

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Today marks the centennial of another notable event in the history of the Oregon country. On this date in 1846 the first newspaper, The Oregon Spectator, published its first issue in Oregon City. It was the first newspaper of the west. Its printing plant was not the first in the west, however. In 1839 a printing outfit consisting of a Ramage hand-press, type, furniture and paper, the gift of a native mission on Oahu, Sandwich islands, to the missions of the northwest, reached Lapwai, Idaho, where the Rev. H. H. Spaulding used it to print small books in the native dialects of the Nez Perce and Spokane Indians. After the heavy migrations of 1842-5 the population in Oregon, clustering chiefly in the Willamette valley, had grown so large that the need of a newspaper was felt. The Spectator, a non-political paper, was the answer to this local demand. It was the first newspaper published west of the Missouri river. William G. T'Vault was its editor. He did not last very long, however, because his writings did not meet the approval of the owners of the sheet. George L. Curry, later governor of the territory, succeeded him. Curry did not hold the job long, either. In 1848 he became editor of a rival paper in Oregon City, then territorial capital, the Oregon Free Press. Other papers started in days before statehood were the Oregon American and Evangelical Unionist at Tualatin plains in (Continued on editorial page)

Engineer Says Sweet Home Facing Flood

PORTLAND, Feb. 4. (AP)—Col. George J. Zimmerman, assistant district army engineer, told the chamber of commerce today that Sweet Home would be flooded unless plans for a dam on the South Santiam river are changed to another site. Rapid growth of the town since the original site was chosen for the Sweet Home dam has made inundation undesirable, he reported, adding that alternate sites are being studied. Zimmerman, outlining the army's plans for the Willamette and its tributaries, reported release of storage water will lead to channel improvement and increased flow. This may make possible a 150-foot-wide channel, 6 feet deep, between Oregon City and Salem and one that wide and 5 feet deep between Salem and Albany, he said. He reported work probably will start this year on the Dorena and Detroit dams, but no funds have been allocated for the Meridian project.

Octogenarians at Lebanon Married

LEBANON, Feb. 4. (Special)—Announcement was made here this week of the recent marriage of Mrs. Sarah Humphreys and Edward Turner. Both are 80 years of age. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of the Church of Christ, the Rev. Holly Jarvis, pastor, officiating. Friends met them after the ceremony at the home of the bride's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Humphreys. Mr. and Mrs. Turner went to Seattle to visit for a short time but will make their home in this vicinity.

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GALE SPLITS SHIP, 47 OF 496 RESCUED

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They'll Lose Estates, Maybe



STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 4.—Manfred Ehrlich (left) talks with Gene Tunney, former heavyweight boxing champion, at Ehrlich's home near here yesterday, during a gathering of Stamford area residents "to protest appropriation of their homes" for permanent site for UNO headquarters. Tunney said he thought selection of the Connecticut-New York border area "is a great mistake." (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Legion Meet Set To Study Delays In Veteran Affairs

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 4. (AP)—State American Legion Commander Neil Morfit announced tonight district committee would be held at Corvallis Feb. 7 and at Salem Feb. 8 on reports of delays in handling of veterans affairs in Oregon. Morfit said the American Legion's criticism of the veterans' administration "comes as a shock to the average Legionnaire who has not been following the situation and does not know the picture."

Peace Envoys Not Charged In Jap Trials

TOKYO, Feb. 4. (AP)—Japan's false peace emissaries, Saburo Kurusu and Adm. Kichisaburo Nomura, self-proclaimed innocent dupes of the militarists, probably will escape prosecution as war criminals, an allied headquarters source disclosed today. It was finally decided not to charge them, the same source said, a full statement of the reasons would be announced later.

