

# FOODS AGAIN UNDER WARTIME CONTROLS

## City Contracts for Traffic Signals on Stephens St., at Cass and Oak Intersection

Cost of \$3,200 to Be Shared Equally by City, Highway Board; Jack Hart Succeeds Krell as Councilman; Taxi Permit Request Denied

Contracts with the State Highway Commission for the installation of stop-and-go traffic signals on Stephens St., at the Cass and Oak intersections, were signed at the council meeting last night by Mayor Charles W. Wharton.

It is estimated that the total cost for installation will amount to \$3,200, to be assumed by the city, half by the state. According to the terms of the contract, the city will advance \$1,600. If installation of the signals costs more, the city will advance half the additional cost, and if installation costs are less, a rebate to the city will be made.

Maintenance of the signals is to be assumed by the city, but technical details, color, timing and sequence of the lights will be according to a schedule approved by the Highway Commission.

### Krell Quits Council

Another resignation of a city council member was accepted, that of G. M. Krell, who relinquished his seat because of a heavy work schedule. To his place was elected Jack Hart, 446 S. Stephens Street, manager of the New Service Laundry, who will represent Ward 3.

Use of city-owned lots above the Benson School by the Youth for Christ, as a site for an Easter sunrise service, was approved, and use for summer outdoor meetings of the bandstand and library park by Youth for Christ and the H-Y and Tri-Y organizations at the Roseburg High School, also met the approval of the council.

### Taxi Permit Denied

Application by Lawrence E. Nash and Wilbur D. Wakeman, both of Klamath Falls, for a license to operate the Yellow

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

UP at Salem, a can of powder that had been left lying around loose was found by three children—the youngest three, the oldest 9—and was touched off with a match. The resulting explosion killed the three-year-old and seriously burned the others. It is a stark tragedy—brought on by somebody's carelessness. Powder shouldn't be left lying around loose.

ALL over the world, there is SO MUCH powder lying around loose.

In India and Indonesia—where so-called "inferior" peoples are and long have been ruled by so-called "superior" peoples, but are becoming restive and dangerous under the load of alien rule. EVERYWHERE in the world where emancipated (from serfdom), rapidly rising, but still to-talitarian-governed Russia comes in contact with the more powerful of the capitalist democracies (chiefly the United States and Britain.)

In Germany and Japan, where the problem of what to do with conquered peoples is still being wrestled with.

READING and listening to the world news, one can't help wondering cynically at times if the leaders who are handling this seeming mess are any finer than the children who find cans of

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## Government Fools Bill for Ex-Doughfoot Who Aspires to Dance Technique Mastery

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—It may be shocking news to hard boiled drill sergeants, but the GI Bill of Rights definitely is ready to finance the ex-doughfoot who aspires to become a dancing master.

The tidings came from Arthur Murray, who specializes in teaching people how to trip the light fantastic in its many variations, including jitterbug style.

However, Murray does not anticipate any stampede of ex-GIs to learn jitterbugging at Uncle Sugar's expense. "They know how to do that already," he said while visiting one of his studios here.

Murray told a reporter that his New York and Washington studios have been certified to teach veterans dancing. They can accept pupils under the GI bill and the government foots the bill.

He said about half of his New York pupils want to teach dancing.

Most of the others, he added, came at the prodding of psychiatrists.

"They need social contacts," Murray said. "Dancing gives them confidence and helps them to get used to it."

No price tag has yet been worked out for this instruction in the art of dance, he said. Uncle Sam will pay costs, plus

## Little Time Left For Tax Petitions

If the question of an extra tax levy for fair ground improvements is to appear on the primary ballot May 17, petitions with 2,124 signatures of registered voters must be submitted to County Clerk Roy Agnew by Friday, April 19, he said today.

According to state law, petitions for special tax levies must bear signatures of 15 per cent of the registered voters at the last general election, of which there were 14,156 in Douglas County.

The petitions must be submitted 10 days prior to the regular meeting of the county court next preceding the election. Next meeting of the court is May 1, first Wednesday of the month. After all petitions are in, the clerk and his staff begin the process of weeding out any duplicated signatures and unregistered names.

