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Tentative Roseburg Budget For Next Fiscal Year Sets \$100,245 For City Expenses

Board Advises Repair Fund For Streets

Salaries Slightly Upped, Creation of Plumbing Inspector Job Favored

A sinking fund for postwar street repairs, a relief driver for the fire department, an assistant for the superintendent of the city sewage disposal plant, provision for money to join in a recreation program, and approval of a plan for appointment of a city plumbing inspector, were among recommendations of the Roseburg city budget committee in adopting a tentative budget for the coming fiscal year. The meeting was held last night in connection with the regular mid-monthly session of the council.

Slight advances were made in nearly all salaries and a flexible emergency fund was provided to permit the council to meet situations which the committee listed as possibilities but for which it was not desired to make budget items.

Two Requests Denied

The requests of the fire department for a third full-time engine driver was denied, but authorization was given for a relief driver to permit regular men to enjoy weekend holidays and vacations. Also rejected was the police department's application for a fourth patrolman, which would have created a five-man department, but the council was advised that money from the emergency fund could be used to meet any emergency needs for additional police.

The sum of \$180 per year was provided for a plumbing inspector, to which will be added fees.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news from Italy as this is written is vague and uninformative—is it intended to be. Our high command naturally isn't letting out anything that will help the Germans to decide whether the big battle on the 25-mile Cassino front is the real thing or only a feint.

THE Germans (according to the Berlin radio) profess to think it is only a diversionary operation for another attack elsewhere in the Italian peninsula. They announce that their air force has attacked allied airfields on the island of Corsica, where it is known that we have considerable forces. Corsica would be a natural jumping-off place for an attack in far northern Italy.

THE German positions on the Cassino front are EXTREMELY strong. There is first the Gustav line and back of that is the Hitler line. The Germans, using forced Italian labor, have been strengthening these positions for months, using all their admittedly great military engineering skill in the task.

We know by bitter experience at Cassino that they are tough.

It might seem odd that we would start our attack against positions of such known and tested defensive strength. But you never can tell. Montgomery licked Rommel at El Alamein by attacking at the Afrika corps' STRONGEST POINT.

THE Yugoslav mission at Naples (held by us) announces officially that Tito has opened an ALL OUT drive in Yugoslavia as a PART of the allied assault on Hitler's fortress of Europe. The

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Deadly Nemesis Of Jap Shipping



Vice-Adm. Charles Andrews Lockwood, Jr., shown in his latest picture, above, has directed the U. S. undersea campaign against the Japs for more than a year. Commander of the Pacific fleet's submarine force, the 30-year veteran pig-boater is largely responsible for the heavy shipping losses which have disrupted Jap reinforcements of its island outposts.

Money Suit, Insane Allegation Enter Sedition Trial

WASHINGTON, May 16—(AP)—A jury composed of ten men and two women was sworn in today to try 29 persons accused of conspiring to set up a Nazi form of government in this country.

Earlier in the day Ernest F. Elmhurst of New York, one of the defendants, sued his attorney and two federal prosecutors for \$100,000, alleging existence of an "unholy alliance" between them to exchange information during the trial.

Named in the suit, filed as efforts continued to select a trial jury, were Defense Attorney Ira Koehne and Prosecutors O. J. Rogge and Joseph W. Burns. The petition alleged that Rogge and Burns made "offers, overtures and promises" to Koehne to induce Koehne "to betray plaintiff (Elmhurst) and to sacrifice the interests of plaintiff in order that he may receive certain benefits or rewards from Rogge and Burns."

Another defendant, Lawrence Dennis of New York, filed a petition alleging that three of his co-defendants "are insane or of unsound mind" and asking that they be tried separately.

Dennis, who acts as his own attorney, named Prescott Dennett of Washington, Edward James Smythe of New York and Lois De Lafayette Washburn of Chicago and Tacoma, Wash.

Author of "Dr. Kildare" Stories War Casualty

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 16—(AP)—Frederick Faust, war correspondent for Harper's magazine and better known under the pen name of Max Brand as a fiction and movie writer, was killed in action Thursday night on the lower Garigliano sector, it was disclosed today.

Faust, who wrote under four other pen names, was creator of the Dr. Kildare stories which had wide popularity in motion pictures. He wrote 85 books and also quantities of fiction and became known as "King of the Pulp."

Faust would have been 52 on May 20. His widow, a son and a daughter survive.

He was one of the best known and most prolific writers of action thrillers and western stories in the United States. Among his 85 books were "The Untamed," "Destiny Rides Again," and "Long Chance."

Flood Strikes Klamath Falls Zone, Suburb

Business Houses, Homes, Highway Damaged When Wall of Canal Breaks

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 16—(AP)—Flood waters receded here today, leaving damages estimated as high as \$250,000 in a large section of southeastern Klamath Falls and an adjoining suburban area.

