

COAL RATIONING FORCED ON LARGER CITIES

City Council
Seat Assumed
By J. A. HartInstallation of Parking
Meters Ordered; Bids for
Sale of Asphalt Rejected

Varied matters, ranging from discussion of street improvements to the monthly reports of city departments, took the attention of the city council at its meeting last night.

J. A. Hart, 448 S. Stephens St., manager of the New Service Laundry, was sworn in as a councilman to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation three weeks ago of Mert Krell, 715 S. Pine St., who represented Ward 3.

Meeting of the city budget committee was set for tomorrow night at 7:30 P. M., in the city hall.

The claim of Frank Weaver, Roseburg resident, for \$8, cost of medical treatment for minor injuries received April 20, when he fell over the jagged base of a knocked-over lamp post on N. Jackson St., in front of the Copco office, was allowed.

Parking Meters Ordered

The street committee, headed by Council President Percy Croft, was authorized to sign contracts for the installation of automatic parking meters, the Parke-Meter make. More than 300 will be installed on main streets for one hour parking, on side streets for two-hour parking.

Bids from three contractors for the sale of asphalt for city street paving were rejected, and City Recorder A. J. Geddes was authorized to readvertise for bids to be opened May 20, at the next council meeting.

Attorney Paul Geddes, in behalf of Ralph Russell, appeared before the council to ask that a grade be established for Giles St., an extension of Glenn St., to permit Russell to improve the street at his own expense, to provide access to an area where he plans to build houses.

Geddes explained that since Russell owns all the land abutting the street, it would be cheaper for him to improve the street and install a sewer pipe at his own expense, than to go through the legal processes of levying assessments. The matter was taken under advisement by the street

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
LOS ANGELES, AND a hotel room—due probably to the fact that the reservation was made some two or three weeks ago. There are three conventions in this hostelry, all going full blast, with all the trimmings.

To the average casual traveler, especially if he has an alibi in the form of business, nothing is so loathsome as a hotel full of conventioners. After you've been turned away two or three times, you know how a bull feels when he sees a red rag.

IN Southern California these postwar days, you beat your brains constantly for an adequately descriptive term. "Bursting at the seams" is what falls out every time. Nothing else seems to fit.

You've seen a tight sieve when the muscles of a powerful arm ripple and swell inside it. The cloth tightens and stretches. Then it gives at the weakest point.

That is what is happening to Southern California.

THE internal pressure is just too much for the housing facilities, weakened by the depression decade, when nobody had money enough to build a house, and the succeeding fantastic years of the

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Music Festival for Douglas
County Schools Dated May 11

Music festival for all Douglas county schools will be held in Roseburg Saturday afternoon, May 11, in the Senior High School gymnasium, it was announced today by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

The program, which will include dance numbers as well as songs, will be directed by Les Irvin, music instructor at Roseburg High School. Selections will also be presented by the Glendale High School band.

Regional music festivals were presented last week in Riddle, Reedsport, and Drain. The regional festivals were not considered as elimination contests. Mrs. Gorrell said. All children in the county are invited to take part in the Roseburg event.

The following songs are to be sung by the participating choruses: First and second grades, "Cradle Song," "Daisy Maid," "Brownies," third and fourth grades, "Lullaby" by Brahms, "Over the Heather," fifth and sixth grades, "All through the Night," "Welcome Sweet Springtime," seventh and eighth grades, "Sweet and Low," and "National Hymn."

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Canyonville Boy Drowns

South Umpqua
River Yields
Body to DiverChauncey Butler, 16, Bible
Academy Student, Victim
Of Swimming Tragedy

The body of Chauncey Butler, Canyonville Bible Academy student, was recovered at 10 o'clock this morning in 20 to 25 feet of water, by Eddie Wyatt, diver, who went into the South Umpqua River to aid the search, it was announced by Coroner H. C. Stearns.

Canyonville residents were dragging the South Umpqua River today for the body of 16-year-old Chauncey Butler, whose drowning late yesterday afternoon was the tragic ending to adventure, as he and two companions from the Canyonville Bible Academy went swimming in the river.

The boy's address was given by Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police as Seattle, Wash. He was enrolled at the academy.

Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor of Roseburg was called to the scene of the drowning yesterday evening with the fire department's rescuer. By 8 o'clock last night, hope of recovering the body was given up. Taylor returned early this morning to Canyonville with grappling hooks, which are being used for dragging the river.

Taylor said the boys went into the river in back of Dodge Inn.

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Truman Creates Board to
Probe Airlines Dispute

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—President Truman today created an emergency board to investigate a wage dispute between 13 airlines and the Airline Pilots Association.

The members of the board are to be appointed later. They are to report to Mr. Truman within 30 days.

No change is to be made in conditions out of which the dispute grew for 30 days after the report, except by agreement.

Principally involved are 2,000 pilots and co-pilots of Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc.

The TWA pilots and co-pilots are demanding wage increases ranging up to a maximum of \$2,750 additional annually, shorter working hours and other concessions.

