

# Roseburg School Budget Increase Voted, 158 to 16

## Adoption by Board Occurs Immediately

Four Applicants Offered Teaching Contracts, Five More to Follow Later

By a margin of 10 to 1, a handful of voters in the Roseburg school district granted authority to the board of school directors to increase the annual budget \$69,339.88 over and above the constitutional limitation at the special election Monday afternoon. With only 174 voters participating, the count was 158 Yes to 16 No.

Immediately following the closing of polls at 7 p. m., the school board met and canvassed the vote. There was no remonstrance nor recommendation for changes made at the official budget hearing, and the board adopted the budget in its published form, authorizing certification of the tax levy to the county assessor.

**Sizable Offset at Hand**  
The total budget will be in the sum of \$142,362.64, of which \$73,022.76 will be within the 6 per cent limitation and \$69,339.88 outside the limitation.

The full amount of \$142,362.64, however, will not be levied against real property. There will be an offset of approximately \$48,000 from state income tax funds. Other anticipated income may further reduce the amount.

City Superintendent Paul S. Elliott stated that the district may not be required to use all of the money, and will expend only such funds as are needed.

**More Teachers Needed**  
The increase is due chiefly, he said, to the need for more teachers.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**THE** top of the shooting news as this is written is provided by 600 night-riding B-29s that add major aluminum plants and more oil refineries to the area of industrial Japan already knocked out.

It was the Superfort's fourth mission in six days, during which they dumped a total of 11,000 tons on the enemy's war plants.

**THE** fires set at Shimizu, where approximately half of Japan's aluminum has been produced, were so hot that the resulting thermal updrafts DISSOLVED THE CLOUDS and provided good visibility for the bombers.

(Warm air holds more moisture than cold air. Hence the disappearance of the clouds over burning Shimizu. The British used the same principle, producing heat by flame from piped installations, to provide fog-free airfields in England.)

**WHILE** our night-roaming B-29s went after Jap industrial plants, our smaller planes from Iwo and Okinawa picked on Jap airfields.

Two-based fighters prowled over

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## German Submarine Surrenders to Argentina

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, July 10.—(AP)—A 700-ton German U-boat, commanded by Otto Wermouth and carrying a complement of 54 men, surrendered to Argentine naval authorities at this submarine base today. All were placed under custody.

(Where the U-boat has been since Germany surrendered two months ago was not immediately explained. Allied radio flashes orders May 8 to all German surface and undersea craft to head for the nearest allied ports. Two weeks later allied navies were still searching the Atlantic for from 12 to 15 Nazi submarines still at large.)

## Secretary of Agriculture Joins Forces With OPA in Plan to Smash Black Market

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—New government crackdowns on food black marketeers impended from three directions today.

Clinton P. Anderson, new secretary of agriculture, let it be known that he is "joining forces with OPA" for that purpose. At the same time the house food investigating committee promised to "investigate and expose" illicit operations that menace the nation's diet.

Anderson also is taking steps to equalize distribution of such scarce commodities as meat on the assumption that unequal supplies spur black market trade. As a result, plans are being prepared to spread the poultry procurement program now concentrated principally in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

Under this arrangement, the areas in which poultry is set aside for government (primarily army) use would be extended westward to ease the burden on eastern states.

In another move, Anderson, announced last night that regulations are being prepared to permit non-federally inspected

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# WAR'S HEAVIEST BLOW DEALT JAPAN

## Jap Ruse Seen In Reported Peace Feelers

Aim Is to Create Allied Dissension, Ease Terms Of Surrender, Grew Says

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—Acting Secretary of State Grew declared today that the Japanese are using "purported peace feelers" in an attempt to stir up dissension in the United States and among the Allies.

Their objective, he said, is to obtain a peace short of unconditional surrender, even though they know beyond question already that their defeat is certain. Grew related several instances of what he called these "alleged peace feelers" and then wound up a statement on the subject by declaring:

"The policy of this government has been, and will continue to be, unconditional surrender, that is the best comment I can make upon peace feelers and rumors of peace feelers of whatever origin."

**No Offer to Government.**  
The United States, Grew asserted, has "received no peace offer from the Japanese government, either through official or unofficial channels."

"Conversations relating to peace," he continued, "have been reported to the department from various parts of the world but, in no case, has an approach been made to this government, directly or indirectly, by a person who could establish his authority to speak for the Japanese government, and in no case has an offer of surrender been made."

"In no case has this government been presented with a statement purporting to define the basis upon which the Japanese government would be prepared to conclude peace."