Work started this morning on repair of a gaping hole in the wall of the government's main irrigation canal, which broke at noon yesterday to send approximately 200-acre feet of water over a thickly settled residential area and a suburban business district along the Lakeview highway.

The flood waters affected several hundred pieces of residential property, rising above the floor level of some of the homes, washing away gardens, lawns and driveways.

They entered the business district at mid-afternoon, flooding the new Tower theatre, a retail lumber concern, and numerous smaller business places. Several businesses, including the theatre, were forced to close down temporarily.

Shoulders of the Lakeview highway were damaged for a distance of about a mile and Shasta way, a main suburban artery, was torn up near the point where the water rushed through the canal break.

Many septic tanks in the suburban area, which does not have a sanitary sewer system, were flooded, causing a health hazard.

Federal Relief Sought

The Klamath county chamber of commerce communicated with Congressman Stockman in Washington, and he planned today to discuss the damage situation with the bureau of reclamation at the capital. He said he hoped to work out some method of compensating individual property owners for their losses suffered as a result of a failure of a government-operated facility.

The government canal carries water from upper Klamath lake through the city and suburban area to the irrigated Klamath basin. B. E. Hayden, reclamation superintendent here, said that a failure in the concrete lining of the canal caused the break.

Hayden said it would probably be Saturday before the water could be turned back into the canal and Monday before irrigation could be resumed on basin agricultural lands. Farmers expressed concern over interruption of irrigation, but Hayden said that if cool weather continues, no serious crop damage is expected.

Idaho Old-Agers Sue for Maximum Aid Payment

BOISE, Idaho, May 15—(AP)—Seven of Idaho's old-age assistance recipients filed suit in district court today asking the maximum old-age payment of \$40 per month.

They charged that although they only source of income was old-age payments, they had been receiving only \$20 to \$30 per month.

H. C. Baldrige, Idaho commissioner of public assistance, named defendant, said that of the 9,630 persons receiving old-age assistance in Idaho, 2,770 received \$40 per month and the others were paid in proportion to other income.

Polygamy Charge Faced By Resident of Wilbur

Charles H. Wyatt, 26, Wilbur, was in custody today on a charge of polygamy. He was being questioned by officers preparatory to preliminary arraignment, scheduled for a late hour this afternoon.

Write-in Job Confronting Oregon GOP

Primary Ballot Lists No Party Candidate for Presidential Nomination

Voters will go to the polls Friday in a primary election which offers peculiar situations. Republicans, for instance, must choose seven convention delegates from the state at large out of a field of 17. Several of the candidates had earlier declared themselves in the Willkie camp and the withdrawal of their candidate, too late to change their ballot statements, left them stranded. They have since announced support for the candidate favored by the Oregon voters, but no presidential candidate is entered in the republican primary in Oregon, so that the only way to determine the choice of Oregon voters will be through write-in votes. However, as no candidate filed for the office, there is no provision made on the printed ballot for presidential write-ins.

Douglas county republicans who desire to express their choice for president may write their choice in the blank space immediately following the listings of candidates for United States senator, County Clerk Roy Agee reports. The words "For President," should precede the name of the candidate written into the ballot.

Two convention delegates are to be chosen from the Fourth congressional district. One of the four in this race is Richard Wilton of Sutherlin, engineer at the Bonanza quicksilver mine.

There are six candidates for electors with an equal number to be chosen.

Senator Races Outstanding

The principal contests on the republican ballot are those for United States Senator with Guy Cordon of Douglas county and Former Governor Charles A. Sprague seeking the nomination for the short term, with Henry Black and John McBride of Multnomah county as lesser lights.

For the full term, the fight is between Rufus C. Holman, incumbent, and Wayne Morse, Lane county, a battle which has predominated the entire pre-election campaigning. Douglas county residents also are interested in the republican contest between

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Oregon Herd of Jerseys Brings High Prices

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., May 16—(AP)—A top \$2,000 was paid for Volunteer Bell Rosalie, former world champion butterfat producing cow, at yesterday's auction of the L. A. Hulbert & Sons milk herd.

Charles S. Merrill, villa farms, Salt Lake City, was the purchaser. He also paid \$1,150 for volunteer Nellie Dora, a half-sister of the champion that in a 305-day test period in 1941 gave 14,777 pounds of milk averaging six and 7/10 per cent butterfat.

Twenty purebred Jersey cows and six calves brought \$15,820. Hulbert, whose herds have won eight world records, is retiring.

Fourth Term Nomination Clincher May be Fixed Today; Dewey Not Yet at Goal Line

(By the Associated Press)

California and New Jersey democrats produced the voting wherewith for a fourth term nomination for President Roosevelt today as republicans of the two states divided their public allegiance between Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Gov. Earl Warren of California.

