

SEVEN BASEBALL PLAYERS DIE IN FLAMING BUS PLUNGE

**City's Budget,
\$137,360, Gets
Council's O. K.****Lloyd Hill Co.'s Bid for
Strengthening Dike at
Sewage Plant Accepted**

The city's \$137,360 budget for the coming fiscal year was approved without discussion by the city council last night, at the advertised "public hearing" in the City Hall.

Other business included the acceptance of the Lloyd M. Hill Company bid of \$4,500 for placing a rock fill on the dike at the city sewage disposal plant, and the appropriation of \$4,000 from the current emergency fund to partially cover cost of the work. The matter was referred to the health and police committee headed by Councilman G. C. Finlay.

Appropriation for the rock fill at the dike, which last winter was jeopardized by flood conditions in the river, was made following the report of Council President Percy Croft, of the visit of a representative of the Army district engineer at Portland, who suggested means of diverting the force of water from the dike.

Proposed Work Detailed
Suggestions included the bulldozing of willow trees along the bank, and removal of gravel from the head of the island near the Oak Street Bridge, to send water to the west channel.

The rock fill, as itemized by Hill, would cover an area of 9,000 square feet, with approximately 1,000 cubic yards of rock. Hill would sell the rock at approxi-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BACK in 1907, J. Allen Smith, then at the University of Washington, said in his book "The Spirit of American Government": "The American constitution is a scheme of government . . . planned and set up to perpetuate the ascendancy of the property-holding class, leavened with democratic ideas."

If he were writing now, he might change his definition to something like this: "The constitution is a scheme of government that varies widely according to the ideas of those constituting a majority of the supreme court."

Certainly, if he valued his reputation for accuracy, he would hardly say that the constitution, as at present interpreted, is a scheme of government designed to perpetuate the ascendancy of the property-holding class.

TIMES change—and it is well that they do. Any scheme of government whose wheels be-

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**Snyder Takes Oath as
Secretary of Treasury**

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—John W. Snyder was sworn in today as the 53rd Secretary of the Treasury. He took the oath of office in the presence of President Truman, who remained to shake hands with the hundreds who attended the ceremony.

Snyder, a Louisville, Ky., banker who passed his 50th birthday last Friday, declared that "I shall do my best, and it is my fervent hope that I shall be equal to the task."

Speaking of government responsibilities, Snyder said that it must "reduce its expenditures in every possible way, maintain adequate tax rates during this transition period, and achieve a balanced budget for 1947."

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**Year's OPA Extension Voted
By House-Senate Conferees****Price Control
On Meat Kept
In Measure****Cigarettes, Gasoline Also
Remain Under Ceilings;
Rent Control Unchanged**

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—Chairman Spence of the House Banking Committee today expressed belief that President Truman will sign the compromise OPA bill worked out last night by a Senate-House Conference Committee.

In his opinion, Spence said, the bill "is workable."

The Kentuckian, who has battled for months for continuation of a strong price control law, made this statement to newsmen as the House convened for a session which probably will see a showdown vote on the OPA compromise.

Spence voiced confidence the House will approve the compromise, which is far short of what the administration asked but a good deal less stringent than it expected to get.

With other legislation scheduled for prior consideration, a final vote on OPA was not expected before mid-afternoon.

Price Controls Intact

Left intact were price controls over meat, butter, cigarettes and gasoline, but the one-year extension of the war-borne agency yanked away many of OPA's powers over the national economy. Rent controls were left unchanged.

The House, then the Senate, and finally President Truman must approve the measure if it is to keep all price ceilings from expiring next Sunday midnight.

Although a last minute decision knocked out sections which would have ended controls over livestock, poultry, dairy products, tobacco and petroleum at the end of this month, many of the bill's provisions were written specifically to force a raise in prices.

Bowles Raps "Booby Trap"

Advocates contended that such a course would spur production and put the nation on the highway to prosperity. But Stabilization Director Bowles damned them in advance as "booby trap"

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Vets Hospital Members
Face Assault Charges

BOSTON, June 25.—(AP)—A federal grand jury yesterday indicted six attendants at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Northampton, Mass., charging assaults on patients.

Approximately 50 patients—veterans of both World Wars—were among the victims, Assistant U. S. Attorney Charles E. Cunningham said. There were no fatalities.

The Veterans Administration itself had requested a "grand jury investigation of reports of mistreatment of patients at the 1,000-bed hospital."

Destruction of Potatoes
In California Charged

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 25.—(AP)—Thousands of cars of potatoes are being dumped and destroyed in California, the governor's council was informed today.

Governor Warren immediately ordered an investigation by the State Department of Agriculture into the report, made to the council by State Real Estate Commissioner Hubert B. Seudder.

Seudder termed the destruction a "terrible miscarriage of justice." He said he was driving in Kern county and saw large quantities of potatoes being dumped on the ground.

"I stopped to ask about it and a storekeeper told me there were 10,000 carloads being dumped," Seudder said. "He told me he had to pay \$4 a sack for potatoes while huge quantities were rotting on the ground and were being crossbred."

