

Local Paragraphs

Club Tuesday — The Salem Organic Farm and Garden club will meet Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, at the Salem Memorial Hospital chapel at 7:30. A film will be shown and there will be a lecture by a soil expert.

Servicemen Arriving — Cpl. Robert E. Justice, Salem, and Pfc. Kenneth D. Hahn, Silverton, are among those Oregon servicemen slated to arrive in Seattle from the Far East Sunday on the transport Gen. M. M. Patrick.

Club Meeting — Central Towns Club No. 6 will meet Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at 359 Court Street.

Three Candidates File — Two men and one woman have filed their candidates for county precinctmen and precinct woman with the county clerk in connection with the May 21 primary. All are Democrats. The are Odell J. McManis, 475 North Capitol street; Preston W. Hale, 2485 Walker street, and Sheila R. Laue, 351 South 17th street.

Eighth Graders Smart — Eighth graders placed the most students on the scholarship award list at Parrish Junior High for the first semester. The eighth graders had 46 students to make the high grades. There were 92 on the list. To make the award a student must have at least six As and all the rest Bs.

Road Oiling Petition — A petition signed by O. R. Clearwater and a number of others, filed with the county courts asks that County Road No. 849 between the Macleay road and State Highway No. 222 be placed on the oiling program. The petition was referred to the engineering department.

Chadwick Will

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Chadwick, who owns and operates hotels in Salem, Corvallis and Medford, has twice been president of the Oregon Hotelmen's Association and served one term as director of the American Hotelmen's Association.

Earlier this year Chadwick was urged to run for the Senate, but this move was discouraged by some of his fellow House members, who pointed out that Chadwick's experience and background would be sorely needed in the House in 1955 because of the large turnover in the membership. Many of the leading House members have announced they would not seek re-election and a goodly number are endeavoring to be elected to the senate. As a result, it is freely predicted that the 1955 House membership will have more freshmen members than in any session in many years.

Rep. Robert L. Elfstrom is expected to be a candidate for the Legislature, and it is expected that a number of young men in Marion County will strive to gain membership in the House at this time, when at least two of the House members are running for the Senate.

Too Much Salem — Likewise it is quite probable that some candidate from outside of Salem will be offered at the May primaries, inasmuch as for quite a number of sessions all Marion County representatives have been residents of Salem.

State Senator S. Eugene Allen and Thomas Kidder, both of Portland, announced during the week intention to seek election as state labor commissioner. Senator Allen, 39, is a Republican, is manager for the Oregon Restaurants Association, a member of the Portland School Board and former editor of the Oregon Labor Press.

Kidder, 41, is a Democrat, who has been active in labor circles in Portland.

Labor Commissioner William E. Kimsey, a Republican who has held the labor post for 12 years, has announced that he would not seek re-election. His term of office expires the first Monday in January, 1955.

MILITARY MEN AND VETERANS

Monday, February 8
Company B, 12nd infantry regiment and headquarters detachment, Oregon National Guard at Salem army.

Organized Marine Corps Reserve unit at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center.

9414 Air Reserve squadron at Oregon mobilization designation-USAR army.

Company E, 413th infantry regiment, at USAR army.

Wednesday, February 10
929th field artillery battalion at USAR army.

Births
Salem Memorial Hospital
HOLMES — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Holms, 700 Cross St., a girl, Feb. 5.
SPROULE — To Mr. and Mrs. James Sproule, 222 E. Riverside St., Portland, Ore., a boy, Feb. 5.
WORTHINGTON — To Mr. and Mrs. Danville Worthington, 1793 Birchwood Dr., a boy, Feb. 5.
BETHEL — To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bethel, 4075 Glenwood Dr., a girl, Feb. 5.
SALIN GENERAL HOSPITAL
WALKER — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Walker, 625 S. 25th St., a girl, Feb. 5.
ROBERTSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Don Robertson, 3415 West Lane, a girl, Feb. 5.
HARRISON — To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harrison, 1335 Vista Ave., twin girls.
SILVERTON HOSPITAL
COOKS — To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cook, a girl, Feb. 4.

