

Dan Valentine's Nothing Serious*

BIG WILDERNESS: Easterners, particularly New Yorkers, have no conception of the West when it comes to distance.



They live on a tight, overpopulated island and they have no idea of how wide open the West really is.

The other day, a Salt Lake salesman was called by his sales manager in New York City. The sales manager wanted an errand done.

"Some day soon," he told his Salt Lake salesman, "will you drive over to Cheyenne during your lunch hour and see so and so...?"

It happens all the time... Last summer on my vacation, I drove into a gas station in Pennsylvania. The attendant noticed my Utah license. "From out West?" he asked.

"Yes," I said. "You probably know my wife's cousin, Sam Kennedy. He lives out there by you, in Portland, Ore.!"

To top it off, here's a story from a former Salt Laker now doing graduate work at Columbia University.

He writes that he was attending a seminar on international business. Scheduled to address the seminar was a famous New York banker.

The seminar leader told the audience he had called the famous banker's secretary to make sure he would show up. The secretary replied: "I'm sure he'll be back in New York in time for the seminar. But right now he's out of the country — in Utah!"

A Salt Lake liberal has domestic troubles. His wife says she wants her weekly allowance doubled — or she'll vote for Wallace!

AROUND AND ABOUT: Gov. Calvin Rampton announced the other day that Utah Democrats will support LBJ for the Democratic presidential nomination this year. But I'm not so sure. Wally Sandack, chairman of the Utah Democratic Party, still has a Christmas card from Bobby Kennedy on top of the coffee table in his living room!

A new club has been organized, with its membership limited to persons born while on an ocean liner or any other ship at sea. Any Utahns born at sea?

A FEW LOCAL widows are miffed at the income tax officials. It seems that this year's income tax blank has no spot for widows.

Each taxpayer has to signify his or her status on the 1967 income tax blanks. There are four categories: Married, single, head of household, and widow with dependents. If a widow has no dependents, she has to put her "X" in the single box.

Widows don't think this is fair. One complained: "I was married for 53 years before becoming a widow. I don't like to label myself with the bachelor girls and the spinsters." I think she has a legitimate complaint.

TODAY'S VALENTINE

An extra special Valentine today to an extra special mailman.

He is Jack Bolton. He carries the mail on Route 615 — and he's just about the happiest, most pleasant mail man in the business.

Several of his "customers" have written in to ask a Valentine for Mailman Bolton.

"He has just about the cheeriest 'hello' for everyone on his route every day," one woman writes.

"He has an extra bright smile that just perks up the entire neighborhood," another writes.

Jack knows most of the first names of all the young children on his route. He always calls them by their names. They like it. They all call him "Mailman Jack."

