

Locals

Mrs. C. L. Blodgett of Brush College has returned home from the Deaconess hospital where she was a patient following a major operation last month.

Luta, Florist, P. 9592, 1276 N. Lib.

Nine girls from the Roseburg high school were visiting the legislature on Thursday. Up to see the basketball tournament, they toured the capitol building under the guidance of Mrs. Guy Gordon, teacher.

Safety of your savings is insured at Salem Federal, 130 S. Liberty.

A black sealskin coat, valued at \$150, was stolen from the automobile of Mrs. Percy R. Kelly, 292 South 17th, Tuesday night, said a report to the police.

The Meadows open nights. 64

Stanley Hofer, 23, who got a boat and rowed down the Santiam, and was last seen at Buena Vista about dark Tuesday, is reported missing. He is a son of Henry Hofer, route 2, Albany.

Camellias, magnolias and heather, daphne 25c each. H. L. Pearce Nursery, 245 Court, Ph. 6811.

Salem's stick burglar profited to the extent of about \$50 again last night. Following his usual method of picking out a home where a party is in progress, he opened a window of the A. S. Johnson home, 1345 North 19th, and used a stick to fish from a bed purses belonging to women who were being entertained at a card party.

One of the purses taken belonged to Mrs. Johnson and contained between \$40 and \$50. Another belonging to a Mrs. Potter had only \$2 or \$3 in it, and one belonging to Mrs. Frank Zinn contained no money.

In Mrs. Johnson's purse were also an Eastern Star membership card and an American Legion auxiliary membership card.

90% FHA and other loans. Rich L. Reitmann, 167 S. High, Ph. 6832.62

A prize camellia bush was broken down and flowers carried away Tuesday night from the premises of Albert A. Graber, 1191 North Winter. The vandalism was reported to the police.

Rummage sale, WCTU hall Fri. and Sat. Kappa Delta. 63

The following boys are reported to the police as having escaped from the Oregon State Training school at Woodburn: LeRoy Hanson, sometimes known as Manger, 18; George Edward Lechmeier, 18, and Ralph Orwen Palmer, age not given.

Gartner's Barber Shop and Beauty Nook, formerly on State St., now in new Pearce Bldg., 319 Court. 62

Mrs. Vivian Martin, 5, 696 North Front, wife of Herbert L. Martin, failed to survive a heart seizure while working among flowers in the yard of her home late yesterday. Her physician said she had been ill with a lung and heart ailment.

Remodel and improvement loans No down payment. Phone Copeland Yards—9183 or 6627. 62

James and Ruth Bell, alias Sharp, former operators of the Wagon Wheel riding academy near Salem, wanted here on several indictments of committing fraud, will be prosecuted in Los Angeles and not brought to Salem, indications were today. A letter to Sheriff Burk from Los Angeles authorities mentioned various charges of grand theft and forgery held against them there.

At the Chamber of Commerce Saturday noon the chamber will be host at a dinner for coaches and officials of Oregon high schools participating in the state basketball tournament and to tournament officials.

The address that was to have been delivered at the Salem Grand meeting Friday night by Dr. L. R. Burdette has been cancelled. The regular meeting will be held.

Members of the Purchasing Agents' association of Oregon are leaving by bus from Portland Friday at 1 o'clock and will inspect the flax plant at the penitentiary in the afternoon and attend the basketball games at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Williams and son, Ronald, of Monmouth are guests of Mr. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Williams, 1017 7th street, West Salem. Mr. Williams is on 10 days' leave from the U.S. Enterprise, stationed at Bremerton.

Knox Prefers News Job to Cabinet

Washington, March 13 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox prefers his civilian job of publishing a Chicago newspaper to his present cabinet position.

During hearings on the naval appropriation bill, reported to the house today, Knox said in reply to a query from a committee member: "I would like to say this, congressmen: I wish you were sitting where I am; I would love to give you my job, and go back to my newspaper."

Mrs. Stratton, of the state library, was the principal speaker at a meeting of elementary teachers of Yamhill county held at Dayton this week. Her subject was "How to Organize a County Library." The teachers approved the plan for Yamhill county and the matter will be taken up at the next county institute. Refreshments were served to the more than 40 teachers attending.