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SEN. CORDON TO VIEW ATOM BOMB TEST—Adjusting their parachute harnesses before taking off from Washington Airport June 22 for atom bomb test at Bikini are (left to right) Sen. Guy Cordon (R.) of Oregon; Sen. Carl Hatch (D.) New Mexico; Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R.) of Massachusetts, and Rep. Dean M. Gillespie (R.) Colorado.

**Trend Toward Approval of
Non-Home Construction Now
Reversed, Assertion of Small**

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—More than \$1,370,000,000 worth of non-home building has been okayed since the government's construction controls went into effect in March.

A Civilian Production Administration report disclosed this today. It showed that in the first 11 weeks of the order designed to curb such building in order to make more materials available for new homes there were 31,457 approvals for store, factory, office and other non-housing construction and 14,971 rejections.

However, OPA Administrator John D. Small said that ratio has been reversed this month. A cut-down in non-residential approvals was ordered May 29 when it developed that materials were being used up faster than they were being produced.

The cutdown resulted too, other officials have said, from complaints by Housing Expediter Wyatt that the volume of non-residential building was jeopardizing the homes-for-veterans program.

Small's statement declared, however, that "inquiries and applications" for non-housing construction totaled more than 500,000 and that CPA turned back some 450,000 of these "before they reached the formal application."

The court heard arguments Monday in the Clackamas county case of the Merchants Wholesale Co., a Los Angeles concern, against the liquor commission. The case involves \$11,010 worth of whiskey which was stolen from the company.

The hijackers were caught by the state police in Clackamas county, and the liquor was turned over to the liquor commission.

The commission, contending that it has the right to seize all liquor in the state because the law gives the commission the exclusive right to deal in liquor traffic, refused to return the liquor to the company.

Judge Earl C. Latourette of Oregon City ruled against the commission, ordering the liquor returned to the company.

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**House Votes
For Extension
Of Draft Law**

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—Compromise legislation extending the draft law until next March 31 but prohibiting the induction of 18-year olds was passed today by the House and sent to the Senate.

The roll-call vote was 259 to 110. It came after a War Department announcement that the Army plans to draft no one in July and August.

The bill permits the induction of non-fathers between the ages of 19 and 44, both inclusive; limits the length of service of drafted men to 18 months; puts ceilings on the size of the armed forces, prohibits the induction of fathers, and allows fathers now in service to obtain their discharge upon request after August 1, 1946.

Eliminated in the give-and-take of compromise between the Senate and the House was a House provision prohibiting any inductions before next October 15 and banning the drafting of 19-year-olds as well as 18's.

The Senate had voted to draft 18 and 19-year-olds.

The present draft law expires on June 30.

Volunteers Preferred
Before approving the compro-

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**Auto Plunge on Columbia
River Highway Kills Two**

HOOD RIVER, Ore., June 25.—(AP)—The bodies of two men, drowned when their car plunged from the Columbia River Highway into a pool below Dead Man's Curve, were recovered by state police today.

Police identified the victims as Clarence Hastie, 70, Portland, and Ralph S. Dunn, 65, Route 1, Tigard, and said relatives told them the men had left Portland yesterday morning to visit relatives at Lawrence, Kan.

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**Foot-Bridge Travel
In South Roseburg
On Restricted Basis**

The suspension foot-bridge from the south part of town to the county fair grounds has been declared unsafe for more than three persons to cross at one time, it was announced this morning by County Judge D. N. Busenbark.

Repairs of the bridge are necessary because of cable slippage resulting from an overloading of the bridge by homeward-bound rodeo crowds, the judge explained. Sheriff's reserve police had been stationed at the bridge to limit the traffic. The slippage occurred about 5 o'clock Sunday.

One of three suspension cables on the down stream side of the bridge was caused to unravel, approximately 40 feet from the west tower, investigation by County Roadmaster F. C. Frear revealed.

It was estimated that approximately 650 to 700 feet of one-inch cable will be required to effect the necessary repairs. The bridge is maintained jointly by the county and the city, Judge Busenbark said.

The foot bridge was erected about 1921, Frear said, in place of an earlier, privately-owned wagon bridge. Old, spliced cables were used to suspend the walkway, three strands on either side.

Feed Shortage in
Oregon Said Eased

PORTLAND, June 25.—(AP)—Oregon's poultry feed shortage appears to have been eased and plans to liquidate flocks have apparently been halted, a U. S. Department of Agriculture spokesman noted today.

Assurance of 263 carloads of midwest feed, with much of it already en route and some delivered, was reported by N. C. Donaldson of the production and marketing administration of the USDA here.

He said 180 cars of oats were due from St. Paul and Minneapolis, 39 of barley and 24 of rye. There were en route and 12 cars of barley from Vancouver, Wash., and Los Angeles are due.

Feed dealers have received 30 cars of wheat and four of oats, he said, with nine carloads of mixed feed now here for delivery to dealers.

Shipment of dressed poultry to market have been light the past few weeks, Donaldson said.

Milk Champion Dies in
Bearing Her Ninth Calf

SEATTLE, June 25.—(AP)—The champion milk producer of them all gave her life for her family yesterday.