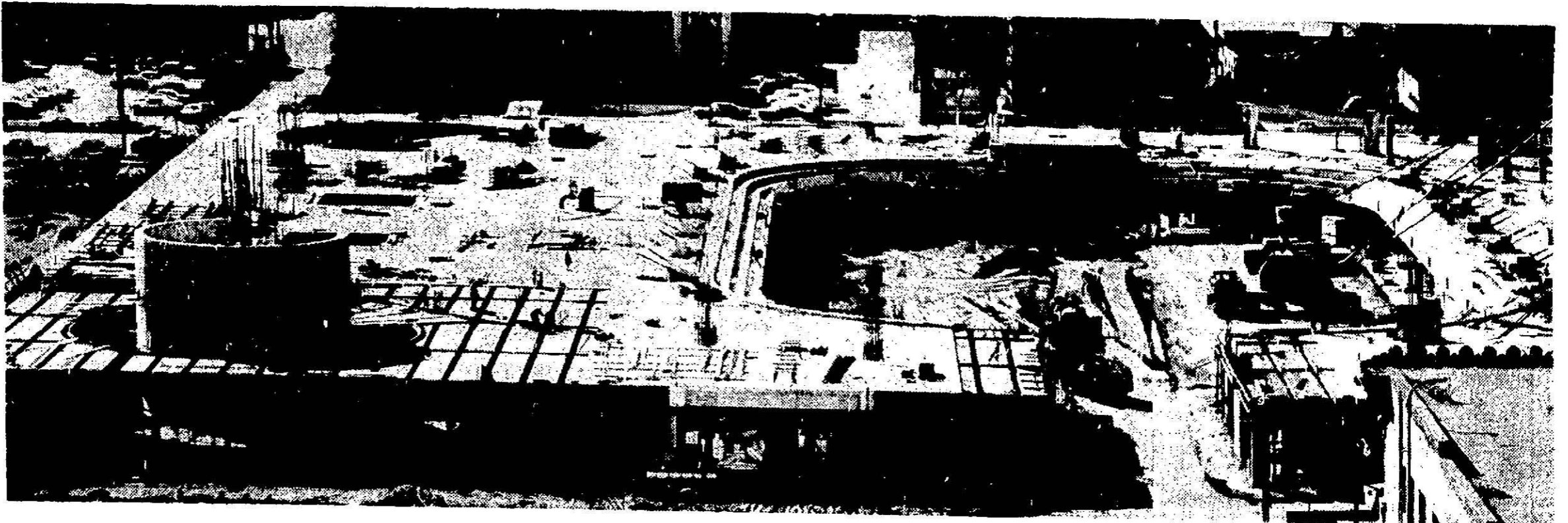
And a Valentine to you, sir.

SAM, THE SAD OYNE, SAYS: Sometimes I wish Howard Hughes would buy France — and fire Gen. DeGaulle!

Copper Strike Box Score

- Number of days on strike. **250**
- Impact of strike on Utah's economy to date. **\$93,250,000**
- Wages lost to date by each striking employee. **\$4,899**
- Time required for each striking employee to make up lost wages, assuming 5 cents per hour additional (to the company's original 25c offer) is negotiated. **47.12 years**
- Time required for each striking employee to make up lost wages, assuming 10c per hour additional is negotiated. **23.56 years**

*Salaries and wages, material and supplies; new facilities and improvements; treatment charges; freight, commissions, services, etc.; payroll, state and local taxes. Based on \$27.00 per day.
**Based on 5-day work week with average wage of \$6.16 per hour plus average wage increase of 25c per hour in original company offer.



Base of 10-story-high Arena takes shape as construction of 17 million dollar Salt Palace proceeds on schedule. Exhibit Hall is rising just north of this scene. Salt Lake City and County Commissioners will tour complex Friday afternoon. The project is expected to be completed within a year with grand opening set for April 16, 1969.

Complex 40% Complete City-County Chiefs Tour New Salt Palace Friday

Salt Lake City and County Commissioners will tour the Salt Palace complex Friday.

McCOWN E. Hunt, Salt Palace board chairman, invited the officials to attend a luncheon Friday at 12:15 p.m. at the Ambassador Athletic Club, 145-5th East, then tour the complex, which now is about 40 percent complete.

The 17-million-dollar Salt Palace Arena and Exhibit Hall will be completed in about a year. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for April 16, 1969.

The appearance of the facility has been transformed from a forest of steel girders and concrete posts to a rough outline of the buildings' final form. Walls for the Exhibit Hall have been completed in recent weeks and construction is on schedule.

The 10-story-high Arena will rise just south of the Exhibit Hall.

The Exhibit Hall — the portion visible from 1st South — includes the center's little theater, a 2,500-seat main meeting room, space for offices and other meeting rooms.

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Education Board Studies '68 Cuts

By John Cummins
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Salt Lake City Board of Education members Tuesday night discussed the possibilities of a district austerity program next year and gave the go-ahead for design planning on a proposed three-story addition to West High School.

And the board approved writing an application to the U.S. Office of Education for federal funding in an enlarged "Follow Through" Program which, if granted, could cost the district \$25,810 next year, but generate \$209,335 in federal funds.

