

## State Capitol News Letter

Senate President Robert M. Duncan eliminated himself as a possible future contender for the governorship of Oregon this week when, after four days devoted to pinch-hitting for Governor Sprague, he told capitol news men that he "wouldn't have the office as a regular job if it was presented to me on a silver platter."

The central Oregon legislator found the office beset by too many petty annoyances to suit him, people-looking for jobs, relatives of prisoners pleading for pardons and paroles.

Duncan has been prominently mentioned as the republican candidate for congress against Walter M. Pierce, democratic incumbent. So far, however, he has himself refused to discuss the proposal.

Some time within the next two weeks the Oregon Hydroelectric commission is expected to decide whether or not the rural area of Hood River county can proceed with the organization of a peoples' utility district. At the election last month the city of Hood River rejected the proposal to organize a PUD, thus eliminating itself from the project. The rural areas, however, voted in favor of the district and its sponsors are now urging the Hydroelectric commissions to give the necessary approval. At a hearing before the commission in Salem Friday proponents and opponents of the proposed district were about evenly divided, with representatives of the Grange supporting the project and representatives of the Farm Bureau and Taxpayers League opposed.

Fewer transients sought jobs in Oregon this year than usual, according to John Cooter, farm placement director. During the first six months this year, Cooter points out, there were only 17,565 out-of-state workers registered with the state employment service compared to 32,563 registrations during the first half of 1938.

More than 55 per cent of the farms in Oregon now enjoy electric service, according to a survey just completed by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner. Bean's figures show that 33,770 Oregon farms are now being served by private electric utilities. This is an increase of 4559 farms during the past year. It is estimated that another 200 farms are served by the three municipally operated electric plants while no figures are available on the number of farms being served by the Rural Electrification administration.

After a visit to Sacramento and a conference with budget officials of that state David Eccles, Oregon's budget master, is convinced that Oregon has much to be thankful for. After the last legislature got through financing state activities, Eccles points out, the state budget was \$40,000,000 out of balance. This deficit, which does not appear to worry California officials at all, is three times as great as the total of appropriations approved by the Oregon legislature. With 35,000 people on the state's payroll, California has a personnel department which does nothing but hire and fire employees of the numerous state departments and institutions.

This department operates on a biennial budget of \$500,000, an amount sufficient to operate almost any of Oregon's state institutions.

Multnomah county stands to lose more than \$115,000 a year in highway revenues through the amendments written into the law by the last legislature. Apportionment of highway revenues for the first six months of 1939 just completed by Secretary of State Snell shows that Multnomah county this year will receive only \$624,235.79 from this source compared to \$764,453.61 under the former apportionment. Heretofore county apportionments from the highway fund have been based on motor vehicle registrations in 1931. The new law provides for the apportionment to be made on the basis of current registrations.

Most counties in the state are gainers under the new apportionment. Especially is this true in the case of Marion, Lane, Washington, Yamhill, Malheur, Linn, Lincoln, and Klamath counties. On the other hand, a number of counties suffer under the new deal. These include Benton, Gilliam, Harney, Jackson, Jefferson, Morrow, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union and Wasco. For the most part however, these losses are small. In a few instances, notably Polk and Benton counties, these losses are accounted for, in part at least through a provision in the law which requires that motor vehicle registrations be credited on the basis of the post office address.

The July apportionment of \$800,000

went in part to the following counties: (figures in parenthesis show the amounts the county would have received on the old basis of apportionment: Coos, \$23,963.94 (\$21,716.47); Douglas, \$19,002.55 (\$17,756.80); Marion, \$60,280.76 (\$51,697.33); Multnomah, \$249,694.31 (\$301,781.44).