Carnation Ormsby Madcap Fayne died giving birth to a 95-pound bull calf at the Carnation farms. It was the ninth addition to the milk queen's royal family, one member of which once brought \$25,000 from a South American purchaser.

The Madcap, a Holstein Friesian, set a world record in 1942 with an annual yield of 41,943 pounds of milk with 1,392 pounds of butterfat.

PAC-Opposed Candidates
Lose in Maryland Primary,
Face North Dakota Battles

(By the Associated Press.)

Governor Herbert R. O'Connor of Maryland claimed victory today in his bid for the Democratic nomination to replace two-term George L. Radcliffe in the Senate.

Meanwhile in North Dakota two more Senate seats were at stake in voting today and in Indiana the Democratic state convention met to choose a candidate—expected to be former Governor M. Clifford Townsend—for the place being vacated by retiring Republican Senator Raymond E. Willis. Indiana Republicans already have chosen William E. Jenner.

With two-thirds of the precincts in yesterday's Maryland primary heard from, O'Connor was more than 20,000 votes ahead of the incumbent. Radcliffe was one of the legislators the CIO-PAC sniped out for defeat this year, although the union political group made no formal endorsement in the primary.

William Preston Lane, Maryland's Democratic national committeeman, held a commanding margin over a field of seven seeking the Democratic nomination for governor. In second place was State Comptroller J. Millard Tawes, who sought to make the CIO-PAC's asserted

preference for Lane a main campaign issue.

D. John Markey, former brigadier general, had a 2 to 1 lead over Joseph Allison Wilmer of LaPlata for the Republican senatorial nomination. For governor, Republicans gave Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin of Baltimore a 3 to 1 margin over Herman L. Mills, Hagerstown business man.

Langer's Fate in Balance
Names of two Republican senators, William F. Langer and Milton R. Young, were before the voters in North Dakota. Langer

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**Tragedy on Snoqualmie Pass
Highway Also Injures Nine
Other Men, Some Critically****Victims Listed on Spokane Club
Of Western International League;
Bus Dives After Crashing Bridge**

SEATTLE, June 25.—(AP)—Seven members of Spokane's Western International League Baseball Club met death last night in the flaming plunge of their chartered cross-state bus from the Snoqualmie Pass Highway four miles west of its summit in the Cascade mountains.

The driver and eight other players were injured, several critically.

The accident, unexplained, occurred at 8 P. M. on a straight stretch of road as dusk was setting. One survivor said the bus suddenly veered through the cable guard railing and caught fire as it started hurtling and rolling down the precipitous, rocky mountainside.

The identified dead were:

First baseman Vic Pisetti, of San Francisco, who formerly played with Oakland and was described as "the most promising young player on the Pacific Coast last season." He died en route to a Seattle hospital.

George C. Risk, 27, infielder from Hillsboro, Ore.

Frederick J. Martinez, an infielder from San Diego.

Four bodies were unidentified as they lay in the light of flickering torches at the wreck scene last night. The four were not listed on any hospital list, and undoubtedly the victims were:

Manager Mel Cole of Westchester, Wash.

Bob Kinnaman, former Washington State College pitcher from Brooklyn, Wash.

Outfielder Bob James of Tempe, Ariz.

Outfielder Bob Patterson of San Francisco.

Later today King County Coroner John P. Brill said the remaining four bodies had been "more or less positively identified" after being brought to the morgue here, as Cole, Kinnaman, James and Patterson.

Three Others Near Death
Three of the casualties were reported in poor or critical condition in hospitals. They were: Glen Berg, 24, of Spokane, the bus driver, who was burned severely; Christ Hartie, 30, San Francisco, one-time Brooklyn catcher, severely burned; George Lyden, Tensed, Idaho, a pitcher, head injuries and burns.

The others injured were: Levi McCormack, former Seattle

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**22 Plead Guilty in
Used Auto Racket**

DETROIT, June 25.—(AP)—Twenty-two of 31 defendants pleaded guilty today to taking part in what the federal government described as a three-million dollar conspiracy to buy and sell used automobiles above ceiling prices.

Seven other defendants entered not guilty pleas and Federal Judge Arthur Kosinski began their trial immediately. Action on the case of the remaining two defendants was held in abeyance by the government.

The OPA, following a lengthy investigation, charged that the defendants had taken part in a conspiracy to buy used cars at over ceiling prices in Detroit lots. The automobiles were then channeled through Murray Ky., and Cairo, Ill., and resold at over-ceiling prices in southern and southwestern states, according to the OPA.

A federal grand jury indicted the 31 men, a majority of whom are from Kentucky, several weeks ago.

Judge Kosinski set no date for sentencing of the 22 defendants who pleaded guilty. Instead, he ordered bonds of \$1,000 each continued pending a probation investigation.

Even Black Market Bare
Of Meat, Butchers Say

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—(AP)—Portland residents peered at empty meat counters today and were told that there was little chance of the shortage improving this week. Many shops were closed.

Butchers who have been able to obtain some fresh beef, pork or poultry during the months when other sections of the country were forced to become vegetarians reported—while refusing to be quoted—that even the black market was bare of meat supplies.

Nathan B. Swift, manager of the Portland plant of Swift & Co., reported his slaughter plant had "processed only"