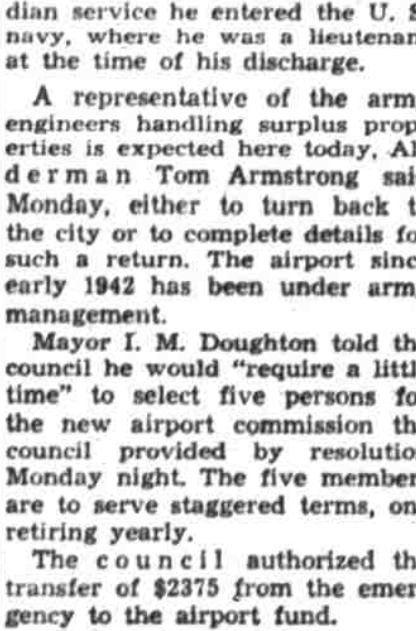
GOLDEN GATE GETS FLEET

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4. (AP)—Headquarters of the Third fleet have been established in San Francisco and eventually all of its ships will be docked here as a naval reserve, a Third fleet spokesman said tonight.

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Brighter Lights Get Approval

Council Acts to Reduce Hazard; Curfew Changed

By Isabel Childs City Editor, The Statesman

Brighter lights for three downtown intersections, \$6000 from the emergency fund for postwar sewer construction, an informal request for federal aid to hold Shelton drainage ditch within its banks, and a new curfew ordinance came out of Monday night's one hour and forty-five minute Salem city council meeting. The resignation of Paul Burris from the city water commission was accepted and Dr. Harold Olinger was elected to return to the post he held before entering the service. Burris noted that he had taken the commissionership only on a duration basis. Approving plans for installation of powerful, modern lights at the Commercial, Liberty and High street intersections of Center street, the council acted to lessen what Alderman A. H. Gillette described as "probably the three worst traffic hazards in town."

UNO Wouldn't Depose Entire Stamford Area

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (AP)—The site selection committee which advised the United Nations organization to establish world headquarters in the North Greenwich-Stamford area also recommended that persons living in the zone be allowed to continue residence unless there is immediate need for their buildings and land. The report, made public tonight in New York and London, said: "We feel that, while the local population would have to be removed from such areas and buildings as are immediately needed by the United Nations, the occupants of other premises premises within the zone could continue to reside there as tenants of the United Nations until such time as it became necessary to take over their premises."

High Officials of Nash Firm Laud Plans for Salem

George Mason, president of the Nash Motor company, and other high officials of the Nash organization were in Salem Monday to visit K. Smith and W. L. Phillips, Jr., of Marion Motors, which handles the Nash products in this area. Included in the party besides Mason were H. C. Doss, general sales manager of the Nash firm; Roy Boscow, western divisional manager, of San Francisco, and C. W. Wentworth, Portland distributor, who brought the outside visitors from Eugene. The officials expressed approval of Marion Motors' proposed new location at 430 N. Commercial st. They were guests of Smith and Phillips for luncheon at Normandy Manor.

Clearing Work Started For New Bank Building

Removal of service station buildings at the Chemeketa-Liberty streets corner was begun Monday by the Hoffman construction company. It is the first step toward construction of a new bank building for Salem branch, First National Bank of Portland.

FIVE DIE IN AMBULANCE

CADIZ, Ky., Feb. 4. (AP)—Five persons died today when they were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes in an ambulance which stalled in flooded Dyer's creek in Trigg county eight miles from here.

SILAS H. STRONG DIES

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 4. (AP)—Silas Hardy Strawn, 79, famous Chicago attorney, died of a heart attack today.

Yamashita Step Nearer Noose in Split Decision

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita today lost his supreme court fight to escape the noose. A six-man majority of the court held that the military commission which sentenced him to death on a charge of condoning wholesale barbarities proceeded legally. But Justices Rutledge and Murphy, in two ringing dissents, branded the trial unfair and contrary to traditional American justice. Yamashita, whose conviction still is subject to review by General MacArthur and the war department, was charged with permitting 123 crimes and atrocities by his troops in the last days of the war in the Philippines.

Postmaster Must Mind Mails, Not Art, Court Holds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—The supreme court ruled 8 to 0 today that the postmaster general has no right to bar Esquire magazine from second class mailing privileges just because its bosomy girls don't look like art to him. The opinion, written by Justice Douglas, said: "To withdraw the second class rate from this publication today because its contents seemed to one official not good for the public would sanction the withdrawal of the second class rate tomorrow from another periodical whose social or economic views seemed harmful to another official."

