

AMBASSADRESS OFF FOR ITALY



Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, new U. S. Ambassador to Italy, delivers farewell remarks for radio and newsreel interviewers aboard the Italian liner Andrea Doria before sailing from New York for Italy. With her is her husband, publisher Henry Luce, who is accompanying his diplomat wife to Rome. (AP Wirephoto.)

Tax at Albany Due for Ballot

Albany — Voters of Albany school district No. 5 will be called upon to approve on May 23 at an election to be held in the junior high school building from 2 to 8 p.m. a total tax levy of \$328,294 to finance operation of the school district for the 1953-54 school year.

Total outside the 6 per cent limitation is \$128,232.26, with \$227,561.90 remaining within the 6 per cent limitation. Total district No. 5 estimated expenses for the 1953-54 year are \$663,393, offset by estimated revenues of \$335,099.42. The new budget includes provision not only for addition of seven new teachers in the Albany grade system but also a teachers' salary schedule increase of \$26,794; addition of \$6,060 to total salaries of principals; \$2,900 more for super-

Jersey Group Award Winner

New honors have been won by the Oregon Jersey Cattle club, it was disclosed Wednesday at a meeting of state directors; \$500 more for substituting; addition of \$800 to librarian salaries.

tors of the group in the Senator hotel. This time it was the national Jersey Bulletin award for accomplishment in 1952. Charles Couche, Sherwood, made the announcement stating that his wife, secretary of the group in 1952, had just received notice. President of the club during 1952 was Marlin Fox of Molalla. During the meeting members of the club discussed attending the Jersey sale at Grants Pass June 13. Fred Davis,

Woodburn, is in charge of this district for the sale. Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington, has been restored as nearly as possible to its original form, including gardens, wash and smoke houses, cobbler's shop and stables.

Francis Opens Speakers' Fight

The contest for speaker of the 1955 House of Representatives was in the open Thursday as Reps. Carl Francis, Dayton, and Dave Baum, La Grande, squared off in an effort to win support of members of the current legislature. As Francis issued invitations to a majority of the House members to come to a "Francis for Speaker" dinner Thursday night, Baum won the support from two representatives who had been considered contenders. They are Reps. Robert W. Root, Medford, and Russell Hudson, The Dalles. They said they wouldn't run next time for speaker, but would support Baum.

Deadlock on Rain Makers

A Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee Wednesday stepped into the Senate-House quarrel over licensing rain-makers by approving the House version. The subcommittee recommended the bill of Rep. Robert Root, Medford, which would let the Department of Agriculture license persons to try to change the weather. This bill, passed by the House, would encourage weather control experiments. The other bill, by Sen. Ben Day, Gold Hill, has been passed by the Senate. It would create a State Weather Modification Board, with more severe restrictions on the weather makers.

Baum is 31 years old, and has been prominent in work on appropriation and retirement bills. Baum is serving in his third session. Francis is 38, and has been in the House since 1943. He is chairman of the powerful House Statute Revision and Judiciary Committees. A lawyer, he has served seven terms as mayor of Dayton.

Both bills were sent to the Ways and Means Committee. When told of the subcommittee's action, Day said no bill at all would be better than Root's. Both senators are from Jackson county.

Company Employees Have Share in Fund

Seventeen employees of the Salem plant of Pacific Fruit and Produce company have an interest in the accumulated \$5,487,750 fund of the parent organization which was set up in 1943. All employees, regardless of position are entitled to share in the fund after completing five years service with the company. The company makes annual contributions to the profit sharing fund based on percentage of net earnings before taxes. The employees do not contribute any money whatsoever.

Senators Slip One on Morse

Washington (AP)—Sen. Morse, Ind., Ore., left the senate chamber for a while Tuesday and three fellow senators swiftly took advantage of his absence. They asked for and got unanimous consent for their committees to hold some meetings during the next few days or two weeks while the senate is itself in session. Morse has been blocking this unanimous consent whenever it was requested.

Clam Diggers Busy With Low Tides

Astoria (AP)—Clam diggers were taking advantage of the low tides this week along Clatsop county beaches to scoop up limit takes of their favorite bivalves. Minus tides were scheduled through Saturday and swarms of outsiders were expected during the week-end to go after the clams with shovels and sacks. Diggers have reported taking their limit of three dozen clams almost every day this week and oldtimers here say good digging should continue through the week.

Milk Producers Want New Hearing on Price

Portland (AP)—Members of the Portland Independent Milk Producers association today circulated petitions asking the State Board of Agriculture for a new price hearing. Action was prompted by the board's recent cut of nearly one cent in producer prices.

Nearly Starves Before False Teeth Returned

Houston (AP)—George Smooth changed his diet from soup to something more solid today. Smooth, 37, lost his false teeth five weeks ago and the man who found them, Louis Martinez, 56, refused to give them back without a \$50 reward. Smooth, who is unemployed, did not have the money so he finally went to the police. Policeman J. A. Robbins told Martinez: "This man hasn't had anything to eat but soup for five weeks. He's starving to death. And if he dies, you're liable to get charged with murder."

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