Vets Division Seeks Office

The Department of Veterans' Affairs, presently operating from three different buildings in Salem, is seeking bids to provide space to house the agency in one building. Director H. C. Saalfeld said today.

Saalfeld said bidders are being asked to submit proposals for 15,000 square feet of office space for lease within the city of Salem.

The department's headquarters are in the State Library building, its home and farm loan operations and educational aid division are on the fourth floor of the capitol, and the bonus division is downtown in space above Bishop's Men's store.

Bidders have until March 3 to submit their proposals to the Department of Finance and Administration, which handles such bids. Plans and specifications and a suggested floor layout are available from the veterans' department headquarters in the State Library building.

Fine Array of Swine on Sale

Several attractive colors including black Berkshires, black and white Spotted Poland Chinas, white Yorkshires and red Durocs are among the 32 purebred swine being sold this afternoon in the ninth annual Oregon Swine Growers bred gilt sale at the state fairgrounds.

Most of the animals are consigned by Willamette valley swine breeders, a few are from southern Oregon.

Local consignors include John J. Shultz of Mt. Angel who will sell a Yorkshire gilt; Clay Rambo, 1840 Evergreen Ave., Salem, a Spotted Poland China; Arthur Beesley, route 1, Silverton, two Durocs; Duane Wilson, Scotts Mills, two Hampshires; Lyle McKinley & Son, Woodburn, three Hampshires; Wayne Johnston, Jefferson, a Hampshire Brentford Miller, Jr., Woodburn, two Berkshires.

A sifting committee consisting of Joe Johnson of Corvallis, Edwin Ridder, Sherwood, and Elmer Stangel, Wilsonville, checked all entries this morning to ensure their soundness as breeding stock.

The Oregon Swine Growers has managed 17 sales in different areas of the state since their first one held at Salem in 1946. Prices have fluctuated rather freely from the \$73.30 average at the first event to a high average of \$166 set in 1951.

A total of 513 animals, practically all gilts, there were a few boars, have been sold for an overall average of \$96.26.

Earl Gillaspie of Grand Ronde is to serve as auctioneer. The sale committee chairman is Brentford Miller, Jr. Other members are Joe Wilhelm, Salem; Earl Drury, Fall Creek; Elton Watts, Silverton, president of the Swine Growers, and John Landers, secretary of the group.

Prisoners Escape From Klamath Jail

KLAMATH FALLS — Two city jail prisoners sawed a window bar and escaped some time Friday night. Each was serving 30 days and each was to have been turned over to the sheriff after completing the sentence.

Richard Logan, 23, was sentenced for failure to stop at the scene of an accident and was wanted by the sheriff on a charge of selling liquor to minors. Kenneth "Dusty" Wells, 25, was sentenced for disorderly conduct and was wanted by the sheriff, also on a liquor to minors charge.

COURTS
Circuit Court
Williamette Valley Bank vs Elmer J. and Alvina L. Church. Order of dismissal as settled.

Morris D. Bromberger vs Frank P. Viatich. Defendant's answer charging that plaintiff contributed to the accident and asking dismissal of complaint.

Leonard G. Buckler vs state tax commission. Motion of defendant to set aside the complaint. Similar action taken in complaints filed by Paul Lutz, Buckler, Steins, George R. Buckler, George H. Buckler, and George H. Buckler vs administrator of Pratt L. Lutz-Buckler estate.

Earl David Viele as administrator of Donald Stanley Viele estate. Motion by defendant for judgment not withstanding the verdict or in the alternative, for a new trial.

C. P. Hunter and Ralph A. Harold vs W. W. and Pammie Mae. Plaintiff repudiate defendant's answer asking that judgment be rendered as provided in complaint.

Claire Edward Weaver vs State Highway Commission. Complaint seeking judgment of \$18,000 for damages claimed by construction of Marion street bridge.

Dorothy and Averil Heady vs State Highway Commission. Complaint seeking judgment of \$25,000 for damages alleged to have been caused plaintiff's real property by construction of Marion street bridge.

Yarnie Evelyn Stacy vs Gale L. Stacy. Order of default entered against defendant.