A financial statement showing an estimated \$18,000 in state funds as necessary to completion of the capitol project has been prepared by the Board of Control and submitted to members of the State Emergency Board. The estimate includes a deficit of \$3894 accruing through contracts already let; \$5000 for landscaping the supreme court grounds and Waverly park, and approximately \$10,000 for the purchase of two flag poles and additional furniture for the state house, this latter item including a couple dozen bronze cuspids, two bronze jardiniers and ten marble benches for the house and senate lobbies. Approval of the emergency appropriations members of the board of control point out, will enable the state to take advantage of a balance of \$8462.50 remaining in the PWA allotment for the capitol project.

Daily average wage paid to workers in Oregon industries during June was \$4.49, the highest in the past ten years, according to statistics compiled by the State Industrial Accident commission. Industrial activities in Oregon for the first half of 1939 was far above that for 1938, record of the commission show.

The State Land Board has decided to do a little prospecting on its mining claim in Douglas county. The board has approved the expenditure of \$250 in constructing a ditch across its property in an effort to locate a quicksilver vein. The property adjoins that of the Bonanza mines, which has been operating for several years with an estimated gross return of approximately \$1000 a day.

The World War Veterans State Aid commission is now in the real estate business to the extent of a \$3,129,545 investment, according to Jerrold Owen, executive secretary. Included in the commission's holdings are 460 farms and 940 city properties, all acquired through foreclosures to

protect loans made by the state. Ralph Mitchell, veteran Portland newspaperman, has succeeded Miss Ella Biller as secretary of the public utilities commission. Miss Biller is being retained in the department as private secretary to Commissioner O. R. Bean.

### Camp Fire Girls Going To Cleawox August 21

The Coquille Camp Fire girls will have their annual outing at Lake Cleawox, 50 miles north of Coos Bay, for a week, starting Aug. 21 and ending Aug. 27.

Miss Katherine Coney, of Portland, trained Camp Fire director, will be in charge of the camp and a registered nurse, Miss Carolyn Hutchek, will be in attendance at all times.

Equipment for the single session, for each girl, includes the following articles: two blouses; one white middie; one or more pairs shorts; 3 pair anklets; heavy shoes, oxfords or tennis shoes; change of underwear; warm nightclothes; bathing cap and suit; three double woolen blankets, or equivalent; 1 pillow with case;

three bath towels, washcloth and soap; sweater or short coat for cool days and for trips; toilet articles in box or roll; 1 plate, cereal dish, cup, fork, knife and spoon; flashlight.

Mrs. M. Earl Wilson calls the attention of the Coquille girls to the requirement that they should have all their clothing marked before going to camp.

### New Circuit Cases

July 14—Elizabeth Besse Johnson vs. Roy H. Johnson. Suit for divorce.

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July 17—Ruth Thomas vs. Elmer F. Thomas. Suit for divorce.

July 17—State of Oregon, by World War Veterans State Aid Commission, vs. James Camden, et al.

July 19—Lois Arnold vs. Sam Arnold, Jr. Suit for divorce.

A green canvass jacket left at the ball park after a recent softball game awaits an owner at the Sentinel office.

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### W. C. T. U. Enjoys Day At Beach

A pleasant day at Bandon was enjoyed Tuesday by the W. C. T. U., who gathered at the Richmond cabin for a potluck dinner. Those going down were: Mesdames B. A. Davis, Frank Schram, Flora Dunne, Clara Wheeler, Pearl Cardwell, Geo. Chapman, Ione Billings, C. T. Skeels, A. T. Morrison, C. C. Farr, Fred Schaefer, Kenneth Stockloff, Mrs. Chas. Hughes, of Yelm, Wash., Ronald, Donald and Harold Stockhoff and Gloria Chapman.

### Marriage Licenses

July 14—Jason Ellis Johnson and Vera Laskey, both of North Bend. They were married here last Friday by Rev. Edwin C. Swanson at his home.