If the required number of signatures are turned in by Friday, voters in Douglas County will decide on a special tax levy of one mill for each dollar of taxable property, each year for the next three years, to be used for improvements of the county fair grounds at Roseburg.

## Petitions Filed for Vote On \$15 Million School Tax

SALEM, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Preliminary petitions asking a ballot referendum in November on a new tax levy to create a \$15,000,000 annual school support fund were on file today with Secretary of State Farwell.

Three education groups yesterday announced they would seek signatures on necessary petitions for the ballot issue which would provide \$50 a year to school districts for each child on the school census. The new measure would authorize the state legislature to levy taxes replacing the existing two-mill levy for elementary schools and the support fund based on surplus income tax returns.

The Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Oregon State Association of School Boards and the Oregon Education Association filed the petitions yesterday.

## Rush for Vaccination In Portland Renewed

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Two extra physicians and more nurses were added to staffs at the city health bureau's vaccination clinics today as a new rush of residents to be immunized got under way.

Dr. Thomas L. Meador reported a hurried investigation was made yesterday when the Army reported two Portland railroad workers had worked on a troop train transporting a smallpox patient through the city 10 days ago. Dr. Meador said the two men had since been vaccinated.

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## Solon Scores Nine-Month Draft Extension

### Stinging Note Hits Attitude Of War Dept.

Johnson of Colorado Says Its New Up to Senate to Straighten Out "Muddle"

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) asserted today the War Department is responsible for what he termed the "confused and chaotic" draft extension bill passed yesterday by the House.

The legislation provides for a nine-month extension of the draft law beyond May 15, but prohibits any inductions until Oct. 15. It also halts the drafting of "teen-age youths."

In a blistering letter to Secretary of War Patterson, the Colorado senator spoke of the War Department's "blind and congenial stupidity" and said the department apparently had assumed "that members of Congress are dummies and that they can be awed and influenced by a mass of distorted mathematics."

Johnson said the House measure would not provide replacements for fathers and combat veterans now in service. He urged the department to back his proposal for a six weeks' extension to July 1.

### "Muddle" up to Senate

Johnson said the Senate now must find a way out of the "muddle" created by the War Department's "arrogant demand" for a year's extension of selective service.

"It never seemed to occur to these muddleheads that a six weeks' extension could have been supported by them with honest calculations, and that all the juggling in kindergarten could not did not make a case for year's extension," Johnson declared.

The Senate Military Committee previously had rejected Johnson's proposal for the six weeks' extension.

Johnson told Patterson the department ought to "admit its mis-

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## Truman Signs Bill Aimed at Petrillo

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—President Truman signed today legislation making it a federal offense to use coercion against radio broadcasters.

Sponsors said the measure is designed to halt certain practices of the AFL Musicians Union headed by James C. Petrillo. It carries penalties of up to a year's imprisonment and \$1,000 fine for compelling or attempting to compel broadcasters to:

1. Hire more employees than they want.
2. Pay money for services not performed.
3. Pay unions for use of phonograph records.
4. Pay again for broadcasting a transcript of a previous program.

The same penalties could be invoked against persons interfering with broadcast of cultural or educational programs originating in foreign lands.

The legislation developed from an original attempt by Senator Vandenberg to override a Petrillo ban against broadcast of a students music festival at Inerlochen, Mich.

Petrillo contended the program took jobs from professional musicians.

## Girl's "Salome" Dance Causes Ruckus in School

DETROIT, April 16.—(AP)—The case of Lincoln High School's "Salome," whose scantily-clad dance was the hit of a recent "teen-age assembly" revue, went before the school board today.

An estimated 150 of the 800 rural high school students struck Monday after a rumor spread that 16-year-old Beverly Cort would be expelled for her forbidden performance in the revue.

Walter Bradley, principal, said there is no thought of expelling the girl and that she probably will not be punished at all.

Beverly Bradley said she has to have worn slacks in her appearance in the assembly room. Instead, she said, she slipped out of them at the last moment and "Salome" danced in abbreviated shorts and ballet skirt with a top resembling a bathing suit.