The Central Townsend club will meet at the courthouse Friday at 8 p. m. Regular session.

Townsend Clubs

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and Mrs. Hartley and a reading by Mrs. Gage contributed to the evening's pleasure. The club set in motion plans for a social dance for the near future.

Petition in bankruptcy was filed in Portland by Clyde Kenneth Anderson and Elva Josephine Anderson, wood dealer and housewife respectively, Salem; liabilities, \$1,120; assets, \$1025.

Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, of Willamette university, will be the principal speaker at 6:30 o'clock this evening at the second in a series of pre-Easter fellowship nights at the First Methodist church in Portland.

The annual crab feed of Tillamook Post No. 7, American Legion, will be held at the Tillamook armory Saturday night, March 29, according to notices received here today. The annual pig feed of Voltaire 891, 40 c & society, will be held at Albany Saturday night, March 23, with the annual crawfish feed of Delbert Reeves Post No. 7, Silverton, Saturday night, April 19.

Harry E. Armstrong and Mary A. Pearson, both of Lebanon, have been issued a marriage license at Vancouver, Wash.

Identify Body Found in River As Kenneth Case

The body of one of the Case brothers found in the Willamette river yesterday afternoon near the Hain boathouse proved to be that of Kenneth, 20, older of the two brothers, who were drowned February 18. Identification was made by his mother, Mrs. Irving Case, and by deputies from the sheriff's office.

That area of the river is to be watched for the body of Robert, 17, the other brother. The boys had rented at the boathouse which had remained on the river bottom near the place of the drowning.

Kenneth Case was born in Portland and had lived in Salem for about 10 years, attending Salem schools. He is survived by his mother, Lydia Case, and his father, Irving T. Case; five brothers, Melvin, Edward, Clifford, Lawrence and John, and four sisters, Susie Ann, Lillian, Dorothy and Beverly Case, all of Salem.

Graveside services were held today at 3 p. m. at Cityview cemetery, Bishop Wall officiated, assisted by Elders Hawkins and Lundy. The Terwilliger funeral home was in charge.

Some log rafts in the river are being moved today in the hope of finding the second body.

Fire Conditions in Forests Worse

Seattle, March 13 (AP)—Forest fire conditions grew worse today as relative humidity figures dropped below yesterday's abnormal lows. Clear skies presaged a 12th consecutive day for Washington state.

Numerous brush fires were reported in western Washington and State Forest Supervisor T. S. Good-year ordered restrictions on brush burning not usually invoked before April 15.

At 4:30 a. m., today the Boeing airport weather station reported a relative humidity of only 39 per cent compared with 77 per cent at that hour yesterday.

This indicated dryness possibly below yesterday's minimum of 15 per cent—a figure unusual here even in midsummer. Rainfall since last July 1 here has aggregated but 22.28 inches, 4.58 below normal.

An open meeting of the Salem Heights school board will be held at the school Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

London, March 13 (AP)—Dirty clothes, shaving materials and old Turkish newspapers packed with two disguised suitcase bombs fooled British diplomatic employes into leaving the bombs with their luggage, George W. Rendel, former British minister to Bulgaria, reported to the foreign office today.

One suitcase contained two bombs which looked like radio batteries. They exploded Tuesday at the Pera Palace hotel in Istanbul, Turkey, killing four persons and injuring 22, but leaving Rendel, the intended victim, unscathed.

Rendel reported that the suitcases were placed with British luggage in Sofia as the legation staff left following breach of relations. When the party changed trains at a way station a checkup was made and no owner could be found for the bags. Their contents, however, seemed harmless enough.

Rendel's report said D. E. Bethel, clerk of the British military attaché, took a suitcase containing two "batteries" to the Pera Palace hotel and H. A. J. Embury, clerk of the air attaché, took the other to the Alp hotel.

When the explosion at the Pera Palace wrecked the lobby and part of two floors of the hotel Embury dashed back to the Alp hotel and part of the other suitcase in a vacant lot. Turkish police found the "batteries" in it contained a powerful charge of TNT.