Union Rivalry in Oregon
Lumber Labor Watched

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—National housing officials are watching the lumber industry's labor situation in Oregon and may ask the AFL and the CIO to forego jurisdictional strikes for the duration of the housing emergency.

Wilson W. Wyatt, housing expediter, told Senator George W. Cannon today he would act if further trouble broke out in the Willamette Valley lumber industry.

He said a generally unsettled condition in logging and lumbering operations, from the standpoint of union membership, exists and that "both unions appear to be laying plans to expand membership."

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Ouster of OPA, Dethroning
Of John L. Lewis Needed By
America, NAM Head Asserts

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Robert R. Wason, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, told northwest industrialists here that "getting rid of OPA" is necessary to stem the tide of inflation.

He also called for Congress to "dethrone John L. Lewis" to get production back to normal and fill the needs of the American people.

Lashing out at critics of the Association in a speech last night to 450 member industrialists, Wason declared "OPA is the parent of all black markets" and said the widespread operation is creating a "nation of law violators."

"The nation will never get rid of threat of inflation until it gets rid of OPA," the manufacturer asserted as he charged OPA Administrator Porter and Reconversion Director Snyder with using "selected prices" to make a false picture of price rises. He said the NAM's check with Federal Reserve Board price indices for the same periods clearly indicated prices had not risen as much as Snyder and Porter claimed and had "declined in most cost of living items."

Chester Bowles, former OPA chief and now stabilization director, was criticized by Wason for "expecting production to climb on red ink."

"The American people are entitled to the facts," he said. "It is time to stop being bluffed by the phony figures and the mis-

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Rev. Albert Feller
Appointed Chaplain
At Vets Hospital

The Rev. Albert S. Feller, above, has been appointed chaplain at the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Roseburg, and has assumed his duties as a regular staff member. Dr. George Melvin, manager, announced today.

Dr. Feller, a graduate of Denver university, has been in the ministry since 1926. He served Methodist churches in Colorado and California.

He served as an enlisted man in the first World War, spending one year overseas, and was a chaplain in the last war, with two years of overseas service in the South Pacific. He recently entered service of the Veterans Administration.

Dr. Feller's wife and two daughters are now residing in Portland, where the daughters are attending school, but will join him here at the close of the school year. They have purchased a home in Roseburg. They also have a son, who is employed in radio work at Sacramento, following service in the Seabees during the war.

Peace With Russia Will
Avert Chaos—Churchill

LONDON, May 7.—(AP)—Winston Churchill declared today "the supreme hope and prime endeavor" toward achieving lasting peace "is to reach a good and faithful understanding with Soviet Russia through the agency and organism of the United Nations."

"Only in this way can catastrophe be avoided," he said. Churchill asked the world to ponder "what happens if the United Nations themselves are sundered by an awful schism, a clash of ideologies and passions?"

"Failure to find the answer," he said, "may lead the whole human race into a new period of misery, slaughter and abasement more agonizing and fatal than those which have twice been endured in the lifetime of most of us."

Week's Wheat Exports
Short by 150,000 Tons

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—Acting Secretary of State Acheson announced today that the United States is 150,000 tons short on its famine relief exports of wheat for the first week in May.

He suggested that the Agriculture Department be asked for an explanation.

This country, Acheson said, is not doing so well on its famine relief program. The wheat which was not shipped during the last seven days, he declared, would have been sufficient to furnish the weekly minimum bread ration for 1,500,000 people according to the present European food levels.

The Weather

Occasional showers tonight and Wednesday.

Third Death
Results From
Crash of Cars

Death last night of Terrence Haller, 26, raised to three the number of fatalities resulting from the head-on automobile collision at 2 A. M. Sunday, on the Pacific Highway four miles south of Roseburg.

Two Camas Valley youths, Jeanne Hubbard, 16, and Donald Milton, 17, were killed instantly when their sedan met the coupe driven by Edward F. Brownie of Myrtle Creek, in a crash that sent seven passengers from both cars seriously injured to Mercy hospital in Roseburg.

The six surviving victims were reported today doing "as well as can be expected," by attendants at the hospital. They are: Robert Humphreys, 16, Camas Valley;

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Sixth Mystery Slaying
Added to Texarkana Toll

TEXARKANA, Ark., May 7.—(AP)—The mutilated body of a man was discovered on railroad tracks near Texarkana early today and a coroner said the death was suspected as the Texarkana area's sixth unsolved slaying in six weeks.

Dr. Frank G. Engler, coroner of Little River County, Ark., said the man was identified from a Social Security card as Earl Cliff McSpadden.

Engler said that his coroner's jury returned a verdict that the man came to his death at the hands of persons unknown, and that he was dead before the body was placed on the tracks.

Rival Unions Stage Gun
Battle; 1 Dead, 6 Wounded

HARLAN, Ky., May 7.—(AP)—An early morning gun battle at the International Harvester Company's captive coal mine at Benham today between Progressive Mine Workers and United Mine Workers—rival unions—left one man dead and at least six others wounded.

