

Lightning Bolt Scatters Outdoor Fireplace



All that remained of sturdy outdoor fireplace after being struck early Friday by bolt of lightning was this pile of ashes and backyard full of scattered concrete blocks. Owner C. B. Herschelt, 4385 Glenwood Dr., in Four Corners area examines debris with granddaughter, Cindy Hinkle. Herschelt said 2 a.m. blast "nearly jolted me out of bed." (Statesman photo)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Clifford A. Squire

The representation of those favoring federal development of a high dam at Hells Canyon—I am reluctant to beat that old horse over the head again—is that its denial is the result of the wicked machinations of Republicans in Congress. President Eisenhower is blamed for endorsing a vague partnership plan which lets private power companies skim the cream of economical projects and lets the government do the work in less favorable situations. Republicans may be wicked, but a very plausible statement of the reasons prompting their opposition to Hells Canyon as proposed by Senator Morse and others was given by Sen. Arthur Watkins of Utah in a speech reported in the Congressional Record for April 4th. I shall summarize his argument:

Point 1: The Northwest states of Oregon and Washington have been richly favored with federal appropriations. Expenditures by the Corps of Engineers for construction of flood control and navigation works in the two states aggregate \$920,000,000 which is roughly one-seventh of such funds expended in all 48 states. Of the \$8 billion authorized for future construction \$1,828,717,000 is allotted to works in Oregon and Washington—nearly one-fourth of the total. In the present rivers and harbors bill appropriations of \$133,000,000 are made for these two states, roughly one-tenth of the total. Sen. Watkins summed up this point as follows:

"This does not make it appear that the great Pacific Northwest has been discriminated against in funds appropriated for water-resource development. On the contrary, it makes it abundantly clear that just the reverse is true. It is evident that the States of Oregon and Washington want all this favorable treatment and high Hells Canyon, too."

Point 2: Federal subsidies make possible for the Northwest the lowest power

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Hood River Flier Injured

LEXINGTON, Ore., April 12 (U)—Bern Green, 31, of Hood River, suffered serious injuries today when his light plane crashed near this Eastern Oregon town's airport.

He was alone in the plane. Witnesses said he took off on a flight to Hood River and then apparently turned back because of a storm. He was preparing to land when the plane suddenly spun to the ground from 300 feet up. He was about 1,000 feet from the end of the runway when the crash occurred.

Miller Count Stands

WASHINGTON, April 12 (U)—U. S. Dist. Judge Charles F. McLaughlin refused today to dismiss the indictment against a causing playwright Arthur Miller of contempt of Congress.

Hundreds Flee Flood

MILAN, April 12 (U)—Italy's mighty Po River, swollen by three days of steady rain, flowed over its banks today forcing hundreds to flee their homes.

MacLaren School Build-Up Backed

By JERRY STONE
Staff Writer, The Statesman

A noted penologist Friday supported a Board of Control recommendation for a new 100-bed unit at MacLaren Boys School—a matter under consideration by the Legislature.

Dr. Sanford Bates, New Jersey, said at a meeting of a board and legislators that another 100 beds coupled with a 90-bed unit being built should handle a growing MacLaren population at least through the next biennium.

Jury Convicts Idaho College Arson Killer

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 13, Saturday (U)—A district court jury last night found Paul D. Matovich, 21, guilty of murder in the second degree for a University of Idaho dormitory fire last Oct. 19 in which three students lost their lives.

The jury recommended psychiatric treatment for the former freshman journalism student who had been charged with first degree murder and arson.

The verdict was brought in at 11:30.

The jury received the case just after noon Thursday and reported earlier last night it could not seem to reach an agreement.

Matovich was accused of setting off an early morning blaze at Gault Hall on the Idaho campus.

Paul F. Johnson, Davenport, Wash., William C. Schulberg, Terreton Idaho, and John R. Knudsen, Idaho Falls, died in the blaze. All were 18-year-old freshmen.

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New Twins to Have Different Birthdays

NEWPORT, R. I., April 12 (U)—By the calendar, Linda Sue Marshall always will be a day older than her twin, Larry John.

The girl was born to Mrs. James Marshall at 11:47 o'clock last night and Larry at 12:15 o'clock this morning.