House Refuses To Kill Bills Limiting Labor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—The house overwhelmingly repudiated today a move to scrap all pending labor legislation and forged ahead with consideration of sweeping strike-control proposals. A 130 to 42 standing vote defeated a surprise parliamentary move by Rep. Celler (D-NY) to kill the pending bills by striking out all their provisions except the introductory "enacting clause." Celler said his aim was to forestall "hasty" and "bad" legislation. One of the bills, introduced by Rep. Case (R-SD), would set up a national mediation board; with power to step into major disputes and forbid strikes or lockouts for 30 days. The bill also would outlaw violent picketing and permit civil suits against either party breaking a contract.

Admiral Leigh, 75, Succumbs

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 4. (AP)—Adm. Richard Henry Leigh, 75, retired, died in the U.S. naval hospital here today. Commander-in-chief of the fleet in 1932 and 1933, Admiral Leigh relinquished the post to head the navy board in Washington. In 1934 he asked retirement because of disabilities. He headed anti-submarine warfare in the first world war.

HORSE STEAKS FLY WEST

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 4. (AP)—Old Dobbin took to the air tonight in the form of steaks for human consumption. The horsemeat was bound for San Francisco.

West Salem Gives Franchise to Salem Electric, Declines to Consider Similar Action for PGE

By Marguerite Gleason Statesman Valley Editor

WEST SALEM, Feb. 4. (Special)—By a divided vote the city council tonight voted Salem Electric company a franchise to operate within the city limits and refused to hear the first reading of an ordinance which would grant similar rights to Portland General Electric. When the Portland General Electric ordinance came up, Fred G. Hodges, division manager of the company, was granted permission to review the last six year history of the two companies in West Salem and in closing appealed to the council to adopt the ordinance. He said if it were not granted "we will take it to the people." Before the final vote on adoption of the ordinance to grant the Salem Electric franchise, Mayor Guy Newgent had the city attorney read from the Oregon code regarding public officials accepting remuneration in return for their vote. Newgent said this point had been called to his attention and he queried the four councilmen on their interest in the Salem Electric cooperative. The four denied any connection which would affect their vote. The council tonight also voted to purchase four new hydrants from surplus property, and decided to put in a hydrant for the Oregon Textile company which is installing its own water main. The council voted to pay \$25 as its share of the cost of an engineer for the nine-county Willamette flood control project.

Woodworking Plant Planned North of City

Construction of a large woodworking plant on the Keith Brown industrial properties in north Salem is contemplated this year, Keith Brown, president of the company, said Monday. Brown termed "highly exaggerated" a report published by a Portland trade paper to the effect that his firm would erect a \$600,000 woodworking factory this summer and had other plans for a \$250,000 unspecified type of industrial plant. "Arrangements have not progressed beyond the preliminary discussion stage," he declared, freely admitting, however, that "there is not just smoke but fire" in the report of industrial development plans. The woodworking plant, he said, would not be built by Keith Brown Building Supply Co., although his concern might do a portion of the work, but would be constructed by other interests on properties purchased from his holdings. Would-be builders still unnamed, have not set a cost figure, Brown declared.

Pauley Denies Deal to Raise Party Funds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—Testimony that he had tried to get an American oil tanker transferred to Mexico in 1941 in order to gain \$6000 for the democratic campaign fund brought Edwin Pauley to his feet today with the exclamation "dirty lie." Max Thornburg, former state department oil adviser, gave the testimony before the senate naval committee holding hearings on President Truman's nomination of Pauley to be undersecretary of the navy. Pauley, California oil man, was formerly democratic national treasurer. There was no explanation where the \$6000 was to come from.

Reverse Welcome Heralds Arrival Of 5th Air Force

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 4. (AP)—Fifth air force veterans home bound from Japan reversed customary port welcoming ceremonies today with banners reading "Hello USA — glad to have you with us" decorating the troopship Chanute as it berthed here. The airmen paid an Astoria, Ore., harbor pilot to telephone Portland in advance of their arrival here and read a welcome proclamation to the city of Portland from the 1402 veterans. Another banner said "The Fifth is back—you lucky girls."

Clare Booth Luce Temporarily Blind

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—Rep. Clare Booth Luce (R-Conn) said today she had temporarily blinded herself by putting the wrong type of drops in her eyes. She expects her sight to be back to normal in a day or two, she said.