## The Weather

Cloudy tonight; light rain Wednesday.

## Snake-Bite Death of 'Elsie, Cobra Woman,' Reveals Her as Man

LONG BEACH, Calif., April 16.—(AP)—A snake-charmer who as "Elsie, the Cobra Woman" thrilled thousands of visitors to Long Beach's Pike, was unmasked today as a man.

Dr. J. L. Robinson, assistant county autopsy surgeon, said he made the discovery in a post-mortem into the entertainer's death from rattlesnake bite. Detective-Inspector B. C. Cartensen said Alexander Marks, a shipyard worker, told him he was Elsie's third "husband." They were married 18 years ago in San Francisco.

"His reports were lost in a circus train wreck years ago," Cartensen quoted Marks as saying. "All I can tell you about her early life is from memory."

He added, the detective said, that Elsie's family name was Nadir. He was born 58 years ago in India, first appeared in traveling shows as a dog-faced boy, then a monkey-man, and finally as a bearded lady.

Elsie died Sunday of the effects of a 7-foot diamond-head rattlesnake bite Saturday night during the show on The Pike—a miniature Coney Island.

Police said Elsie, 6 foot, 3 inches tall, weighing 295 pounds, would be buried as "Joe Doe Nadir," but, of necessity, in feminine clothing.

## Railroads Ask For Freight Rates Hike

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—The nation's railroads asked the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday for an increase of 25 per cent in freight rates, with certain exceptions, to become effective May 15.

No increase was asked in present passenger fares, but the roads sought continuation of a 10 per cent wartime boost.

"A general and immediate increase in freight rates is imperative," the petition said, "to meet the critical situation resulting from the combination of increased wages of railroad employees, increased and increasing prices for materials and supplies and a severe decline in traffic and revenues with freight rates still at prewar levels and passenger fares only slightly higher than before the war."

"With costs going up and volume of traffic and revenues going down," the petition said, "the railroads have passed the point where it is possible to continue to meet the need for adequate and efficient transportation with rates at the present prewar levels."

## Brutal Slaying of 14 Told At Jap General's Trial

MANILA, April 16.—(AP)—The crucifixion of a Filipino and the beheading of 13 others was described today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Kono, who is charged with responsibility for more than 13,000 deaths on Panay Island.

The witness was barefoot, Nicolas Capadillo, a farmer. He was one of 45 witnesses called against the defendant.

"Japanese soldiers drove spikes six inches long through the wrists of Buenavido Azuelo, and then hammered one into his skull," Capadillo said. "Then they beheaded the others. Some of the heads did not come off easily and the soldiers hacked until they fell off."

## Portland Flier One of Pair Killed in Crash

AMERICUS, Ga., April 16.—(AP)—Two fliers from the naval air station at Vero Beach, Fla., were killed in a plane crash near here yesterday.

Public relations officer at the Vero Beach station identified the victims as Lt. (jg) Linwood V. Weeks, 25, of Berlin, N. J., the pilot, and Ens. E. F. Goebel, 21, of Portland, Ore.

The plane had made a flight to St. Louis, last Friday and was en route back to its base.

## Third Set of Twins Born To New Jersey Couple

EAST ORANGE, N. J., April 16.—(AP)—John Boyle is seeing double these days and likes it—he's the father of a third set of twins.

Mrs. Boyle, the former Della Grennan of County Mayo, Ireland, is coming home from the Presbyterian Hospital where last week she gave birth to Kevin and Helen Ann Boyle. The Boyles have two other children in addition to the three-twin twins.

John, an oiler with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, explains it simply—"Twins run in our families."

## Save OPA By "Fair" Policy, Morse Urges

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Senator Morse of Oregon said today assurances from President Truman of "fair and reasonable" OPA actions will be needed to save the price control agency in Congress.

Morse told reporters he spoke as a friend of OPA who wants to continue "regulations necessary to the objectives of price control as a check against inflation." He added:

"It is perfectly obvious that the President must take a hand in this matter and give us some definite assurances that OPA is going to function in a fair and reasonable manner, in accordance with the facts rather than in accordance with some ideology of some subordinate official."