Dorothy Grallier vs John Grallier. Decree of divorce to plaintiff.

Probate Court
Merton Henry Harrison estate. Estate appraised at \$50.

POISON OAK NOVELTIES



J. N. Archibald, 1797 Chemeketa street, wood working hobbyist, uses poison oak wood form turnery. When it becomes extremely hard, has a beautiful grain and accepts a high polish. The piece shown in his lathe, originally about four inches in diameter had a growth of about 30 years and was exceptionally large.

Wood Worker Finds Beauty in Poison Oak

By BEN MAXWELL

Poison oak may never become the basis for Oregon's hardwood industry, but J. N. Archibald, 1797 Chemeketa street, a wood-working hobbyist, has discovered that novelties made of this native affliction do have a most pleasing appearance and take a high polish.

About a year ago, fellow employees at Bonneville sub-station presented Archibald with a piece of green poison oak wood about four inches in diameter cut with in 30 miles of Salem. It came as a facetious challenge and Archibald accepted it as such. He started processing the stick by soaking it for 24 hours in a solution of household ammonia and water. That, he hoped, would destroy the toxic properties of the wood.

Next he placed the specimen in a sawdust bin for slow drying and left it there for about eight months. Then he removed it for low temperature drying. Regardless of all these precautions, this specimen of Salem's growth, checked badly before becoming thoroughly seasoned.

Archibald found sound, dry poison oak wood to be an exceedingly hard, close-grained good and stringy in texture. When polished it assumes a light brown in appearance with darker stripes resembling in many ways the zebra wood (connarus guianensis) of Guiana. Even when thoroughly dry, wood from this native Oregon shrub emits a pungent, acrid odor when worked with machinery. It is acceptable to a very lustrous polish.

Botanically, Oregon's poison oak is rhus toxicodendron, the variety being diversiflora. It may be found from British Columbia to California and is very abundant in nearly all sections of the Willamette valley. Sap in poison oak is rich in powerful and complex inorganic acids and its capability to cause severe skin irritations places the plant in the category of a vesicant. Those afflicted, and less concerned with botany or chemistry, simply call it vegetable syphilis.

Two years ago he and other Czech political prisoners escaped from prison. Some made it to Germany, but Hvasta spent 21 months dodging the Communist police inside the country.

Four months ago he made his way to the American embassy in Prague and was given asylum while State Department officials negotiated his release from the country.

This township turned itself inside out to welcome their famous resident.

Grid System

If a member of the council can be found who will sponsor the measure a bill will be introduced Monday night to put the question of abolition of the grid on the ballot, and it is understood the anti-grid people will ask Alderman David O'Hara to introduce it.

It would allow the people to vote on whether the most recent general grid ordinance should be repealed, also that part of the original ordinance which provided, in addition to the highway complete, that Chemeketa and Court be one-way streets. They were not made one-way until the later grid was set up.

City Attorney Chris J. Kovitz said the bill had not been prepared, but that if he is informed a sponsor has been found the bill can be drawn in time for introduction Monday night.

AMBULANCE DISCONTINUED
SILVERTON — Ernest R. Ekman has announced that as of March 1, he will discontinue his ambulance service, upon the advice of his physician.

James R. Linn, Hopman, Dies

James R. Linn, widely known hop grower and dealer of the valley, died early Saturday morning at a hospital in Portland. He had gone to the hospital last Monday. He was 86 years of age.

Active in civic and public affairs for more than half a century, Mr. Linn had been in the hop growing business in the Salem area since 1896. For many years he was president of the Marion Hotel company.

Mr. Linn was a native of Pennsylvania, born June 5, 1867. He was superintendent of a farm in the late 80s, then was a hop buyer for George N. Hubbard of Salem for several years before going into the hop growing business in 1896. From 1897-1915 he was in the hop growing, buying and selling business as a partner of the late Russell Catlin and for the last 25 years prior to his retirement a year ago was in the hop business with John J. Roberts.

For some time, too, Mr. Linn was interested in grape and berry culture in the valley.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Farris Linn of Salem and two nieces in the east.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the W. T. Rigdon chapel.

