

# Ground to Be Broken on Marine Corps Monument

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WASHINGTON (UP) — The most famous spade in the world is going to take another dig at the good earth this Friday.

It will do most of the work at ground breaking ceremonies for the Marine Corps National Memorial. Eventually over the spill of earth will be erected a 100-ton bronze statue of the flag raising on Iwo Jima. The memorial will be on a half acre plot rimming the northern end of Arlington National Cemetery.

The spade of which I speak is not of the garden variety. It's polished, wears ribbons the color of the flag, and never has to work up more than a spadeful on a single job. It is the property of National Capital Parks, and has been for a long time.

Many a wheel has taken the old spade in hand on many a momentous occasion. Metal markers are attached to the handle, something like the notches the hard bitten characters of the Old West nicked for their six guns.

The most important marker, perhaps, tells that on Feb. 12, 1914, the spade was used to break sod for the Lincoln Memorial. At the handle was President Taft.

The next year, the digger was called upon to break earth for the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery, in front of which lies the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

# Better Postal Service Asked

STAYTON—Response to a postal survey requested by the chamber of commerce and Representative Walter Norblad showed a definite dissatisfaction with the present service. Everett Ward, survey committee chairman, indicated.

Forms tabulated carried the general trend of local reaction. Fifty-three expressed dissatisfaction with service with only five satisfied.

Major issues of the survey proven in the returns were the question of a drop box on the corner next to the Bon Ton on Third St., and a later closing hour on outgoing mail.

Tabulations on the drop box were 43 for and 9 against. Several favored a drop box in the northern part of town near Girard's.

Businessmen on Third St. expressed a strong desire for the box in order to hasten their outgoing mail since most were forced to wait until the close of business hours with the postoffice removed from Third St., besides general convenience for the public and bus travelers.

A strong majority, 50 to 2, favored a later closing hour on outgoing mail and was favored by residents as well as businessmen. Under the present system, rush orders are held up overnight in the local postoffice if not mailed before 4 p.m.

Another important issue favored by the entire town was Sunday mail service, now lacking with 46 for and 3 against. Thirty ballots desired business delivery service with 15 against; 32 wanted residential delivery service, 15 against.

However, general trend of comments on these questions was that these services were impractical with the unimproved sidewalks in various parts of town and too much residential area for one postman to serve, yet too few residences to justify two postmen.

Before the meeting of the chamber of commerce, Grace Niebert, local postmaster, expressed willingness to cooperate with any measures which could be brought about.

# Sunday Fire Hits Church at Albany

ALBANY — One of two fire runs by Albany firemen on Sunday, appropriately enough, was to a church.

The church fire, in the Church of God, 15th Ave., and Tadena St., broke out in mid-afternoon in the floor of the building, ignited, it has been concluded, by wiring that in some manner overheated a conduit.

Flames burned through floor joists and damaged the floor, inflicting damage estimated at approximately \$500.

The other fire, in a residence, was caused by an over-heated oil stove. Damage was reported negligible.

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# TAKES LEADING ROLE



MT. ANGEL—Donna Wolfard of Silverton, who plays the role of Rebecca in "Rebecca's Triumph" by George M. Baker, which will be presented for the public by Omega Alpha, the Dramatic Club of Mount Angel Women's College, Sunday, February 21, at 2 o'clock and 8 o'clock in the Women's College Auditorium.

# Farm Land Values Drop

CORVALLIS — Oregon State College economists said Tuesday that farm land values in Oregon dropped 8 per cent in the year ending last November.

That was a little more than the national average, but a little less than that in the Mountain States and in states hit by drought.

Only three states reported increased values in the year—due in North Dakota to oil leases and in New Jersey and Delaware to metropolitan influences.

Western opinion samplers reported the outlook for the early part of this year seemed to be for good farms to have less of a continuing downward trend than poor farms, and irrigated land to be affected less than grazing land.

# Jaycees Not Eager About Miss Salem

A proposal to sponsor a Miss Salem contest for a candidate to represent the city in the Miss Oregon contest at Seaside this summer was rejected by a strong majority in a straw vote at the Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon.

The main objection to sponsoring the event as presented by several members was the cost. The contest has reportedly been dropped by other organizations in previous years because of financial difficulties.

Despite the setback of the unofficial vote, however, a committee of interested Jaycees announced they would delve into the situation to see if the people of Salem would support such a contest and to see if it is financially feasible and then resubmit the idea to the membership.

# Safety Rally at Lebanon Soon

LEBANON—Plans for a safety rally in the city hall auditorium on the evening of March 26 were formed at a meeting of sponsors held Tuesday in Lebanon. The planners group consists of representatives from Cascades Plywood, Crown Zellerbach, Santiam Lumber, chamber of commerce and locals of CIO and AF of L unions.

Charles B. Wilson, chamber representative to the city safety

council, was selected to head the rally committee, and John Ball, CIO-IWA, was chosen secretary.

Also attending were representatives of the Accident Prevention division, State Industrial Accident commission, who will assist in the program. They are Stan Lyon, representative for the Lebanon area; George Hewitt, area supervisor; Wilmer Page, education section, and Robert Travis, safety representative.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (U) — The six-month-old government of Premier Abdullah Yafi resigned Tuesday night after narrowly winning a vote in parliament on local issues.

# Police Hold Tight Grip On Riot-Torn Calcutta

NEW DELHI, India (U) — Troops and police held a tight grip Wednesday on the riot-battered city of Calcutta. The damaged U. S. Information Agency library there remained closed against the possibility of fresh violence.

Reports reaching New Delhi said soldiers with ready arms patrolled the stone-littered streets of the city's central section to bar resumption of Tuesday's Communist-led riots, which resulted in three dead and 60 wounded.

Troops were called in to restore order after the rioters returned again and again to the attack. Police finally used firearms to disperse demonstrators still milling around government house Tuesday night.

Reports to the U. S. Embassy here said damage to the U. S. library was estimated at more than \$5,000, including the destruction of library books, windows and fixtures. A message from the U. S. consulate in Calcutta, India's largest city, said no attempt would be made to reopen library or other U. S. information activities as long as there is any danger of new violence.

# Million Dollar Liquor Warehouse

PORTLAND, (UP)—The Oregon State Liquor Control Commission today completed purchase of a 32-acre site at Kellogg Park, near Milwaukie for a new one-million dollar warehouse and office building.

The tract was purchased from the federal housing authority for approximately \$82,000.

At today's meeting of the commission in Portland, Lester Ireland, Hillsboro, look over as chairman, succeeding W. A. Spangler, resigned. Lowell Sealon, Albany, was sworn in as a new member.

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# Promote Work for Unemployed Group

LEBANON — A "do it now" project is being stressed here to take up slack in the field of employment. With spring work about to open, there is poised a large number of workers in every category.

Employment officials are urging all residents with odd jobs to do around the home to take advantage of available labor.

Remodeling, building, or electrical work can be quickly and conveniently handled. Over 2000 applications of qualified workers representing all trades and labor groups are on file at the employment office.

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