



McKay Predicts Morse Victory

Portland, Oct. 26 (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay told a forum group of newspaper and radio reporters yesterday he believes Senator Wayne L. Morse will be re-elected.

He said he expects the legislature will reapportion the state's legislative districts. He added he would not interfere with the legislators on this subject.

The forum was sponsored by the Press club of Oregon.

The republican governor said he thought the party would retain its majority in Oregon, but he didn't ignore the strength of the democrats. He said there could be a change when the democrats offer better candidates than the republicans.

"There's no use in anybody fooling himself," he said. "Neither the democrats nor the republicans have any monopoly on brains."

Under questioning, he defined an Oregon republican as a man or woman who "believes in the constitution, in a reasonable business-like administration, not in a lot of wild ideas."

He said he opposed the proposed Columbia Valley administration because it would be a "bureaucratic set-up moved out here from Washington."

Attempt to End Poultry Strike

Portland, Oct. 26 (AP)—A federal conciliation service commissioner tried again today to bring about a settlement in the strike of poultry workers at scattered Oregon plants.

George Walker said meetings were scheduled with representatives of the AFL, Egg and Poultry Workers union and the Oregon Egg and Poultry Dealers association. Oregon Turkey Grower plants are also involved. The union struck one plant here last week and the others closed down.

Conciliator Leo Kotin reported he was attempting to bring together AFL office employees and employers at six wholesale grocery firms here. He hoped for a meeting later this week.

Farmers Given More Time to Pay Taxes

Washington, Oct. 26 (AP)—President Truman today signed into law a bill (HR 5268) giving farmers additional time in which to file and pay their income taxes.

The new law would give farmers until January 31 to make their tax declaration if they pay the full amount due. Otherwise they will have to stick to the January 15 date for filing an estimate.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. A. Sidney Camp (D., Ga.), also makes a number of other technical changes in the tax laws, most of them affecting corporations.

First American troops to land in Cuba during the Spanish American war were U. S. marines who established a beachhead at Guantanamo bay in June, 1898.

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Entertains Youngsters—Captain Jim Hall of the Salem fire department owns and rides Lady o' War, jumping mare who has won many trophies at Oregon State fair, Pacific International and elsewhere. As a diversion Captain Hall puts Lady o' War through her jumps for the entertainment of youngsters in the state institutions. This picture was made at the Washington International Horse show in Seattle, as the mare went over a barrier 4½ feet high.

Americans in Germany Learn About Occupation Manners

By RICHARD K. O'MALLEY

Frankfurt, Oct. 26 (AP)—The ordinary American civilian in Germany is getting a little taste of what it's like to be an occupied people.

He's getting it from some soldiers of his own army, which makes it doubly bitter.

In a changeover which began last July, most American civilians in Germany, excluding army and state department employees, were ordered to live on the German economy. This meant German lodgings, food and transportation, among other things. Civilians were barred from army theaters, stores, gas stations and similar installations.

To the average soldier, the civilian became undistinguishable from the German population.

Germans often get a shoving ground from brash, young U.S. troops. But they rarely talk about it.

"It has always been the same in every country," they say. Occupation troops are all alike.

One German remarked: "We have an old saying, 'what the combat troops win, the occupation troops spoil.'"

But it comes as a shock to an American who is mistaken for a German.

An American in a business suit who entered a military post building was startled when a soldier elbowed him into a corner and grated:

"What're you doin' here? This building ain't for Krauts." The building actually was open to Germans.

Driving a car can be an experience all its own.

An American newspaperman, driving a German-made car at night, passed a sedan filled with soldiers. They shot past him, cutting in short and forcing him

to swerve to avoid a collision. Then they reversed their spotlight and played into his eyes, temporarily blinding him.

A civilian escorting a woman gets used to "approaches" from soldiers who think they are a German couple.

American girl civilians run a mild gantlet, too.

One girl government employee hunted up a devious route to get to the army post exchange. "I saved nearly an hour which I formerly spent fending off the wolves who thought I was a fraulein," she said.

Not all American soldiers attempt swashbuckling domination.

There are many who carry out a tedious occupation assignment in a businesslike, orderly manner. Some of the best of these wear the rifle badge of a combat soldier.

Sometimes the situation takes a tragically serious turn.

Recently in the town of Mainz four American soldiers were arrested in connection with the fatal beating of a German civilian.

Some American soldiers have taught American civilians to use louder-than-usual tones around them. It often prevents embarrassing mistakes in identity.

There are Germans who comment: "We should all remember that many of these occupying troops are just boys, away from home for the first time."

Nevertheless, to an American, it is embarrassing to see teenagers in their country's uniform act like truculent overlords.

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POST OFFICE HISTORY

Display in Bank Lobby Tells Of First Mail Service Here

By BEN MAXWELL

Early chapters in Salem's postal history, compiled and illustrated by Edwin R. Payne, local philatelist living at 1795 North Capitol street, are now on display in the lobby of the First National bank for public inspection.

The display recognizes the centenary of the Salem post office. In Hudson Bay times, prior to organization of the provisional government for the Oregon country, company ships and voyageurs sometimes delivered letters and collected fees for the service. Postage stamps were not then in usage.