One of the injured was Robert Hodge, special representative of the United Mine Workers union and former secretary-treasurer of UMW District 19. His condition was reported to be serious.

The dead man was identified as "Senator" Brock, Stanfill, Ky.

Salem Has Application
For Exclusive Bus Line

SALEM, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—The Salem city council will meet Friday evening with John W. Nelson, Seattle, on an application by Nelson for an exclusive franchise to provide bus service in Salem. Nelson said he could start service within two weeks.

The city is served by Oregon Motor Stages, which does not have an exclusive franchise. The company has been strikebound since April 5. It also operates in Eugene and on inter-city routes.

U. S. Jury to Eye Coos Land
In Condemnation Suit

PORTLAND, May 7.—(AP)—Federal jurors will inspect 163 acres of Coos Bay tidal land on a special trip there May 27 to decide if the tract is worth \$1,000 an acre or the \$55 value sought in condemnation proceedings by the Port of Coos Bay.

In a suit here, Oscar A. Zabel, Seattle, claims the property is worth \$163,000 because of its potential value as Oyster bed area. The port has offered \$9,000 for the tract, needed for port development.

With Roseburg's March of Progress



—Photo by Paul Jenkins

HAVEN FOR TOURISTS—Tourists particularly will be afforded welcome shelter upon completion of the Rose Etta motor court lodgings, now under construction in Edenbower and pictured above. The units shown, eight in number, each has one room and bath. Across the court is another row consisting of four units, each of two rooms and bath. All are gas heated.

'Brownout' of
War Period
May ReturnSteel Production Drops
Further; Miners Ponder
Offer From Government

(By the Associated Press)
The government submitted an undisclosed proposal to John L. Lewis and the nation's soft coal operators today for settling the 37-day-old mine strike. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, took the proposal before a meeting of the union's 250-man policy committee in Washington. The operators called a separate session to discuss the formula.

(By the Associated Press)
More and more of the nation's cities were threatened with a return to the wartime "brownout" today as effects of the 37-day soft coal strike forced stringent rationing of disappearing fuel supplies.

Chicago, Washington and Philadelphia already were plunged into partial darkness. Detroit was expected to brownout officially tomorrow night after the city council meets to pass an emergency ordinance dimming lights in the automobile capital.

The Detroit-Edison Company disclosed that city councils in 45 other large and small Michigan cities served by the utility would be asked to approve similar brownout ordinances.

Amusements, already restricted in the "brownout" cities, received another setback in an Office of Defense Transportation order prohibiting rail movements of circuses and carnivals as a coal conservation measure. The

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Annual Carnation Sale
Set by Vets Auxiliary

George Starmer Auxiliary to United Spanish War Veterans will hold its annual carnation sale, Saturday, May 11. The sale, held each year on the Saturday preceding Mother's Day, is the only activity of this organization in which the public is asked to assist in the raising of funds. All net proceeds from the sale of the carnations will be used to purchase candy, cigarettes and other gifts for patients in the Roseburg Veterans Hospital. In the distribution of gifts, veterans of all wars are considered alike.

Headquarters for the sale will be in the Umpqua Hotel lobby and members of the auxiliary will be assisted by girls of the Methodist Sunday School in calling on business houses and selling of carnations on the street.

Transportation Issue on
Parochial Schools Faced

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—The Supreme Court yesterday agreed to decide the right of a public board of education to pay transportation for students of Roman Catholic parochial schools.

The review was asked by Arch E. Everson, who contested such payments by the board of education of Ewing township in New Jersey. The board paid \$357 for transportation to parochial schools in Trenton.

Everson contended the arrangement was a use of tax money for private purposes and amounted to public support of religious establishments. He appealed from a decision by the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, which ruled against him.

Mussert, Dutch Traitor,
Dies Before Firing Squad

THE HAGUE, May 7.—(AP)—Anton Mussert died before a firing squad today for high treason. Before his execution, the founder and leader of the Dutch Nazi party bade farewell to his imprisoned followers, who clicked their heels, stood at attention and addressed him as "leader."

Mussert, 52, was convicted of attempting to bring Holland under foreign domination, aiding the enemy and seeking to overthrow lawful authority. Hitler maintained him in power during the occupation. Queen Wilhelmina rejected his plea for mercy yesterday.

J. J. Johnston, Boxing
World Celebrity, Dies

NEW YORK, May 7.—(AP)—James J. Johnston, manager, known throughout the boxing world, died suddenly today at his home of a heart attack. He was 70.

Johnston, father of 12 children, attended the fights in St. Nick's last night and a little later complained to companions that "I'm tired; take me home so I can get a good night's sleep."

He died this morning and collapsed while dressing.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Redenstain

President Truman is quoted as being "gravely concerned" over the coal situation. As further evidence of his profound solicitude for the national welfare, he may also have yawned.