British Brides Reach U.S. History Repeats Itself, In Effect, With Arrival 465

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (AP)—The first large contingent of brides to reach the United States since English sailing ships brought wives to American colonists 200 years ago arrived today aboard the liner Argentina which docked with 456 British wives and 170 babies of American G.I's. They were the vanguard of 65,000 wives and children of servicemen whom the army says will be reunited with their husbands before June. A cold, windy welcome in pre-dawn darkness and a nine-day trip through exceptionally severe north Atlantic storms failed to mar the brides' anticipation. They braved the cold to glimpse the flood-lighted Statue of Liberty. They sang verses of the "Star Spangled Banner" learned in orientation classes during the trip. Four army tugs maneuvered the former 30,000-ton troop transport through ice floes in the North river to its docking at 6:30 a.m.

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Willamette river 2.2 ft. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today with occasional light rain. Little temperature change. Highest today 45 degrees. Light to moderate winds most of the day.

CIO Calls Work Stoppage for N. Y. Monday

By the Associated Press

A two-hour work stoppage of New York CIO members, claimed to number 600,000, was called last night by the Greater New York council of the CIO as a demonstration in support of the CIO communications workers' strike against Western Union. The CIO council said the strike would be from 4 to 6 p.m. (EST) next Monday. It would not affect vital industries such as light, heat, transit, health services and news. Plans for the demonstration were announced on the heels of predictions of imminent federal seizure of tugboat operations in New York's strike-bound harbor where food and fuel supplies have been cut to a point which a labor spokesman termed "critical."

Report Claims 'Monopoly' in Timber Sales

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 4. (AP)—The Western association of Lumbermen and Loggers, representing small operators in Lane and Douglas counties and the Oregon and California revested lands administration program is fostering a monopoly for big lumber companies. A protest, sent to Secretary of Interior Ickes and to Oregon's congressional delegation, declared the O&C administration is partly to blame for allowing timber to over-mature by refusing to re-lease it to smaller operators. The association asserted most of this area's sawmills will be forced out of business within three years if the practice continues and if the government approves proposed sustained yield units.

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Some G.I's Don't Want To Bring Wives Home

LONDON, Feb. 4. (AP)—U.S. army authorities said today that 100 G.I. husbands had written them cancelling applications to have their British wives taken to the United States, pending divorce actions. A spokesman said that many additional husbands never have applied for transportation for their wives.

Planes, Boats Race To Aid of Stricken Vessel Off Alaska

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Feb. 4. (AP)—The liner Yukon broke in two tonight, its forward part remaining fast aground in Johnstone bay and the after part "rolling to starboard," the coast guard cutter Onondaga reported tonight as it fought to rescue the 449 persons apparently still aboard. The cutter said it had removed 47 women and children to its own decks before the ship broke. The Onondaga's two power boats fought icy water and high waves to effect the rescue. The report said the weather and sea conditions were improving slightly after hours of gale winds and towering waves buffeted the vessel. Fortresses Ordered Out

Meanwhile at Anchorage the Gen. Delos ordered all B-17 Flying Fortresses carrying power rescue boats to come in from the Aleutian chain and aid in the rescue work. There was no mention of loss of life in the Onondaga's report. The coast guard said other vessels were due at the scene within the next few hours to assist in the battle against time and weather. The weather bureau at Anchorage said the storm, which seemed to have centered its fury on the marooned and the rescuers, was moving off to the east southeast. Other Ships Converge

Winds were 50 miles an hour or more. Other vessels converging on the scene to aid the Onondaga included her sister cutter, the Cedar; the army dispatch craft SS Zaimski, the SS North Haven, the USS Curb and the TP 107, where food and fuel supplies have been cut to a point which a labor spokesman termed "critical." Meanwhile, two of the brass industry's "big three" companies (American Brass and Chase Brass and Copper) in the Waterbury, Conn., area shut down as 14,400 workers struck for a 30 cent wage increase. The nation's total of idle due to labor disputes went to more than 1,400,000. In Washington OPA Administrator Bowler met with President Truman amid reports the White House is aiming at a quick decision on price control, main stumbling block in the steel strike.

Total of 10,082 Veterans Will Arrive Today

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