Given those assurances, Morse said, fighters of inflation "will be able to prevent emancipation of the OPA program."

The Oregon lawmaker spoke as the Senate Banking Committee recalled Economic Stabilizer Bowles for further testimony on legislation to extend OPA a year beyond June 30.

### Pro and Con Comment

Meanwhile, the House resumed debate on the bill after yesterday's opener produced such varied remarks as these:

By Chairman Spence of the Banking Committee: To lose control over prices would mean that "a disaster that is indescribable would come upon our people."

By Rep. Taber: "OPA has done nothing but throttle production." Lending a new tone to the situation was the presence of a "housewives' lobby" led by Mrs. Leon Henderson, wife of the former OPA chief, and Mrs. Ernest K. Lindley, wife of a Washington newspaperman.

Mrs. Lindley estimated there were 1,500 women in the group who came to Capitol Hill yesterday to urge a year's extension of price controls. She said they had a three-block long petition with 1,000,000 signatures.

### Amendments Await Vote

Administration-opposed amendments, on which House voting will

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## Larceny Charge Faced By Garden Valley Man

Francis J. Evans 24, Garden Valley, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday, after he waived a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Hartfield on the charge of larceny of personal property. All was set at \$200.

Evans, it was alleged, entered the Frank E. Oliver cabin on Little River above Glide and took a stove. Oliver located the stove in the John Frank Second Hand store on West Cass Street, Roseburg, where Frank had paid Evans \$12.50 for it two weeks ago, Oliver told officers, Deputy Sheriff Dick Baker said.

Residents of Drain tentatively identified the body as that of a man who registered at the Drain hotel under the name of Walter Reader, Seattle.

William R. Anderson, West Roseburg "rover," however, positively identified articles found on the body as belonging to his uncle, Hanson, who left Portland a month ago presumably to visit Anderson at Roseburg.

The autopsy was expected to furnish definite proof, as Hanson underwent an extensive operation in which a portion of his stomach was removed several months ago, Morgan said.

The watch taken from the body was identified by Anderson through its serial number, as the Roseburg groceryman has a companion timepiece, both being of unusual design.

## With Roseburg's March of Progress



—Photo by Paul Jenkins

NEW HOUSES; MORE COMING—Before the Coates Construction Company recently began erecting residences in the area pictured above, opposite the site of the old Soldiers Home in West Roseburg, very few houses were there. The company now has finished a dozen or more and plans call for erection of approximately three times that number.

The designation "West Roseburg" is loosely applied to a swiftly expanding community west of Roseburg's city limits, extending beyond Corey avenue. Perhaps another name, or several names to serve the several districts, would be more personalized and distinctive; such as Westmoreland, the name the Coates have given to their development there.

## Law Enforcement Meet in Roseburg to Be Led by FBI Agent



Howard I. Bobbitt, above, special agent in charge of the Portland field division of the FBI, will lead discussions at the semi-annual law enforcement conference in Roseburg, April 25, at 7 P. M., in the Elks Temple. It was announced today.

Two other FBI special agents are scheduled to talk on postwar crime trends.

Special Agent John R. McCullough will present a discussion on "Bank Robbery Investigations," and Special Agent Ralph C. Vogel is to discuss "Safety Precautions in the Handling of U. S. Military and Foreign-made Small Arms." Other discussions will include a series on practical arrest problems.

Bobbitt, who has been with the FBI for nine years, was born in Iowa and has been a resident of Oregon since childhood. He attended the University of Oregon and graduated from the University Law School in 1933.

He was special agent in charge of the Richmond, Va., and Grand Rapids, Mich., field divisions, and succeeded Joseph E. Thornton as special agent in charge at Portland on January 7, this year.

The conference in Roseburg is to be the last of 15 in cities throughout Oregon.

## Body Identified By Personal Articles

Identification of a watch, razor and purse, taken from clothing on the body of a man found Sunday in Elk Creek, one half mile west of Drain, as the property of Carl Dave Hanson, 72, reported missing from his home in Portland for the past 30 days, was announced today by Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police.