What the Japanese always seek with their peace feelers, Grew said, is to find out the American position and to use the whole idea of an end to the war as a means of stirring up argument over peace terms in order to create dissension.

**Various Featers Listed.**  
Grew listed these specific incidents of what he termed peace feelers:

1. Persons identified as "leading Japanese industrialists" were reported to the state department

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## British Columbia Fire Eats Huge Cut of Logs

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 10.—(AP)—A three-day battle by more than 500 fire fighters controlled a raging forest fire—the worst of five on Vancouver Island—seven miles southwest of Ladysmith last night.

The fire covered an area of more than 1,000 acres, starting at the Comox Logging company property where approximately 3,000,000 feet of felled and bucked logs were burned, 30 per cent of which would be a total loss, according to J. McQuinn, logging supervisor.

All forested areas on the island and lower mainland were closed to logging operations and the public at midnight because of the hot weather and fire hazards and will remain closed until the hazard has eased.

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**MISSING IN ACTION**—Mrs. Angeline Van Noy, 814 Miller St., Roseburg, has received official notification that her husband, PFC Donald G. Van Noy, has been missing in action on Okinawa since June 6. He served with the 381st Infantry, Inducted into military service Sept. 8, 1944, he went overseas March 1 of this year. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Van Noy, 838 Miller St.

## End of FEPC Deadlock Not Yet in Sight

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—Faced by a virtual ultimatum from the senate, house leaders sought today to force a record vote in their chamber in an attempt to break the month-old FEPC deadlock.

They persuaded the house appropriations committee to schedule an afternoon session at which they hoped to far loose a \$752,000,000 war agencies supply bill being held up by a senate-voted fund of \$250,000 for the Fair Employment Practice committee.

Chairman Cannon (D.-Mo.) said he was prepared to keep the committee in session as long as necessary to work out a compromise. His decision to call the meeting followed unofficial but emphatic word from the other side of the capitol that the senate would not reconsider its FEPC action until the house at least went on record one way or the other.

Parliamentary maneuvers by opponents of the agency created to prevent employment discrimination.

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## Grants Pass GI Has Close Call With Grenade

OKINAWA, Ryukyu Islands (Delayed)—(AP)—Marine Cpl. William H. Lyons, 28, Grants Pass, Ore., a veteran of three major campaigns in the Pacific, had his strangest and narrowest escape during the battle for this island.

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## Charter Critic May Present Reservations

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—Eugene Donald Millikin emerged today as the chief senatorial critic of United Nations charter provision at foreign relations committee hearings on the document.

The Colorado republican took over the task of examining State department officials minutely on almost every section of the 19-chapter agreement signed by 50 nations at San Francisco.

It seemed likely that Millikin also might become the principal author of any major reservations offered to the treaty ratification resolution, since Senator Taft (R.-Ohio) told a reporter he would not take the leadership in presenting such proposals.

Taft and Millikin have been conferring about the possibility of spelling out in a reservation the authority of the American delegate on the proposed world security council. The council would be charged with the forceful prevention of aggression if peaceful means fail.

Millikin, who has not indicated how he will vote on ratification

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## Forest Fire Menace in Washington Increases

SEATTLE, July 10.—(AP)—Between 15 and 20 small fires are springing up every day now in the state and the fire menace is increasing with the continuing hot weather. Charles S. Coyne, chief fire warden of the Washington Forest Fire association, said today.

"Thus far it has been possible to control them, but a few more days without a weather change and they will stop being quarter-acre blazes and become real fires," he added.

No new fires of major proportions had been reported.

## No Reimbursement for Welfare Cases, Ruling

SALEM, Ore., July 10.—(AP)—Counties may not be reimbursed by the state for care of welfare cases in county farms and county hospitals, Attorney General Neuner ruled today for the state public welfare commission.

Neuner pointed out that if the commission reimbursed Multnomah county for such costs, then it would have to decrease funds given to other counties, thus discriminating against the other counties.

## Falling Limb Kills Logger Near Sutherlin

Ernest Lewin Calhoun, 55, resident of Sutherlin, was killed Monday when struck by a falling limb while working for the Thomas Yonkers Logging company in the woods east of Sutherlin. The body has been removed to the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Coroner H. C. Stearns reports an effort is being made to locate relatives.

## Five Nazi Prisoners Die on Fort Leavenworth Gallows For Slaying Fellow Captive

FT. LEAVENWORTH, Kas., July 10.—(AP)—Five German prisoners of war, sentenced to death for the murder of a fellow prisoner, were hanged this morning at the U. S. disciplinary barracks in a move unprecedented in the annals of United States military history.

