows also fell across the Rockies and the Southern Plateau States.

Wet weather extended across the Southern tier of states from California to Florida. Thunder-showers crackled over the Gulf Coast.

Showers and thunder showers also erupted in California.

Whales Sighted

MANZANITA, Ore. (U)—Residents of this Oregon coastal town Tuesday reported seeing a large number of whales in the Pacific Ocean.

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Mrs. Felicitas Nicholson, 32, took the verdict calmly. She was convicted of first-degree murder last Friday.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for 10 hours before deciding that the brunette must die for killing her daughter, Heidi.

On the Brighter Side . . .

By John Erickson
Teacher Hurt in Medford School Bomb Explosion
MEDFORD, Ore. (U)—A crude bomb exploded Wednesday when a teacher picked it up from a shelf in Medford High School.

Scott Brill suffered facial burns and a ruptured ear drum. No one else was injured.

The bomb was made of a hollowed-out book filled with black powder. Asst. School Supt. Elliott Becker said.

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Solons Vote Job-Making Housing Bill

\$1.8 Billion Measure Passes Senate; Nixon Ends Deadlock

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Wednesday night passed a \$1,850,000,000 emergency housing bill designed to create up to 600,000 new jobs.

In the bill was an increase in the interest rates on GI home loans—an issue that was decided earlier only after Vice President Nixon broke a rare tie vote.

The authority to boost the GI mortgage rate was kept in the bill after two dramatic roll calls. On the final one, Nixon broke a 47-47 tie to nail down the Republican victory on the issue.

The bill now goes to the House which voted last year not to permit any increase in the present 4 1/2 per cent GI rate. The Senate bill would allow a hike to 4 3/4 per cent.

President Eisenhower has asked the GI rate be increased to 5 per cent, contending there is no private market for mortgages at the lower figure.

Approval Seen
But Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.), administration spokesman on housing, told a reporter he believed the White House would go along with the 4 3/4 per cent rate.

The bill is the first major piece of anti-recession legislation to pass the Senate this year. Its sponsors say it may bring construction of an additional 200,000 houses this year.

In addition to making large new funds available to buy mortgages and allowing the raise in interest rates, the bill lowers the down

State Holds To Plea for Dams Halt

The State Water Resources Board refused Wednesday to withdraw its request that Congress and the Federal Power Commission suspend federal licenses for construction by Idaho Power Co. of three Snake River dams. Two dams are under construction.

It voted 3 to 2 in a special meeting against a motion by chairman L. C. Binford to cancel the request which the 7-man board passed unanimously Jan. 27, 1958.

Based on Reeling
It was on the board's Jan. 27 ruling that Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan Tuesday based his refusal to allow Idaho Power to sell \$20 million worth of bonds to finance the three dams.

Morgan said state law forbids his interfering with state water resource policy.

Idaho Power won Idaho's permission Wednesday to continue a \$4-million-dollar program of short-term financing, Associated Press reported.

The utility already holds Idaho authority to issue the securities involved in Tuesday's Oregon action.

No Delay Seen
In Boise, T. E. Roach, Idaho Power Co. president, said company officials believe the Oregon action "will not affect the financing and continued construction of our projects."

Morgan said in Portland that if the company asked for a public hearing on the denial it likely would be granted.

"It would appear, however," Roach said, "that this is but one more step in the long continued effort of certain persons in Oregon to assert the supremacy of the state over the United States Constitution and laws and the Federal Power Commission."

Clouds, Some Rain Forecast

Clouds and a few scattered showers are forecast for the Mid-Willamette valley today along with temperatures ranging from a high of 55 to a low tonight of 32 degrees, U.S. weathermen at McNary Field said.

Northern Oregon beaches are expected to have mostly sunny skies today with temperatures similar to the valley area, the Associated Press reported.

Oregon State Highway Commission advised motorists Wednesday that chains are required at Warm Springs Junction and should be carried at Government Camp and Timberline. All other points reported bare or sanding pavement.

Mother Gets Death Penalty

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Discount Rate Dips

WASHINGTON (U)—The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is reducing its discount rate from 3 per cent to 2 1/4 per cent, effective Thursday.

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.), chief sponsor of the measure, said it could mean as many as 600,000 new jobs in the 1958 construction season.

Debate centered on the proposed hike in the GI interest rate.

Sharp Fight Made
Democrats put up a sharp battle to eliminate the interest hike from the bill, claiming it would give lenders a bonanza.

It was the first time Nixon had voted to break a tie since 1956.

After the crucial vote, Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) said Nixon had "inflicted the final coup de grace to the cause of low interest rates in America."

"I think the action will make political history," Morse said.

Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.) called the outcome "a great victory for the veterans and for the unemployed." Sen. Cooper (R - Ky.) agreed.

Jobless Number Down

CHICAGO (U)—The number of jobless receiving unemployment compensation in Illinois fell 21,310 for the week ended March 1, the first significant drop since October.

R. F. Cummins, director of the Illinois Department of Labor, said Wednesday.

Reuther Asks Halt to Tax Withholding
WASHINGTON (U)—President Eisenhower and his economic advisers talked about remedies for the recession Wednesday but decided to wait awhile before proposing any tax cut.

"No decision regarding taxes has been made," Secretary of the Treasury Anderson reported after this latest top-level conference on what to do about the slump.

Walter Reuther, addressing an AFL-CIO economic conference here, said that if other anti-recession moves fail, the government should halt tax withholding from workers' pay for 90 days. The president of the United Auto Workers said this would boost the nation's purchasing power by 500 million dollars a week.

Reuther also wants immediate action on a tax cut, expanded public works spending and broadened unemployment compensation benefits.

Reuther told a reporter that the withholding tax could be suspended for a period of less than 90 days, if desired. In any event, he said the forgiven tax should not have to be made up later.

Horse Operas, Heroes Top Emmy Nominations

HOLLYWOOD (U)—Nominations for the television academy's Emmy awards were announced Wednesday and horse operas and their heroes were far out in front.

Winners from among the list of 125 nominees will be disclosed April 15 after voting by academy members.

Here are some highlights of the nominations:

In the best dramatic series, three out of the five nominees were Westerns. They were "Gunsmoke," "Maverick" and "Wagon Train." Others in this class were "Lassie" and "Perry Mason," also were nominated for the best new program of the year.

The star of "Gunsmoke," James Arness, was nominated for the best continuing performance by an actor in a leading role in a dramatic or comedy series.

Nominees for best male personality for a continuing performance included old standbys Steve Allen, Jack Benny, Sid Caesar and Perry Como, and a newcomer to the competition, Pat Boone.

The female nominees for a best personality award included Pat's girl Friday, Dody Goodman, and perennial nominees Gracie Allen, Lucille Ball, Dinah Shore and Loretta Young.

Best comedy series nominees were the "Bob Cummings Show," "Cesar's Hour," "Father Knows Best," the Jack Benny and Phil Silvers shows.

Playhouses 90 led the nominations for dramatic awards.



Decisions Many are the joys of building a new house, and many are the problems. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Branch, 1030 Liberty St. SE, are shown "selecting" wall paper for their new home on Seneca Ave. SE. Their final decision? Paint it. Now they are worried about what color.