Union Service, Daily Rites Mark Holy Week Worship

Short daily devotions and Union Good Friday services will highlight Holy Week worship in Salem. In addition nearly all area churches have planned special Palm Sunday rites tomorrow.

Daily devotions, sponsored by the Salem YM and YWCA, will be held from 12:30 to 12:55 p.m. Monday through Thursday at First Methodist Church. Speakers will be Salem ministers and each day a choir from a Salem school will sing.

The Union Good Friday observance will be an Easter Sunrise service at McCulloch Stadium at 8 a.m. The new time was announced Friday by the Rev. Lowell W. Hote who is committee chairman of the service. The Salem

Building Plans, School Aid Clash Looms

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

The proposed \$20 million state building program is about to run head-on into the proposed \$40 million (or less) increase in Oregon's state support of local schools.

Key legislators by Friday appeared ready for some thick slicing of the building program to feed the basic school support fund.

The building program, which includes \$9,000,000 worth of Mar-

ion County state institution projects, is incorporated in the \$200 million budget former governor Elmo Smith handed the Legislature. The school support increase was not.

Although a 50 per cent increase of school support money, amounting to just under \$40 million, was confidently predicted at the start of the Legislature, it now appears that the schools will be lucky to get half that amount.

The two-member Democratic half of a ways and means subcommittee on education went on

record Friday favoring a \$10 million basic school fund increase. This would mean changing base from \$80 per census child to \$90, instead of the \$120 advocated by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland, subcommittee chairman, and Rep. Glen M. Stadler, Eugene, wanted the smaller increase, and both favor an additional separate appropriation for distressed districts' building needs.

Rep. C. A. Tom (R), Rufus, held out on the committee for

the full 50 percent increase. Sen. Anthony Yturri (R), Ontario, said he would favor at least half the originally proposed increase.

Democrats have backed away from the big school fund boost in an effort to stay in a position to keep taxes down.

They haven't found much of the "fat" in the budget that was talked about early in the session. Public welfare's \$32 million chunk may have to be increased. Higher education's \$44 million is hard to cut back because of the demand for big salary increases to

keep professors in Oregon.

As a result, the building program appears the source most likely to yield to cuts in order to get more school funds.

As budgeted the recommended buildings included \$10 million worth for various state college and university campuses and another \$10 million worth of institution buildings, principally to expand the capacity of the Salem area hospitals and other state institutions.

Sen. Alfred H. Corbett (D), Portland, chairman of the ways

and means committee, predicts the general fund budget will be pruned to \$255 million before considering the school support fund.

This means \$5,000,000 will be taken out, probably most of it from building funds.

To hold the budget then to \$270 million, the aim of some Democratic leaders now, would mean \$15 million for schools—probably a \$10 million increase in the basic support fund and \$5,000,000 for distressed districts' construction. (Add legislative news on Page 4)

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Spitzbart Refuses to Take State Fair Post

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
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Leo Spitzbart will not manage the 1957 Oregon State Fair. That's what he told the State Fair commission Friday night at 10:30 when they called him at his home to offer him the job.

"We have taken time to consider the question thoroughly and tonight at our executive meeting at the Marion Hotel we decided to offer Spitzbart the management of the fair until the end of the 1957 fair season, and to obtain an assistant to work with him," John Travis, chairman of the commission told The Statesman.

"We called Spitzbart and invited him down to the hotel to discuss the matter with us, and he told us he was not interested. He refused to come and told us to 'get another boy' for the job," Travis continued. He added that the commission had hoped to retain Spitzbart and his answer came somewhat as a surprise.

Offered to Stay

In a subsequent interview, Spitzbart told The Statesman that he had offered to stay on as manager until the end of this fair provided he would be offered the position for one year more under the same circumstances.

"I refuse to consider the position under any other conditions. Besides, I have waited for the commission's answer for 19 days and now they call me at 10:30 tonight to come down to the hotel to discuss the matter with them. I had told them what I could do. An assistant at the fair is just what I need. I'm through. I don't believe I could work with that kind of commission," Spitzbart said.