The prisoners, termed "fanatical nazis" by army authorities, were convicted Jan. 25, 1944, at Camp Gruber, Okla., for the murder of Johannes Kunze at the Tonkawa, Okla., branch compound. They were the first foreign war prisoners ever to be executed in the United States.

The executed Germans, all members of Rommel's Afrika Korps, were: Walter Beyer, 32, whose rank was equivalent to that of a first sergeant in the U. S. army; Berthold Seidel, 30, a staff sergeant; Hans Demme, 23, sergeant; Hans Schomer, 27, sergeant; and Willi Scholz, 22, corporal.

All went to their deaths clad in their German uniforms, the only request Beyer, the ranking member of the group asked if he had a last statement, replied:

"I can't see why this is being done to me."

Kunze was killed on Nov. 4, 1943, after another prisoner had found a memorandum, allegedly written by the slain man, which



Photo by Paul Jenkins

**TRUCKERS PROTEST ROAD CONDITIONS**—A demonstration protest concerning condition of the North Umpqua road was made in Roseburg Monday when members of the Douglas County Log Truckers association parked their vehicles in front of the county courthouse marking cessation of operations pending promise of remedial action. The "strike" ended Monday evening following notification from the Public Roads administration that it is immediately taking over the task of maintenance for the balance of the dry season and will move in a fleet of tank trucks for an intensive watering program. Truckers brought in 11 trucks, claiming that these vehicles, with only two exceptions, included 11 trucks available for work out of fleets totalling 41, the balance being laid up for repairs or because of lack of tires.

## Three Slain Over Horse Racing Bets

LOS ANGELES, July 10.—(AP)—Gunplay in the downtown office of a horse racing publication yesterday left three men dead, police reported.

The two fatally wounded were Joe Newman, 70, a retired broker, and Roy Walker, 67, David V. Caplan, 41, publisher of a turf publication, was shot through the jaw and hand and died early today.

Det. Sgt. C. F. Detrich said a note was found on Newman's body which said: "I have a good reason for \* \* \* doing this to dirty rats." \* \* \* "The money they beat me out of will never do them any good."

The detective said Caplan told him: "Newman shot me and then shot the other fellow and himself."

Newman's daughter, Mrs. Marnie Cohen, told police that her father had lost approximately \$30,000 betting on horse races. She said she told him not to bet but that he continued to do so.

## Sabotage in 19,369 Cases Free of Enemy Blame

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—Of 19,369 cases of reported sabotage investigated by the FBI, not one has been found to be enemy-directed.

The justice department so reported last night, adding that there were 45 sabotage convictions during the fiscal year just ended. Also ten spies were convicted during the year, the report said. It contained no names.

Describing the year as the busiest in FBI history, the department said convictions based on FBI investigations reached a record high of 13,813. It reported that fines, savings and recoveries amounted to \$16,534,436.

## State Fund to Promote Tourist Trade Boosted

PORTLAND, Ore., July 10.—(AP)—The Oregon state highway commission has added \$45,000 to state funds for promoting post-war tourist trade, boosting money for out-of-state advertising this year to \$55,000.

W. M. Tugman, Eugene, chairman of the commission travel advisory committee, said the amount should be double because tourist trade would be in full swing by the time advertising became effective.

## Snell's Campaign Head Given State Position

SALEM, Ore., July 10.—(AP)—Jerry Saylor, Portland insurance man who managed Governor Snell's election campaign in 1942, was sworn in yesterday as executive director of the Public Employees Retirement board.

He will administer the 1945 law which provides for retirement pensions for public employees.

## Truckers Resume Service as Federal Agency Takes Over North Umpqua Road Upkeep

Lumber and piling trucks were back in service on the North Umpqua road today following announcement by the Public Roads administration that it will take over the task of maintaining the road immediately. Serious curtailment of Douglas county lumber production was threatened by the action of log haulers in refusing to operate their equipment over the road, which, they declared, caused excessive damage to equipment and tires.

## Prisoner Slapper Gets 6 Months On 3 Other Charges

FORT DEVENS, Mass., July 10.—(AP)—Pvt. Joe McGee, 25, released once from an army sentence for slapping German prisoners of war, was sentenced today by a court martial to serve six months at hard labor for absence without leave, drunkenness in uniform and false swearing to an affidavit.