Free Election

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It was learned that several Red Army housekeeping units have been shifted around on the Berlin perimeter in the Potsdam and Babelberg areas. This was described by Western informants as a purely routine maneuver which did not bring one Red Army soldier closer to East Berlin than he was a week before. There were no tanks involved.

Fear Rebellion
The impression was given that the Russians trust the 250,000 East German Communist regular police, militarized police, and security agents to handle any ruckus or the moment. Molotov told the Big Four Friday measures had been taken to prevent another June 17, which he blamed on "outside powers"—a reference to charges that American and other Western agents had steamed up the rebellion.

The Wollweber order came after disturbances were reported in factories at Gera, Dresden, Chemnitz, the Leuna Chemical Works at Merseburg and the coal mines at Oelsnitz. Only Friday, German informants said, a Communist rally at Leuna was shouted down by workers who stamped, whistled and shouted.

Red Decree Issued
"Free wahlen" (free elections). Thurepion, the ruling Socialist Unity (Communist) Party distributed a memorandum to all its agitators.

PARK OFFICIAL



Walter L. Wirth, nationally known park administrator, who will become superintendent of parks in Salem on March 1.

Walter Wirth

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over the period included swimming beaches, picnicking, tenting and trailer sites, cabins, organized camps, trails, park drives and structures costing a total of \$5,000,000.

Wirth is a member of the American Institute of Park Executives, in which he has been a member of several committees, member of the board of directors for eight years, and he was its president for two terms. He also is a member of the National Conference of State Parks, and is now serving on its board of directors.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES



James R. Linn, well-known Willamette Valley agriculturist, hop grower and broker, and livestock man who died in a Portland hospital Saturday morning.

tation groups, which contained two directives:

1. Continue with the factory rallies to line up signatures for German unification on Molotov's plan, which would entrench Communism.

2. As soon as any worker shouts for free elections, he is to be arrested immediately or reported for prosecution as a "saboteur, war-monger and enemy of the state."

Only one dwelling in three in Paris, France, is less than 20 years old.

Mid Willamette Obituaries

Lyle Ernest Ryan
SHERIDAN—Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6 from the Christian church for Lyle Ernest Ryan, 38, of Sheridan, who was instantly killed by electrocution Tuesday. He fell, after apparently touching the wire with his arm, about 25 feet from a pole in his father's barn lot. Rev. Frank Zook officiated at the services.

Lyle Ernest Ryan was born Jan. 24, 1918, at Marquette, Neb., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ryan. He was married to Miss Louise French in Holyoke, Colo., in 1935, coming to Sheridan in 1937. He was employed at the Associated Plywood mills in Willamette, and was a member of the Sheridan Christian church.

He is survived by his wife, and four children, Alice, Sonja, Steven and Lyle Jr.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ryan, all of Sheridan; a sister, Mrs. Ardy's Hampton of Port Orford, and other relatives.

Frederick Mawhirter
WILLAMINA — Funeral services were held in McMinnville this week for Frederick F. Mawhirter, 68, who passed away in Portland. He was born Dec. 8, 1887 at St. John, Kan. and attended schools there. He married his wife in 1907 in Kansas, and she passed away in 1945.

Rev. Royce Coan of the Methodist church officiated at services and interment was in Evergreen Memorial park, McMinnville.

Survivors are five sons, Glen of Ashland, Kan., Ray of Willamina, Dennis of Vernonia, Arlie of Portland and Jim of Eugene; four daughters, Mrs. Celia Hermans of Cornelius, Mrs. Vera Curtis of Fairview, Mrs. Phyllis Hayes and Mrs. Mona Muhley both of Corne-

LEGALS
CALL FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received at the Court Room of the Marion County Court at 460 N. High Street, Salem, Oregon, until 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 10, 1954, for furnishing GAS, OIL, DIESEL, GREASE & KEROSENE to be used by Marion County, Oregon, for the year beginning March 1, 1954.

Specifications may be obtained at the County Engineer's Office at Room 309, Old High School Building, Salem, Oregon.

Bidders bond or certified check for 10% of the amount of bid payable to Marion County Treasurer must accompany each bid. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of Marion County.

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