An autopsy was in progress at Oakland today, under the direction of the state police and Coroner H. C. Stearns, in an effort to obtain positive identification, Morgan said.

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## Vet-Union Aid Brings Peace Back to Butte

(By the Associated Press) The nation's labor front appeared more peaceful today as tension eased in Butte, Mont., after a weekend of disturbances which officials attributed to a strike at the Anaconda Copper Mining Company.

Sheriff Al McLeod said volunteers and members of the striking CIO miners' union aided authorities in restoring order in the strike-bound copper capital of 40,000. He said representatives of the CIO International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers patrolled streets last night with crowds to keep order.

Officials said the violence over the weekend, resulting in wrecking of several homes, was directed at miners who did not join in the strike at the Anaconda Company. Several groups of women and children, who were threatened by anonymous telephone callers, were moved from their homes for protection last night.

Crowds gathered last night at homes of company employees who remained at their jobs as maintenance workers after the CIO miners struck last Tuesday in a wage dispute. The union has condemned vandalism.

There were no major developments in the country's other labor disputes, with the total idle remaining at about 740,000 workers.

### Lewis Stands Pat

In Washington, Secretary of Labor Schweikenbach redoubled his attempts to break the deadlock in negotiations between John L. Lewis' AFL United Mine Workers and strike-bound soft coal operators. No conferences, however, were scheduled today as the union president who quit the negotiations sessions last week, stood pat for a commitment from the first time on cream used in bakery products and ice cream.

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### Meat Action Views Vary

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Price Administrator Porter said the effect of the controls would be to "provide for better distribution of meat supplies at ceiling prices to retail stores."

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The opposite view was taken by Cooney, vice president of Wilson and Company, one of the big four packers. He told the Senate committee the new order "won't do any good."

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Refuses to Hike Price

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Bowles said that whether there will be a price-hike then depends on Congress' decision with respect to continuation of the dairy subsidy.

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### 5-Point Program Issued

Bowles announced this five-point program designed to "encourage dairy farmers to maintain a high level of production."

1. On May 1 dairy subsidy payments will be increased 20 cents per 100 pounds of milk, as compared with payments during the same period last year. This will be done by holding a scheduled 35-cents per hundredweight seasonal reduction on May 1 to 15 cents.

2. On the same date subsidy

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## Order Affects Bread, Meat, Dairy Items

Government Attempts to Curb Black Marketeers; Hold Down Retail Prices

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—The government mapped a new attack on the snarled food situation today involving butter, bread, meat—and black markets.

War-time controls were ordered slapped back in an effort to spur butter production and Stabilization Director Bowles foresaw a "real improvement within the next 60 days" on this front.

The Senate Agriculture Committee called for more details on factors dislocating meat distribution, while OPA and the Agriculture Department moved to restore other wartime controls on slaughtering with the aim of spreading available supplies more evenly.

### Bread Ration Threatened

A potential bread problem had members of the Senate Small Business Committee seeking ways of meeting "famine relief" quotas for overseas without impairing the nation's flour supplies. Baking industry spokesmen told the committee yesterday that if these supplies fall 25 per cent below last year, government bread rationing or black markets in the food are probable.

The move for butter production was bracketed with OPA action to keep consumers bills at their present levels for milk, butter, cheese and other dairy products. A program of larger subsidies for dairy farmers was announced yesterday to compensate for higher feed and labor costs.

### Cream Restrictions Set

On butter, the OPA aimed at overcoming a situation which had made it more profitable to use butterfat for ice cream and other products than for butter. Accordingly, the wartime ban will be restored on the sale of whipping cream and restrictions will be placed on the amount of butterfat in ice cream. The program also includes price ceilings for the first time on cream used in bakery products and ice cream.

Leonard E. Hurtz of Omaha, chairman of the dairy industry committee, contended in a statement that the new program would lead to a decline in milk production "and continued shortages" of dairy products.

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## Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Retenault

Not satisfied with having repeatedly hit the consumer below the belt, the OPA is now demanding that he tighten it.