First post office west of the Rocky mountains was established at Astoria in 1847 with J. M. Shively as postmaster. A little later an office was set up in Oregon City. Then the rate for a letter was 5 cents for 300 miles. Prior to this, in 1845, the provisional government had tried to set up a postal system with Col. W. G. T. vault as postmaster. Fifteen cents was charged for letter delivery up to 30 miles, 50 cents for over 200 miles.

First United States postage stamps were issued July 1, 1847, though none of this issue was sold in post offices west of the Rocky mountains.

A post office for Salem was authorized November 8, 1849, but it is unlikely that J. B. McClane, first postmaster, opened his office here before mid-year of 1850. It was then located in McClane's home, the former Methodist mission house built in 1840-41 and still standing at 960 Broadway.

Postage stamps were not sold in Salem until about 1853, and Mr. Payne has on display a letter cancelled in Salem that year, and bearing two 3 cent stamps, postage required for its destination in Pennsylvania. Another letter of that year carries a 3 cent stamp for delivery to Oregon City. Not until 1863 did a 3 cent stamp carry a letter to any point in the United States.

J. B. McClane, first postmaster, came to Salem in 1843 and acquired an interest in the Mission saw and grist mill on Mill creek about where Larmer's warehouse now stands. During the gold rush he went to California and acquired sufficient wealth to buy a stock of merchandise which he brought to Salem and opened the second store established here. He returned to Salem in May of 1849 with goods costing \$2500, and within a few months realized \$6000 on his investment and still had merchandise on hand. He remained in the milling business here until 1852.

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He was married to Helen E. Judson, daughter of L. H. Judson, early Methodist missionary. In 1891 Mr. and Mrs. McClane were yet alive and were among the few who recalled Salem when it was known as the Mills and consisted of the saw and grist mill and two or three dwellings for mission usage.

Spud Supports Cost \$6 Million

Washington, Oct. 26 (AP)—The government is spending taxpayers' money for potato supports this year, even though potato prices are averaging well above support levels.

Agriculture department reports show that producers on an average received \$1.49 a bushel for their potatoes from mid-July through mid-September. That compares with the government's average support price of \$1.10 a bushel.

During that period when producers were averaging about 35 percent more than the support price, the government bought up 5,700,000 bushels of potatoes for price support at a net cost of \$5,951,500.

The agriculture department has an explanation for this paradox. Officials said the potatoes were dumped into the government's lap by producers in areas where there was a temporary market glut. This happened at times when potatoes were generally selling throughout the country at rates higher than the support level.

7-Year-Old Boy Kills Brother with Old Gun

Huntsville, Tex., Oct. 26 (AP)—"Daddy, I've killed him," James Hardy, 7, told his father. "Lynn and I were playing with your old gun when all of a sudden it went off."

A. L. Hardy found the body of James' big brother, Lynn, 11, on a bedroom floor yesterday.

Justice of the Peace R. E. Franklow ruled Lynn was killed accidentally.

The boys had been playing with their father's shotgun while he was at work and their mother was away doing the family washing.

As early as 1740, three marine regiments were recruited in America, assembled in New York under the command of General Alexander Spotswood of Virginia, and performed valiant service in the West Indies for the Royal British navy.



J. B. McClane, Salem's First Postmaster — Salem post office was authorized November 8, 1849, and J. B. McClane who was named first postmaster opened the office here sometime in 1850. Stamps were not then issued in the Oregon country. McClane later became state librarian and served as Indian agent in the 1880's.

East Salem Residents Form New Clubs for Youngsters

East Salem, Oct. 26—New 4-H clubs and Brownie troops are being organized in all East Salem communities this month. Mrs. Lewis Patterson and Mrs. Harry Phillips have their 4-H Sewing club organized for girls of Middle Grove school. It is being sponsored by the Central Howell Home Extension unit. They held their first meeting Saturday afternoon in the Patterson home.

Members are Margaret Chamberlain, Doris Reynolds, Marie Hammer, Loralie Holman, Yvonne Goode and Jessie Wyatt and Dena Lou Kleen. At the meeting officers were elected: Dena Lou Kleen, president; Sharon Chamberlain, vice president; Yvonne Goode, secretary and Margaret Chamberlain, yell leader.

The girls were given an outline of the work they will do this year, and with paste board boxes to cover they made their own sewing kits, and will equip them for sewing to have ready for the next meeting. They will meet every two weeks in one of the leaders' homes. The social hour for this meeting was a Halloween party with the motif used in the refreshments and special favors for each.

Auburn — Mrs. S. W. Burris assisted by Mrs. Andy Eitel has been working with the Brownie troop number 63. They now have 13 members and new members are joining at each meeting.

For the first fall meeting of the Garden Road Neighborhood club members met at the home of Mrs. Paul Lynch in Salem on Friday for a covered dish dinner. Taking part were Mrs. Glenn Harkins, Mrs. Richard T. Wicklander, Mrs. A. C. Schaffer, Mrs. Frank Rickett, Mrs. Jess Hatch, Mrs. Edward Brande, Mrs. W. E. Richardson, Mrs. Earl Wood, Mrs. Ralph Werner, Mrs. A. A. Geer, and Mrs. Eugene

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