Applications Welcome

Travis said that a number of applications had been received for the management, but to date the fair board had considered none of these. However, they will now welcome all applications and hope to consider some of these at the Tuesday meeting at 10 a.m. at the State Fairgrounds. Travis said the board "regretted" Spitzbart's decision.

Spitzbart's resignation, offered 10 days ago when the new fair commission was appointed, is effective Tuesday.

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NBC Signs Up Quiz Winner

NEW YORK, April 12 (U)—The National Broadcasting Co. announced today that Charles Van Doren, the Columbia University English instructor who won \$125,000 on an NBC TV quiz show, has signed a long-term contract with the network.

Emanuel Sacks, NBC vice president, said the 30-year-old Van Doren will act as consultant to NBC on public affairs and educational programming. Van Doren also will appear "from time to time" on public affairs or educational programs.

No salary figure was given. Previous reports estimated the contract will provide about \$50,000 a year to Van Doren.

Van Doren plans to continue his job as a \$4,400-a-year English instructor at Columbia.

He won the \$125,000 on NBC's "Twenty-One" quiz program in a marathon exhibition of knowledge on a wide range of subjects.

Teamsters Pay Public Relations Firm \$200,000

WASHINGTON, April 12 (U)—A New York-Washington firm today took over Teamsters Union public relations at a fee of \$200,000 for the first year, and disclosed the program may be continued for additional years at the same annual retainer.

The penologist said the question that a board-appointed commission will have to decide is whether the correctional plant should be for felons or those guilty only of misdemeanors—or both.

(Add details on Page 4.)

Wax Coating on Tobacco Leaf Believed Lung Cancer Cause

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
CHICAGO, April 12 (U)—A New York physician today said the wax coating on tobacco leaf is a main source of chemicals in cigarettes reported as causing cancer.

This coating can be "dry-cleaned" off, as one of four steps toward "safer cigarettes," said Dr. Ernest L. Wynder of the Sloan Kettering Institute, New York.

He made three other recommendations: an effective filter, reducing the temperature at which cigarettes burn, and moderation in smoking habits.

Dr. Wynder is a leading proponent of the view that cigarette smoking is associated with lung cancer.

Reporting on recent cigarette studies to the American Assn. for Cancer Research, Dr. Wynder said this wax coating on tobacco leaf and stem is a major source of cancer-causing chemicals he says are found in the whole tar from concentrated tobacco smoke.

Solvents can remove the coating he said, and tests are planned on tobacco prepared with solvents.

"I do not say this would give a safe or even safer tobacco. It is just one avenue of approach," he said.

When the wax material is burned at 800 degrees—the temperature of cigarette fire—the resulting tar has high cancer-producing activity, as measured by

Small Tornado Twirls Across Eastern Oregon

HEPNER, Ore., April 12 (U)—A small tornado, the first observed in this area in more than half a century, twisted its way across farmlands west of this little Eastern Oregon town today.

There was no damage. However, school officials at the town of Lexington, nine miles west of here, became so concerned that 11 students were moved to the basement of the building.

Hail stones as big as golf balls fell in the area.

The region's wheat crop was not high enough to be damaged by the hail.

Atom Arms Opposition Growing

BONN, Germany, April 12 (U)—Opposition to atomic armaments swelled up in Germany, Britain and Japan today. But governments lacking agreement for halting the atomic race, forged ahead with plans to equip military forces with nuclear arms.

Britain's Socialists proposed to censure the government for its new policy of relying chiefly on atomic power. Japan stoked its campaign against atomic tests.

Eighteen West German nuclear scientists, including four Nobel prize winners, sounded an alarm against arming the Federal Republic's forces with atomic weapons. They were joined by Socialist Leader Erich Ollenhauer.

The scientists warned that "the entire West German Republic could be rubbed out" by H-Bombs; and that the Ruhr, Europe's greatest industrial area, could be made "uninhabitable for some time."

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Langley testified that the first time he ever saw Elkins was in 1938 in the U.S. Marshal's office where the racketeer "was on the floor swimming around in a narcotics fix."

Langley, a Democrat, also has been indicted by a grand jury here on charges of conspiring to take a bribe and conspiring to obstruct justice. Both are felonies.