Maj. Leon A. McCarthy, post adjutant, testified that McGee admitted in a sworn statement that he had a record of 13 court martial convictions before coming to Devens on charges ranging from being away without leave to drunkenness, fighting, disrespect to a superior officer, using a half-track illegally, and slapping nazis prisoners in France.

An army psychiatrist, Maj. Charles A. Angelo, told the court that McGee's mental age, according to army tests, was 11 years, six months. He found that the soldier had a history of maladjustment in both civilian and army life.

McGee was sentenced by a general court martial in France on Sept. 26, 1944, to two years on charges of slapping German prisoners of war. He was serving time in a guardhouse when a U. S. representative intervened, and he was released.

McGee told the court martial that he was not entitled to several decorations he wore.

He will forfeit \$35 a month pay during the term of his sentence.

## Ex-Baseball Player Shot During Army Maneuvers

MACON, Ga., July 10.—(AP)—Accidentally shot in the head during maneuvers at Camp Wheeler yesterday, Sgt. John Frye, 28, former professional baseball player, was in a critical condition in a hospital in Atlanta today.

Frye once played with the St. Louis Browns.

An army announcement said Frye was engaged in a squad tactical problem. A .30 caliber bullet penetrated his steel helmet and creased his skull, resulting in paralysis of his left side.

## Three Allies to Share in Feeding Berlin Civilians

BERLIN, July 10.—(AP)—The three allied powers have amicably solved the problem of feeding the nearly 3,000,000 German civilians in Berlin, it was officially announced tonight.

An official statement said that Berlin's food would be supplied by "contributions from all the allied occupation zones in Germany."

## 2,000 Planes Strafe Tokyo, 6 Other Cities

Industrial Plants, Oil Refineries, Airdromes Left in Grip of Flames

(By Associated Press)  
Record waves of close to 2,000 American planes swept Japan with destruction and fire today in the Pacific war's heaviest blow which Tokyo radio described as "the first step of aggression."

Tokyo commented the absence of invasion troops didn't lessen the significance of the almost unopposed attack from carrier planes, Superforts and land-based fighters and bombers.

As the multiple air strike was getting under way the world's most experienced amphibious officer declared U. S. assault waves could land on Japan any time they wanted.

The attack centered on Tokyo. More than 1,000 aircraft bombed and strafed nearly 80 airdromes around Tokyo in a day-long attack—probably just the beginning of a two or three-day assault.

Approximately 500 Superforts dumped 3,500 tons of fire bombs and high explosives on at least five industrial cities. Tokyo said they hit seven while 17 other B-29s mined coastal waters.

Japanese broadcasts reported

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## Storm Kills Six in Lehigh Valley

PHILIPSBURG, N. J., July 10.—(AP)—At least six persons were dead today in the wake of an electrical storm which struck the Lehigh valley last night.

Four persons were killed here when two houses, occupied by 11 persons, were crushed by a stone wall undermined by heavy rains flowing down a mountainide. Bulldozers were used to reach the bodies.

Police listed the Phillipsburg dead: Mrs. Helen Souder, 39; John Souder, 9, son of Mrs. Souder; Nellie Van Norman, 54, and Peter Newman, 68.

Heavy rains poured into a 25-mile stretch of the valley from Phillipsburg to Northampton, Pa. Holes 10 feet deep were torn in the ground at Easton, roofs of houses were damaged and highways were reported under water. Rivers and creeks were two to three feet above normal.

Estimates of the overall damage resulting from the downpour, lightning and high winds ranged into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

John Horbrow, 60, Egypt, Pa., watchman at an Allentown plant was found dead by firemen fighting flames set off by lightning.

Robert A. Florey, 38, Bethlehem, died of shock when he attempted to remove branches of a tree charged by fallen electric wires.

## Bargain Vote Ordered At Klamath Falls Mill

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—A collective bargaining election to decide whether employees of the Weyerhaeuser "Timber" company, Klamath Falls, Ore., wish to be represented by the AFL, Lumber and Sawmill Workers union or the CIO International Woodworkers of America must be held by Aug. 5, the National Labor Relations board said today.

The board ruled that millworkers at the plant may constitute a separate bargaining unit apart from other employees including the woods workers. The two groups are "functionally different," the board said, but they "may be combined in a single unit" if the employees so desire.

The company had argued that all its Klamath Falls employees should comprise a single bargaining unit.

## Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Having proclaimed, through Stalin, her gratitude to the United States for help in saving Russia from the German blitz, Russia (without permission) is now helping herself—to the machinery and equipment of American firms in Berlin. From gratitude to "grabitude."