Verdict for the plaintiff, Herman Peitz, was returned by a jury in circuit court yesterday afternoon in his case against the industrial accident commission seeking to require the commission to give him additional compensation because of aggravation of an injury. Peitz was injured while employed by the Turner Telephone company and granted compensation. Later his knee became swollen and he alleged loss of its use in his occupation and asked further compensation which was denied. The jury found an aggravated result and that the plaintiff suffered permanent partial disability, extent of which was placed by the jury at loss of 15 per cent of one leg.

Stipulation in the case of Homer Smothers vs. Robert B. and C. W. Thatcher allows the parties to withdraw partnership records for the purpose of income tax computation.

McNary Advises On Cantonments

Washington, March 13 (AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore) has advised Oregon communities to put their claims for cantonments before the corps area commander at San Francisco.

In a telegram to William H. Tugman, editor of the Eugene-Guard, he said army officials had advised that course. No expansion will be forthcoming, however, until congress provides funds.

Bank Banquet To Celebrate New Building

Officers and employees of the Ladd & Bush-Salem Branch of the United States National Bank of Portland, will be served at a banquet at the Marion hotel tonight, celebrating completion of the new quarters, starting at 6:30 o'clock. Honorary guests will be Governor and Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, Mayor and Mrs. William W. Chadwick and Bishop and Mrs. Bruce R. Baxter. William E. Walton will preside and Leo G. Page will be toastmaster.

The following program has been prepared: Invocation by Bishop Baxter. Orchestral, Willamette university quartet, composed of Marjorie Fry, Phyllis Flynn and Wendell Johnson, violinist, and Josephine Miller, pianist.

Introduction, with remarks by Governor Sprague and Mayor Chadwick. Vocal, "The Time for Making Sons Has Come," and "None But the Lonely Heart," by Josephine Albert Baudouin, accompanied by Mrs. Bruce R. Baxter. Remarks, Bishop Baxter.

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Group singing, "God Bless America."

To Take Over British Contracts

Washington, March 13 (AP)—A high administrative official disclosed today that the army and reconstruction finance corporation were negotiating to take over between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000 worth of British war contracts and factories in this country.

The official, who declined to be quoted by name but spoke to reporters in order, he said, to clear up some misapprehensions about what was happening, said the program "in no way means that the British will be relieved of the remainder of their obligations in this country."

He explained that the negotiations probably would cut British war obligations, however, between 20 and 25 per cent, indicating that their total obligations for weapons and other war materials were about \$1,500,000,000.

The official added that since the United States, under the lend-lease bill, would provide all new weapons desired by the British, the British were expected to pay for the remaining contracts placed with American manufacturers before the bill was passed.

The reconstruction finance corporation, he explained, intended to buy through its subsidiary, the defense plant corporation, British owned munitions factories in the United States.

George O. Dow, of Turner, has been granted a permit by the county court to haul logs over certain county roads.

Of Salem has accepted an invitation to attend the Easter services, April 13, at the Calvary Presbyterian church in Independence.

Court News

Transcript of judgment for \$3000 and \$109.83 costs has been filed with United States circuit court at Portland in the case of Ida H. and Paul C. Gray vs. William P. and Elizabeth Lord.

The case of George Bunkowski vs. industrial accident commission went on trial before a jury in Judge McMahon's department of circuit court today. Bunkowski is seeking an award of permanent total disability from the commission as result of an accident which he sustained while employed at the Valley Packing company February 13, 1940. He was shoving a truck across the floor and slipped on a wet floor striking his back and sustaining injury to his spine. He was awarded \$441.49 as compensation for five months and 16 days and given \$3000 award for permanent partial disability. His petition to be awarded total permanent disability was disallowed by the commission.

Return on a sheriff's sale in the case of State Finance Co. vs. Ida May Higgins Tracy and others shows property sold for \$443.56.

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Justice Court

Fines of guilty entered by Robert Combs today, to a charge of petty larceny; continued to 2 o'clock today for sentence; neither able to furnish \$100 bail and both committed to the sheriff. They are accused of taking 12 steel truck rims, parts of two wagons, and parts of a Packard automobile.

Preliminary hearing is being held this afternoon for Henry K. Zeau, charged with non-support.

