

CITY-HIGHWAY LINK WIDENING PROPOSED

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The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

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E. 2nd Avenue South in Plan Of Councilmen

State Money Allotted; Limit May Be Fixed on Winchester St. Loads

Widening of E. 2nd Avenue S. through the industrial area from N. Jackson Street to the city limits, as well as a proposal to place load limits on Winchester Street, were discussed by the city council last night in its first meeting in three weeks.

It is proposed to widen E. 2nd Avenue S., now heavily used by logging trucks, with use of funds allotted by the State Highway Commission, to the city and county, for improvements on the North Umpqua Road, E. 2nd Avenue S. links the North Umpqua Road with the Pacific Highway.

A report from the Douglas Abstract Company was included in the council, showing ownership of property on either side of the street. It is expected that six feet along both sides of the existing right of way will be condemned, in order to carry out the widening and improvement program.

A proposal to place load limits on Winchester Street is the result of use of the thoroughfare by heavy logging trucks, and the financial inability of the city to constantly repair the street. It was suggested that southbound logging trucks be routed along the Pacific Highway to the E. 2nd Avenue S. extension.

Miscellaneous Business

Other business before the council last night included the reading of monthly reports of city departments, as well as submission of the first draft of an ordinance prepared by City Attorney Ira B. Riddle, to amend the charter to permit appointment of a city manager.

Application was received from the Columbia Agency of Portland, to place concrete, plywood, and plank benches at principal bus stops throughout the city. The

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4 Bail Out When Huge Plane Crashes

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—(AP)—A Douglas C-74 Globemaster, largest plane now used by the Army, crashed with an earth-shaking roar within a few hundred feet of a million-barrel oil storage tank yesterday but the four men escaped by parachuting.

Pilot Russell K. Thaw, famed racing and test pilot, received minor injuries. He explained "my wing fell off." Thaw is the son of Harry K. Thaw, wealthy New York playboy of the early 1900's. The pilot has been a frequent participant in cross-country national air races.

Only last week Douglas announced that the same plane, piloted by Thaw, established what the Army said was a world record by lifting 172,000 pounds, more than twice its own weight. The Globemaster has a wingspread of 173 feet, is 124 feet long and its four engines total 12,000 horsepower.

Yesterday's flight was an unsuccessful attempt to continue a series of accelerated dive tests. One of the huge motors broke away, plummeted through the top of the oil tank and was submerged in 30 feet of oil but did not fire the tank. The scattered wreckage burned and the field where the plane landed resembled a shell-torn battlefield.

Anchorage in Grip of Diphtheria Epidemic

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 6.—(AP)—All public gatherings in Anchorage—including bars, dances, playgrounds and theaters—were prohibited for at least a week yesterday in a proclamation issued by Mayor Francis C. Browne following discovery of 60 positive diphtheria throat cultures in the city.

Twelve of the cases were said to be clinically active. Transportation officials, in an effort to prevent further spread of the ailment, agreed to restrict all travel in and out of the city. Twelve of the 16 prisoners in the city jail were reported to have positive cultures.

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Primaries in Six States Attracting Light Vote

Missouri Race For Congress Tops Interest

Rep. Slaughter, Striving For Renomination, Faces Displeasure of Truman

(By The Associated Press) Missouri's fifth district voters marked ballots today in a congressional race that promised an insight, by proxy, into the administration's popularity in one segment of President Truman's home state.

The race, involving an attempt by Representative Roger C. Slaughter (D.) to win renomination despite public opposition from the President, drew only a small segment of the voters participating in the day's six primaries—in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, New Hampshire, Virginia and West Virginia.

But because Mr. Truman said that if Slaughter was right in his fight against White House legis-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news on the day this is written starts off on a somber note.

President Truman's atomic bomb evaluators ("evaluate" to appraise carefully; to ascertain the value of.)—Webster's say in their report on the Bikini tests: "The tests strongly indicate that future war employing atomic bombs may well destroy nations and change present standards of civilization. . . . To us who have witnessed the devastating effects of these tests it is evident that if there is to be any security or safety in the world war must be eliminated as a means of settling differences among nations."

QUARRELSOME INDIVIDUALS, facing extinction of themselves and everything they possess or value if they go on quarreling and fighting, would find a way to AGREE.

One fears that nations WON'T. Common sense has never been an outstanding NATIONAL characteristic.