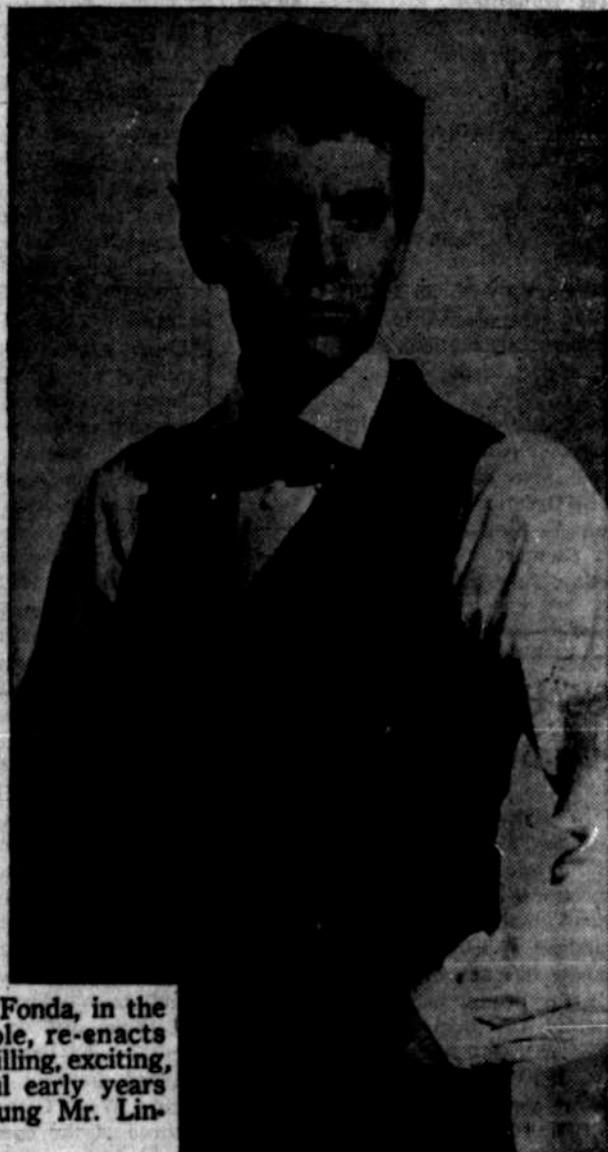
July 15—Edward F. LeMieux and Mattie J. Marhoffer, both of Marshfield.

July 15—Verl R. Reeves, of Scottsburg, and Clara T. Bomar, of Marshfield.

# The Screen Reveals A Young Abe Lincoln!

Not the Great Emancipator but the backwoods lawyer who wrestled with the boys, had an endless fund of funny stories, fell in love with a country girl and met his first challenge in a "moonlight murder" case—this is the story of Abraham Lincoln that has never been told.

Darryl F. Zanuck brings it to the screen in his memorable production of "Young Mr. Lincoln," featuring Henry Fonda, Alice Brady, Marjorie Weaver and Arleen Whelan. The film is a Cosmopolitan production for 20th Century-Fox!



Henry Fonda, in the title role, re-enacts the thrilling, exciting, eventful early years of "Young Mr. Lincoln."



Beautiful Ann Rutledge was young Abe's first love and the first to realize what he could make of himself if only he would try. In scenes like the above, at a riverside in New Salem, Abe would confide his doubts to Ann (Pauline Moore), until she is vexed into declaring: "Oh, Abe! You make me so mad...and I'll bet you make the Lord mad too!"



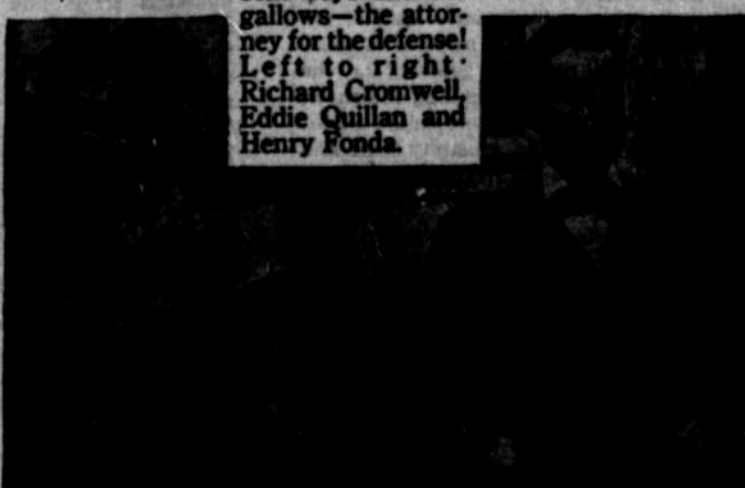
"You say I could go on—and on—and on, Miss Todd. With a woman like you, a man might at that!" (Marjorie Weaver as Mary Todd).