Police Court

Riding bicycles on sidewalks: Earl Cooley, 2270 Center; Russell Kretz, 935 North 19th; Dalton Hobbs, 2390 Hayden.

Having no motor vehicle operator's license: James B. Johnson, Salem.

Probate Court

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Knuton Injured While Cutting Wood

Dever—C. Knuton received a severe cut on his left hand while cutting wood. It was necessary for the physician to take several stitches to close the wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McClannahan and family, who have been living in the Millersburg district, are moving back to this locality where they formerly lived. They will live in a house on the Albert Harnisch ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herman of Salem were recent guests at the Merwin Case home.

Verlin Aerni, who is attending Laurewood Academy at Gaston, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Aerni.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dungen of Albany were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harnisch.

New Records In California Weather Set

Los Angeles, March 13 (AP)—The rains are back again, after a few days of sunshine, setting new storm records for southern California.

Rain which set in yesterday and continued today established a 51-year record in Los Angeles with a total precipitation for the season starting July 1, 1940, of 26.31 inches.

During the season of 1889-90, the total rainfall was 34.84 inches, equalled only by the 38.18 inches which fell in 1883-84.

The storm was general over southern California, from Santa Barbara, where a cloudburst deposited 1.25 inches of water in one hour and 15 minutes—and 4.5 inches in eight hours—to the Imperial valley, where lightning and thunder accompanied the rain.

A bus slid from wet pavement against a telephone pole and into an orange grove at Ontario, injuring seven passengers, one—Ralph Portilla, 22, of Greeley, Colo., critically.

A body was sighted in the surf at Redondo Beach. It was believed that of a boy washed from the break-water a week ago.

Streets were blocked off in several towns of the San Fernando valley and in Reseda several business buildings, their foundations weakened temporarily.

A landslide south of Santa Barbara delayed three trains for two hours. A cloudburst in the Mojave desert washed out two miles of the Bakersfield highway 15 miles north of Mojave.

The forecast was for more rain through tomorrow.

FDR Ponders Mediation Board

Washington, March 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt received today from Secretary Perkins and Defense Directors Knudsen and Hillman a specific recommendation for a mediation board to handle labor problems related to the defense program.

No details on what they had suggested were announced, but Miss Perkins told reporters that the idea of a mediation board was taking "definite" shape.

Hillman said several propositions were under consideration, including boards with 11, 7 or 5 members. He added that no names of prospective members had been brought into the conference with the president, which he described as "just a discussion of principles."

Asked whether there was any difference of opinion among the trio who saw the chief executive today, Secretary Perkins answered "no." Then, after she might have spoken too quickly, she turned to Knudsen and Hillman and asked them if there was any disagreement. They agreed there was none.

To a question as to whether planning for the future was involved in connection with setting up a mediation agency, Hillman responded in the negative. The president has said he was thinking of creating a board which would be considerably more than a mediation group and would look at long-range policies in the whole field of the problems and production and even the matter of too great concentration of labor in any one area after the current emergency is over.

Dunham Wright Has 99th Birthday

Baker, March 13 (AP)—Dunham Wright of Medical Springs, whose grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hanks, reared Abraham Lincoln, is celebrating his 99th birthday today.

Mr. Wright was born March 13, 1842, in the territory of Iowa. He engaged in packing with mules from the Umattila landing on the Columbia river to the mines in Boise Basin. Mr. Wright engaged in this work until 1866, when he began mining near Sparta and Sangar in this section. In 1867 he located the present site of Medical Springs as a homestead and has made his home there ever since.

Civil Service, Lottery Bills Killed in House

(Continued from page 1) be introduced. You know and I know that if you are running for office you are besieged with applications for jobs, and sometimes you have no choice but to make the appointments.

"Employees of the state today do not know when they go home at night whether or not they will have a job in the morning," said Rep. Erling Braut.

Chairman Renne of the committee said that body, after hearing arguments on the measure, decided that the question was too involved to be intelligently considered during this session and that a committee should be appointed to study the matter during the next two years. He was supported by Rep. Leo Smith.

"I'd like to see some sort of action taken to halt the turnover every four years among state employes," said Rep. Allan Carson. "It has not been so bad recently, but in other years I have seen a lot of employes come and go with every change of administration, regardless of their ability."