Dewey, the leading republican prospect despite his disavowal of candidacy, apparently was assured of the support of all of New Jersey's 35 convention delegates chosen in a primary there today.

The action of the Californians in pledging the support of their 50 delegates to Warren, who says he is not seeking any federal office, made it seem unlikely that any candidate can amass an unchallenged majority of the G. O. P. convention's 1,059 delegates without some political trading with uncommitted groups thus far representing 401 votes.

With a Montana convention

Chinese Drive To Open Land Route Gains

Junction With Stilwell Unit Sought; Battle In Honan Region Seesaws

(By the Associated Press) China's new offensive on the Salween river front has swept through several strategic points and Tokyo radio broadcast a report which indicated the allies may have a new air base within bombing range of the Japanese homeland, Formosa and the Philippines.

The radio broadcast claimed Nipponese planes hit Suichwan, 225 miles north-northeast of Canton, and termed Suichwan "the advance base of the American air force." Tokyo said the "main force" was wiped out, that possibly seven planes were shot down and more than 38 others set afire or severely damaged.

Neither the raid nor the losses have been confirmed by allied sources. If Suichwan has been built into an effective striking base, Maj. Gen. Chennault's 14th air force would be less than 1,000 miles from the Japanese home islands, 675 miles from Luzon in the Philippines and 450 miles from Formosa's capital—all within bombing range.

Chinese Purpose Told

A Chinese military spokesman told Associated Press War Correspondent Clyde Farnsworth that China's offensive along the Salween river in the southwest—their first real drive of the war—is aimed at forming a junction with Lt. Gen. Stilwell's forces 150 miles away in northern Burma, thus opening a land supply route over which badly needed heavy artillery, mechanized equipment and motor transport can reach China's army.

Chungking said the attack carried troops through the important Namien pass and to the Shwele river. They captured two enemy bases south and southeast of the Burma road and virtually encircled a Japanese force 29 miles northeast of Tengchung.

Kohima Area Mop-Up On

On Burma's extreme north coast, a Japanese thrust to the Indian border was repulsed west of Dalalet, allied headquarters said. This front is 220 miles southwest of Imphal, main British base

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Editor Found Innocent Of Acting as Jap Agent

NEW YORK, May 16—(AP)—Frederick Helzer Wright, 41, New York Daily News copy editor, was found innocent by a federal court jury last night of charges of conspiring with Japanese officials and acting as a Japanese agent before Pearl Harbor without notifying the state department.

Wright had denied the claim of the prosecution that he had received \$200 monthly from the Japanese consulate here to write articles and publicity favorable to the Japanese.

The Daily News was not involved in the case.

German Air Force Hits At British Coast

Portsmouth, Four Other Towns Bombed; Allies Strafe Ludwigshafen

LONDON, May 16—(AP)—The German air force, striking with possibly 300 planes in its own counter-invasion aerial offensive, attacked the southern coast of England last night for the second consecutive night and the Berlin radio said today the assault was concentrated on Portsmouth.

Defensive forces shot down six planes as the Nazis came over shortly after midnight. Four other coastal towns felt the weight of enemy bombs as the raiders spread through the dark sky. A hospital was hit, causing a number of casualties.

Describing the attack on Portsmouth, the German radio said large quantities of high explosives and incendiaries were dropped "on most important targets in this coastal town."

Ludwigshafen Raided

Allied operations from British bases last night were confined to attacks by Mosquito planes against the industrial city of Ludwigshafen, objectives in north-west Germany, and an enemy airfield in France. Four aircraft failed to return from these and mine laying missions.

After a week of the most intensive bombardment in preparation for the impending invasion, allied aerial activity from British bases has been on a greatly reduced scale for the last 60 hours. It appeared to be a grim pause for more new crushing blows.

New evidence of the Germans' mounting tension and fear of an uprising of conquered peoples when the allies begin the western invasion was an order broadcast by the German-controlled Paris radio that all arms must be surrendered by May 20, with the death penalty for failure to comply.

As the month advanced into its second half the German people were warned by the Berlin radio that post-invasion fighting "will

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Foremen's Strike May Be Put Up to Byrnes

WASHINGTON, May 16—(AP)—Asserting that the current strike of 3,300 foremen in 13 Detroit area war plants threatens to stop production of P-51 Mustang long-range fighter planes and otherwise impede war aircraft output, Undersecretary of War Patterson said today that the matter may be laid before War Mobilization Directors James F. Byrnes before tonight.

Stating the issues involved (the foremen are seeking recognition of their independent union) were outside his jurisdiction, Patterson said the effect of the strike on critical production was a matter of grave concern to the war department. He commented: "We have bombed German aircraft engine factories. They don't need to bomb ours."