The proposed building project at West High involves an addition estimated to cost \$36,000, and remodeling in the main school building at an additional estimated cost of \$133,000.

Outlines New Features

Walter A. Jensen, superintendent for buildings and grounds, said the proposal includes designing two floors for an instructional materials center housing an instructional media section (library), an audio visual section and a television service area. It also would include a new kitchen for the school cafeteria.

The third floor would be "roughed in" in shell form and would not be developed immediately. Mr. Jensen said that school planners felt it would be cheaper to include the "empty" third floor which could be used for multiple-use expandable classroom areas, than to add it to the structure later.

He pointed out the need for classrooms in the immediate future would depend on the continued use of West's Union Building and Gym Building for classroom instruction; enrollment; class loads, and future curriculum and programs.

He said that retiring the Union and Gym buildings as classroom units still would leave the Main Building four to six classrooms short—even with the remodeling.

Asks Program Question

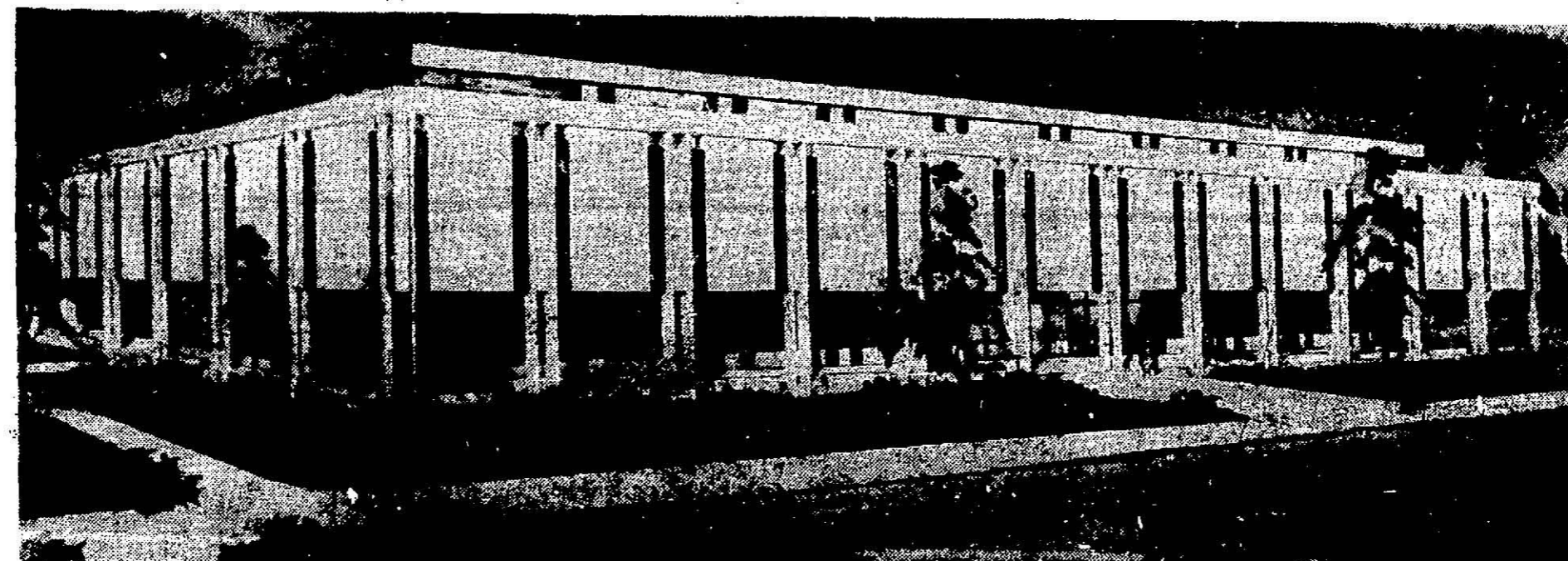
Board member Carl R. Child asked whether school officials knew what current programs at West might be dropped if the city district adopts an austerity program next year.