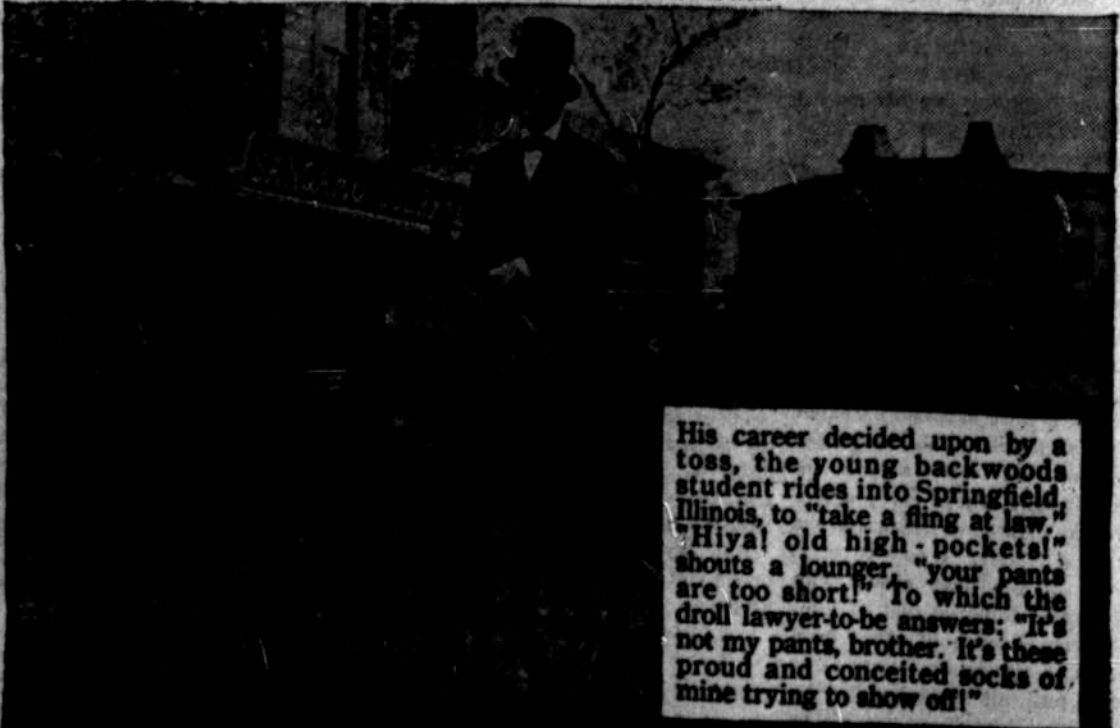
Their hopes rest solely on young Lincoln: (left to right) Arleen Whelan, Dorris Bowdon and Alice Brady.



The tall, brawny-armed Lincoln halts a lynch-crazed mob with the deft: "I can lick any man here hands down!"



Between two innocent boys and the gallows—the attorney for the defense! Left to right: Richard Cromwell, Eddie Quillan and Henry Fonda.



His career decided upon by a toss, the young backwoods student rides into Springfield, Illinois, to "take a fling at law." "Hiya! old high-pockets! shouts a lounge, "your pants are too short!" To which the droll lawyer-to-be answers: "It's not my pants, brother. It's these proud and concealed socks of mine trying to show off!"