State attorneys taking part in the prosecution are Elliott Cummings and Ralph Wyckoff.

Rainy Weekend On Forecast

A rainy weekend is forecast for the Salem vicinity with little change in temperature, the United States Weather Bureau at McNary Field said.

Forecast states it will be partly cloudy with widely scattered showers today and increasing cloudiness with occasional rain beginning late tonight or early Sunday.

Oregon's northern beach forecast also calls for occasional showers today and Sunday with highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s. Southeastern winds with gusts to 30 miles per hour are expected with occasional gusts above 35 miles per hour.

Early morning thunder heard in the Salem area Sunday 5 a.m. was unexpected, weathermen said, though it was forecast for the eastern portion of the state. (Picture on this page.)

U.S. Official to Iran Sentenced For Extortion

NEWARK, N.J., April 12 (U)—Thomas A. Bertone, former State Department supply officer, today was sentenced to five years in jail and fined \$5,000 for extortion in Iran and India.

Bertone, 48, of Union City, N.J., was convicted by a jury March 28 on 15 counts of extorting \$18,000 from contractors in Tehran and New Delhi and of conspiracy, attempted extortion and filing false vouchers.

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Langley's Trial to Go to Jury Today

D.A. Weeps During 'Blackmail' Testimony

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12 (AP)—Testimony was completed today in the State District Court trial of Multnomah County Dist. Atty. William Langley on a charge of failing to prosecute gamblers. The case will go to the jury tomorrow. (Picture below.)

Langley testified today in his own defense, and wept at one point when he said the state's chief witness, racketeer James B. (Big Jim) Elkins, once tried to blackmail Mrs. Langley. Mrs. Langley previously testified that Elkins brought tape recordings to her home and told her she could buy them for \$10,000. Elkins has denied the accusation.

The charge against Langley is a misdemeanor, but conviction would mean removal from office and a possible fine for the 41-year-old official.

The state contends that Langley in February 1955, saw gambling being conducted in a roadhouse here and failed to prosecute the gamblers.

No Crime Claimed

Langley's attorney has maintained that under Oregon law the gambling was not a crime, because the proceeds went to charitable organizations.

Gambler Elkins, a star witness at recent U.S. Senate subcommittee hearings on vice in Portland, has testified that he bunkered gambling in the roadhouse and that he gave a cut to Langley for not raiding the club.

Elkins returned to the witness stand this afternoon, and testified that he paid \$100 in legal fees to Langley the first time he met him—which Langley denies—and later paid a \$300 printing bill for one of Langley's campaigns.

Elkins also said he and his brother, Fred, had underwritten a \$1,200 bill for campaign literature in 1954, when Langley first was elected to office.

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Eden Surgery Due Today

BOSTON, April 12 (U)—Sir Anthony Eden will undergo surgery tomorrow for the removal of a tube placed in the bile duct in 1953 for relief of an obstruction.

It was exactly four years ago today that he was operated on for a gall bladder obstruction. When the bile tract failed to heal, Dr. Richard B. Cattell of Boston's Lahey Clinic visited Eden in London. It was decided then to bring him to Boston.

D.A. Denies Gambling Tie

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12—Dist. Atty. William Langley, on trial here on charge of failure to prosecute gamblers, denied today that he ever received money from Portland gambler Jim Elkins. Elkins testified earlier that proceeds from a gambling party were split with Langley. (AP Wirephoto)

It's Rugged!

Time marches on! But the postmen do not march today, and the rural route men do not make their rounds. So the mail service is like that on a holiday.

Most of our mail subscribers will be inconvenienced. There is no way to send the Saturday Statesman to them, special delivery or otherwise. If they live beyond a "foot" postman's route, And we're sorry.

But we shall expedite delivery as much as we can. Those who normally get the week-day issues by mail and the Sunday Statesman by our own delivery service will find the Saturday Statesman included this Sunday—a day earlier than the mail would bring it.

Anticipating this interruption of regular service, The Statesman published all week-end TV and radio programs in its Friday issue.

We hope and believe that regular Saturday mail service will be resumed next week, and regret the snafu in Washington which gave to postmen this most unusual holiday.

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