(Board members had discussed the possibility of an austerity move resulting from an anticipated heavier burden on the district budget from higher teacher salaries and a reduction in tax revenue.)

Dr. Arthur C. Wiscombe, deputy superintendent, replied to Mr. Child, "These things are under negotiation now. When we establish a salary base, then we will be able to determine our classroom loads for next year and what programs will or will not be restricted."

No completion date was set for the West High project — including Main Building remodeling involving relocation of two science laboratories and remodeling of four art classes.

The "Follow Through" Program would expand the kindergarten classes from 5 to 10 and increase the number of children involved from 108 to 375.



This 2 1/2-million-dollar social science and humanities building is planned for Weber State College. The 40-classroom structure will be constructed of cast stone, pre-cast columns and golden buff bricks similar to other buildings on the fast-growing campus.

Trustees Adopt WSC Budget, Building Plan

Special to The Tribune

OGDEN — A \$6,120,742 budget for the 1968-69 school year and preliminary plans for a 2 1/2-million-dollar classroom building were approved Tuesday by Weber State College's trustees.

The budget reflects an 11 and one-tenth percent increase over the current operating budget.

The four-story classroom building will be the first of a nearly six-million-dollar complex of three academic structures planned for the WSC campus.

Call For Bids In Fall

Trustees said the building will house administration for the School of Arts, Letters and Science, 40 social science and humanities classrooms and 110 faculty offices.

WSC officials said they will advertise for bids next fall, pending completion of plans and approval by the Utah State Building Board.

Preliminary plans call for the building to be completed during the winter of the 1969-70 school year.

The Social Science-Humanities building will face a plaza designed as part of the three-structure complex. Other buildings include a business education classroom structure and an auditorium.

In dollars, the 1968-69 operating budget will be \$612,621 larger than the current budget of \$5,502,121. The upcoming budget involves \$3,908,962 in state appropriations, an increase of \$406,609, and total cash receipts (including student fees) of \$2,211,780, an increase of \$306,018.

Student Fees Climb

A major portion of the cash receipts increase is expected in student fees. College officials anticipate a 10 percent enrollment increase or about 600 more fulltime students next fall. WSC's tuition has been increased \$30 to \$240 for resident and \$630 for nonresident students.

The larger state appropriation results from 1967-68 biennium planning which anticipated an appropriation of \$7,720,126. Budget planning called for expending 46 1/2 percent of the appropriation in the current budget, leaving 53 1/2 percent of \$4,127,044 for 1968-69. However, the four percent cutback in state spending reduced the 1968-69 figure to \$3,908,962.

'Some Kind of Poison' Suspected Death of 4,500 Sheep Probed in Tooele

Special to The Tribune

SKULL VALLEY, Tooele County — "Some kind of poison" was suspected Tuesday in the unexplained deaths of more than 4,500 sheep during the past five days on the Hatch Ranch in Skull Valley, an estimated \$300,000 loss, according to officials investigating the case.

Dr. Kent VanKampen, U.S. Department of Agriculture pathologist who inspected the ranch during the height of the decimation, said, "Dead carcasses are scattered around the range, with others down and dying."

The ailment apparently is confined to Hatch Ranch flocks and has not affected sheep on the adjoining ranch owned by Deseret Livestock Co., according to Alvin W. Hatch, foreman of the Hatch Ranch. No other animals—horses, cows, or any others — have been stricken, he said.

Agencies Seeking Cause

Several state and federal agencies became involved in the research race against death since the ailment hit Thursday in the White Rocks range, the cause being sought by veterinarians of Utah State University and scientific personnel of University of Utah and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Tissue from the dead animals was studied by scientific teams from Dugway Proving Ground and Utah State Department of Health. Postmortems also were conducted by specialists in the Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, at Logan.

