

Salem Merger Plan Studied

SALEM — (U.P.) — Petitions were being prepared Wednesday by property owners of the Kingwood water district adjoining West Salem in a move toward annexation of the district with the city of Salem, across the river and county line.

The crescent-shaped area is outside the boundaries of West Salem, however. A circuit court decision held recently that West Salem could not merge with Salem because a

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Slip of Tongue Nets Valuables

NEW YORK — (AP) — Mrs. Margaret Hohl Shelley Tuesday night won \$17,000 worth of merchandise because of a slip of the tongue.

The prizes were awarded the 32-year-old bride of six months on the radio program, "Hit the Jackpot."

During the show, Mrs. Shelley, of Valley Stream, N. Y., answered two of four preliminary questions wrong.

But she got to stay in the running because none of the other contestants challenged her answers.

Then came the clues to a "secret sentence"—a man begging for a handout because he was "on the skids" a girl saying "ooh," two piano notes—the 23rd key from the top and from the bottom of the keyboard, and other hints.

Mrs. Shelley gave the correct answer that contestants on 10 previous broadcasts had missed: "Twenty-three Skidoo."

That won the "Jackpot," but it was the verbal slip that got Mrs. Shelley on the program in the first place.

When the announcer asked, "There anyone here from the west?" Mrs. Shelley called out "yes" and was chosen.

She said she was so excited that she didn't think of the fact that it was nine years ago that she lived in Oakland Calif.

Hood River Cherry Harvest to Begin

HOOD RIVER — (AP) — Cherry harvest is scheduled to get under way in the Hood River Valley this week and a fair crop is expected despite damage from rain the past week.

Orchard surveys indicated damage by splitting ranges from none to 50 per cent of the crop. Rain and hail damage in the two previous summers virtually ruined harvests those years.

part of Minto Island prevented the Willamette River from serving as a common boundary between the two cities.

Salem City Attorney Chris Kowitz said annexation of the Kingwood district was not subject to the state merger law because it is not an incorporated city.

If Kingwood was to merge with Salem, then Salem and West Salem could merge because Kingwood would provide the necessary common boundary.

Salmon Losses To Cut Fishing

PORTLAND — (AP) — Loss of millions of fingerling salmon from hatcheries during the Columbia Basin flood is expected to curtail commercial river fishing seriously in three to five years.

Leo Laythe, chief of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service office here, reported nine million salmon were swept out of brood pools at Bonneville hatchery. He said losses at other hatcheries operated by Washington and Oregon and the federal agency have not been fully estimated.

Laythe estimated plant damage at the federal hatcheries at up to \$330,000. He said flood waters ripped out racks, dams, headgates and tore away sections of brood pools.

Heaviest damage was to the Methow River hatchery in Washington. Fisheries workers were able to retrieve 100,000 fingerlings that were swept out of the Entiat hatchery, but another 400,000 were lost.

Laythe and Arnie J. Suomela, Oregon master fish warden, said they believe most of the small salmon strayed into Columbia backwaters and will never reach the sea.

Normally they would return after cycles of three to five years from date of release, but both spokesmen said the fish runs in that period will doubtlessly reflect the loss.

FAIR DEMAND HIGH

SALEM — (U.P.) — Oregon state fair manager Leo Spitzbart said Wednesday that demand for commercial display space at the fair Sept. 6 to 12 is the heaviest in history. Nearly all of the available farm machinery space has been allocated, Spitzbart said.

Whisky-Servers Form League

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Sons of the Whisky Rebellion, "opposed to blue noses and dno red noses as well," was organized at the Statue of Liberty.

Walter A. Kennedy, president of the Associated Tavern Owners of Brooklyn and a director of the Associated Tavern Owners of America, said a delegation of 100 had met to form the new group to fight prohibition and excessive liquor taxes.

Kennedy said the group will be a public body in opposition to the Women's Christian Temperance Union and that he hoped to enroll 10,000,000 members nationally.

Taxes On Flood Land May Be Refunded

SALEM — (U.P.) — The 1949 legislature may be asked to appropriate funds to offset taxes on flood-damaged lands in the Columbia River valley, State Tax Commissioner Wallace S. Wharton said Wednesday.

Wharton said similar action was taken several years ago when the legislature offset land taxes after the Astoria and Tillamook County fires.

Wharton said that a refund of state taxes against the flooded lands was not legally possible.

Meanwhile Gov. John H. Hall expressed his opinion that the 1949 legislature would approve a substantial appropriation for flood relief.

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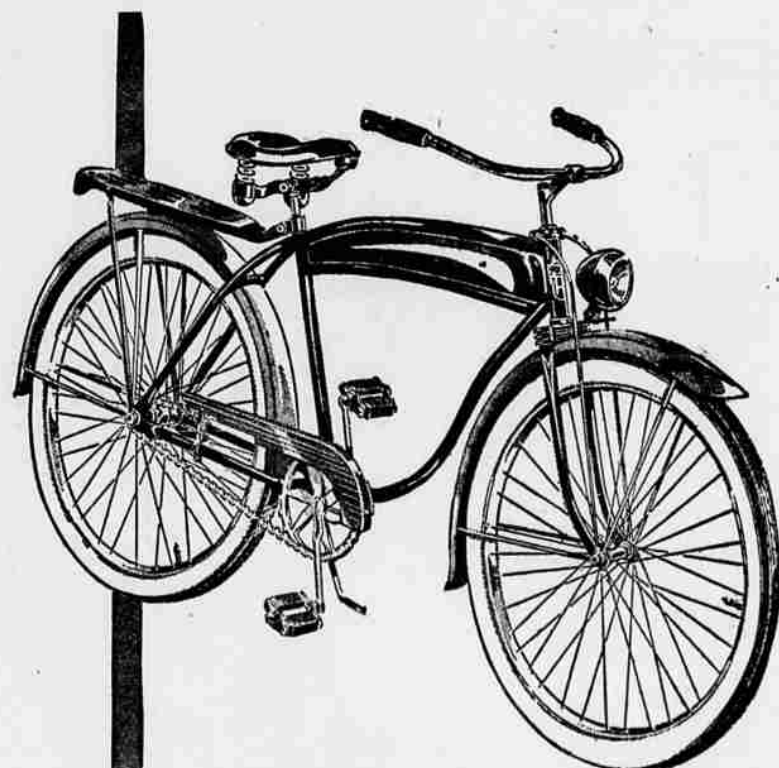
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