The senate was in a less belligerent mood than the house today and passed without opposition two bills effecting the judicial districts of Marion, Linn and Benton counties. After house concurrence in minor senate amendments, regarded as certain, the bills now go to the governor.

Under one bill the Marion-Linn county district would be divided and Marion county given two circuit judges, Judge L. H. McMahan retaining one position on the bench here and the other place being filled until the next election by appointment by Governor Sprague.

Judge L. G. Lewelling would continue as judge of the Linn county district which, by the other bill, would be enlarged by the annexation to it of Benton county.

A resolution was introduced in the house this afternoon providing for an interim committee to study civil service for state employes during the next two years.

Stuart Walker, Playwright, Dies

Beverly Hills, Calif., March 13 (AP)—Stuart Walker, 53, the noted producer and playwright, died of a heart attack early today.

Walker was the founder of the Portmanteau theatre, and directed repertory theatres in Buffalo, Detroit, Indianapolis and Cleveland before becoming a motion picture producer.

He was the author of the Portmanteau plays, a series which included "The Trimplet," "Nevertheless," "The Medicine Show," "Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil," "The Lady of the Weeping Willow Tree," "The Very Naked Young Man" and "Sir David Wears a Crown."

Walker was born at Augusta, Ky., in 1888.

He had been directing motion pictures since 1931, and at the time of his death was an associate producer at Paramount studio. Among his films were "Tonight is Ours," "The Eagle and the Hawk," "Great Expectations," "Sons of the Legion" and "Emergency Squad."

He is survived by a son, Arthur H. Walker.

Fine for Contempt For Burt Nelson

Portland, March 13 (AP)—Burt Nelson, district organizer for the CIO International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union, today was under order to pay a \$150 fine for contempt of court or go to jail for 30 days.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford passed the sentence yesterday after finding Nelson guilty of contempt for ignoring a court restraining order, issued January 22.

The order forbade International officers of the union from interfering with the Portland local, 1-18, of the ILWU, and granted autonomy to that local.

Nelson ignored several previous orders to appear in court and answer the charges, until the court issued a bench warrant for his arrest. Nelson indicated he would appeal.

New Phone Rates Effective March 15

San Francisco, March 13 (AP)—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company announced it would inaugurate March 15 new inter-state rates ordered by the federal communications commission to effect estimated savings of \$600,000 a year.

Both station to station and person to person, day and night rates are effected.

Typical reductions on person to person rates include San Francisco to Seattle, reduced from \$3 to \$2.35.

Lakeview Loses Prominent Man

Lakeview, March 13 (AP)—J. J. Van Keulen, 53, prominent merchant, died following a heart attack at his ranch near here yesterday.

He came here 35 years ago, operated stores at Paisley, Plush, Adel and Lakeview. He was president of the Home Supply company here and a member of the city water commission.

His widow, a daughter, a son, two brothers and his mother survive.

New Bombers Blast Berlin And Hamburg

(Continued from page 1) considered to be something other than barrage balloons.

German raiders over London last night and early today were greeted by a thunderous barrage unlike anything previously heard from the regular anti-aircraft weapons.

The RAF's score was further increased when it was officially announced today that "two enemy aircraft Messerschmitt 109s were shot down near the southeast coast" in a dawn encounter.

The government compared the raid on the Liverpool area with the heavy assaults directed against England last fall but added: "On this occasion the damage and casualties bore no relation to the scale of the attack and very little was achieved beyond serious damage to a number of private houses."

(Berlin reported "good hits and big fires were observed" in the Liverpool raid.)

The Luftwaffe took advantage of a full moon and clear weather to range widely over England, and in addition to Liverpool, struck at London, towns in the midlands, east Anglia and in the southwest and southeast.

German Version

Berlin, March 13 (AP)—Destruction "exceeding that at Coventry" was reported by German sources today to have been wrought in a vast night raid on Liverpool, in which they said several hundred planes dropped bombs for hours.

This attack was carried out by the British Royal Air Force, also taking advantage of improving weather, made its first assault on Berlin in 83 nights.

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