Dr. J. E. Rasmussen, veterinarian in charge, USDA Animal Health Division, said studies indicate some involvement of the central nervous system, but the Logan research staff had found nothing abnormal in the organs or brains of the dead animals.

He said analysis was continuing in Logan and he also had telephoned USDA specialists in Washington, D.C., and reported symptoms hoping "they can come up with some explanation."

'Some Sort of Poison'

"Any kind of contagious disease has been pretty well ruled out," Dr. Rasmussen said, "but it could have been caused by a poisonous plant."

"It must be some sort of poison, although there is no known history of pesticide or insecticide being used on the ranch," he said.

David R. Waldron, state livestock commissioner, said Tuesday he thinks the deaths have been caused by "something the sheep have eaten." He said the fatalities peaked Sunday.

The estimated value of the sheep loss is \$300,000.

Y. Manhood Honor Given Pres. McKay

Special to The Tribune

PROVO—President David O. McKay of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Tuesday was awarded Brigham Young University's Associated Men Students "Exemplary Manhood Award" at a special devotional assembly.

Accepting the award for his father, Dr. Edward McKay said his father was "very gratified" to receive it.

Pres. McKay was shown the award Monday by a delegation of BYU student leaders in the church leader's Salt Lake apartment.

The plaque cites Pres. McKay as "a man who has given the world a standard of excellence."

Students Appreciate Challenge, U. of U. Aide Tells Principals

PROVO (AP) — Utah's secondary school principals were told Tuesday that students appreciate teachers who "push them to use their intellectual muscles."

"Students don't give all they're ready to give because of poor teacher relationships," said Neal Maxwell, executive vice president, University of Utah. He was keynote speaker at the opening session of the Utah Association of Secondary School Principals' midwinter conference.

Mr. Maxwell said the professor or teacher who exerts as much as he can from a student is well appreciated for his efforts and both the student and educator can benefit from them. He added that in today's situations, a teacher is the best equipped individual to guide the young person.

Calendar Says It's Spring— Better Believe!

Spring officially arrives Wednesday at 6:22 a.m. to the Mountain Standard Time zone, with prospects for springlike weather.

The forecast for most of the Intermountain Area calls for generally fair weather with the beginning of a warming trend.

While Tuesday was only partly cloudy after two days of snowstorms, temperatures remained cool.

And the U.S. Weather Bureau warned fruit farmers in southern Utah that night temperatures in some areas might be at freezing and below.

In Utah County, where about two inches of snow fell Monday night and early Tuesday morning, roads became very wet — and then froze solid in spots early Tuesday morning.

Law officers in Utah County reported three vehicles hit frozen spots on freeway overpasses, skidded out of control and rolled over. Most serious wreck involved a car driven by Paul Elliott Jensen, 36, Orem. It went out of control Tuesday at 6:45 a.m. just north of the Pleasant Grove exit on I-15, threw the driver and a passenger, Jock Miller, 29, Payson, from the car, injuring both.

No Tests Being Run

"When we first found out about it, we checked and found we hadn't been running any tests that would cause this," said Tom Donnelly, Dugway information officer.

Veterinarians started inoculating thousands of sheep Sunday. Despite use of several vaccines, the inoculations have had no effect against the unknown ailment.

Mr. Hatch said two separate herds were on the range, with an original total of 5,600 sheep, plus 250 head of Suffolk in another block near the ranch house. He said 4,000 to 4,500 were dead by Saturday afternoon, including some of the Suffolks, and that 800 had become affected but were recovering.

The Hatch Ranch is owned by Anschutz Feed and Livestock, Denver, Colo.

Florists to Hold Session

Utah Allied Florists' annual business meeting and election of board members is scheduled March 27 at 8 p.m. in Prudential Federal Savings Auditorium, 33rd South and State, announced Ronald M. Kall, president.