Charge of Fire Hazard at Local Hotel Under Probe

A complaint that main entrances to the Valley hotel are kept locked at night, creating a fire hazard, were referred by the city council last night to Fire Chief Glenn Taylor for investigation. Mayor W. F. Harris reported that a patron at the hotel had lodged the complaint, stating that normal entrances were kept locked and that persons unfamiliar with the building were in danger of being trapped in case of fire.

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He stated he had written the state fire marshal to ascertain requirements of state regulations.

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Refugee Sisters Held as Alleged Aides of Enemy



Mrs. Helen Braun, above, 24, and her sister, Mary Anna Delinikajis, below, 30, are charged by the FBI with trading with the enemy, in that they attempted to smuggle secret messages into the U. S. on arrival as European refugees aboard the exchange liner Gripsholm in March. The sisters claim U. S. citizenship despite the fact that they had lived in Poland for the last 23 years. The FBI reported one message concealed in a spool of thread, another behind mirror of a compact and a third in the heel of a shoe.

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Layton, Condemned Killer Of Girl, Denied Rehearing

SALEM, Ore., May 16—(AP)—The state supreme court denied a rehearing today to Richard Harry Layton, 38, former Monmouth police officer sentenced to die for the rape-slaying of Ruth Hildebrand, 17, Dallas.

The court on April 25 unanimously upheld the conviction. The crime occurred June 8, 1943, on a Willamette river bank 15 miles south of Salem. Her back, nude body was found floating in the river 12 days later.

Strongholds Fall Before Heavy Smash

Flanks of Cassino Laid Bare by French; Take of Prisoners Upped to 3,000

(By the Associated Press) Allied troops crushed all German defenses south of the Liri river in central Italy as the reduction of the Gustav line became today a great battle of annihilation with the Americans seizing the mountain stronghold of Spigno and the French wiping out two regiments of up to 6,000 men.

Advance since Thursday ranged from three to eight miles. A thousand more Germans surrendered, raising the total to 3,000. Eight or more villages fell; many more commanding mountains were taken. The foe spoke of increased pressure northeast of Imperia Cassino, where the British were debouching tanks into a great flanking drive.

Gen. Alexander's aim became clear: it was primarily to destroy the German armies in Italy, rather than to advance swiftly through the tangles of mountains. His reserves were not yet committed, neither those behind the southern lines or those in the Anzio beachhead within 20 miles of Rome.

Nazis Reported in Flight

The French captured San Giorgio, just south of the Liri, laying bare the flanks of Cassino. The town is a key to the Liri valley leading to Rome. The 131st and 194th German regiments were declared destroyed, the commander and staff of the latter captured. Gen. Juin said the Germans were in "disorderly retreat" before his avenging French troops.

The Germans fought back, stubbornly and skillfully. They counter-attacked near the Tyrrhenian sea and around Cassino. There the British and Indians deepened their Rapido bridgehead to two miles. Offshore, American and British cruisers and destroyers pumped hundreds of salvos into German ammunition dumps and gun positions, principally around Formia and Itri, four miles inland.

Marshal Tito asserted his partisans had taken three important Albanian towns of Koritza, Elbasan and Berat. The Turks heard that Premier Antonescu had told Hitler that unless more German reinforcements were sent into Romania, his puppet state would seek an armistice.

The Russians bombed half a dozen German concentration points behind the crucial eastern front and sank six and damaged six vessels of 41 found in the Norwegian port of Kirkenes. Three

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Pledge to Review Wage Ruling Ends Motor Bus Strike

PORTLAND, Ore., May 16—(AP)—Buses began rolling through northwest Oregon again today following a regional War Labor board promise to review the wage decision which caused Oregon Motor stage drivers to walk off the job last Friday.

Regular service was reestablished in coastal communities isolated for three days by the walk-out.

Drivers and mechanics, who seek higher rates than those awarded by the WLB, began returning last night at the appeal of the AFL Motor Coach Employees union.

Review of the wage decision was promised at a conference last night of representatives of the union, the company, the U. S. conciliation service, WLB, and the armed services.

Overland bus drivers receive a minimum of \$7.50 a day, with a guaranteed pay rate of \$4.46 for each 100 miles traveled. The rate represents an increase of 10 cents per 100 miles granted by the regional WLB last December. Mechanics were raised from \$11.24 to \$11.15.

Both rates, the employees argued, were below demands made and lower than those officially held as "sound, going rates" by the board last November. The decision of the board was upheld by the national WLB.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reinstate

Among the soldiers whose return is eagerly desired by all good Americans is one needed for a permanent postwar carry-on. His name is Private Enterprize.