ON the other side of the picture, the Manhattan (atom bomb) project announces that it can and soon will produce some 100 different varieties of radioactive materials that can be made to SERVE man instead of killing him. These materials will be made available to accredited hospitals, universities, industrial research laboratories and clinical investigating groups.

They will be used for research

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Firemen Seek Retention of Right to Select Chief Under City Manager Government

Roseburg's volunteer firemen are requesting that the city retain its present system for selection of a fire chief and his assistant by the volunteers themselves, if city manager government is adopted in the November election.

In a resolution submitted to the City Council last night, it was pointed out that a city ordinance passed in 1931 provides for selection of the chief and his assistant by the volunteers with whom they work, subject to approval of the council and mayor.

Under city manager government as proposed, power of appointment of all city officials, including the fire chief, will be vested in the manager.

In the resolution, signed by L. J. Carlton, president, and Harry W. Booth, secretary of the Fire Department, the council was reminded that with the city manager vested with full power of appointment, the fire chief "may or may not be a person satisfactory to the fire department, or to those who so voluntarily serve as firemen."

The Fire Department is an or-

Finance Firms In N. Y. Hit By Federal Suit

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The federal government today charged in a civil anti-trust suit that 37 insurance companies, savings banks and commercial banks and a firm owned by the savings banks sought to keep rents up and prevent certain types of new construction in the New York City area.

The suit named as defendants the Mortgage Conference of New York, with headquarters at 14 Wall Street the Savings Banks Trust Company of New York and 37 members of the conference. It sought an injunction against the alleged practices and dissolution of the Mortgage Conference, described as composed of insurance companies, savings banks and commercial banks. The Savings Banks Trust Company of New York is wholly owned by various savings banks.

A special federal grand jury recommended the action after hearing testimony since June 11. Charges specified

The complaint charged that the defendants have utilized the conference to eliminate competition among themselves on mortgage loans of over \$10,000, on properties located in New York

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Zoot-Suiters Beat Up M. P. Escort of Girl

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 6.—(AP)—A gang of zoot-suited youths attacked a soldier early yesterday as he and a girl friend strolled along Eleventh Avenue, beating him so savagely he may die.

The victim of the beating was Emmett Lucado, 24, a military policeman from Camp Knight, Willa Bushman, 19, of Susanville, told police that zoot suiters first hooded them and then attacked the soldier. The girl was not molested. Her screams attracted police who took six youths into custody for questioning.

Wearer of Neck Brace Slugging-Theft Victim

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Brad L. Walden, 24, Baker, wearing a neck brace to protect it after a fracture suffered four months ago, reported to police early today he was knocked down and robbed.

He said he was accosted by three men, two in navy uniforms, who demanded money. When he refused he was knocked down and \$11 was taken from his billfold, he reported.

Walden was taken to a hospital for examination and then released.

Salmon Fishermen Quit In Protest on Prices

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—(AP)—An estimated 400 commercial fishing craft were idle today along the northern California coast, in protest, a spokesman said, against OPA ceiling prices on salmon.

Victor B. Martin, chairman of the Northern California Council of the International Fishermen's Union (CIO), said the salmon trollers would not return to work until prices are raised.

"Prices on our equipment and supplies are now without ceiling. Under this situation we cannot operate under 1942 prices," Martin said.

Fishermen now receive an average price of 16 1/2 cents per pound, 5 1/2 cents per pound less than during the OPA holiday, Martin explained.

District OPA officials would not predict any immediate raise in prices.

Fatal Stabbing Occurs During Tavern Brawl

PUYALLUP, Wash., Aug. 6.—(AP)—Howard I. Tomkins, 38, was fatally stabbed in a tavern brawl here last night and John Brown Calton, 28, was lodged in jail for investigation in connection with the incident.

Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Karpach said witnesses told him Tomkins and Calton, both of Puyallup, engaged in a quarrel over some money and a fatal scuffle ensued.

Infantile Paralysis in Minnesota Increasing

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Reports to the Minnesota and Minneapolis health departments told yesterday of 34 new cases of infantile paralysis in the state over the weekend and 29 new cases in Minneapolis.

They sent the year's total for the state to 609 and for the city to 332.

Angling for Salmon Permitted Now Only Below 'The Forks'

To clarify confusion in the minds of many anglers, Warden Fred Perry advises that the only portion of the North Umpqua River open to chinook salmon fishing at the present time is that portion from its junction with the South Umpqua River, commonly known as "The Forks," to the ocean.

The privilege is open until the issuance of new regulations in April of next year.

The existing regulations are set forth on page 5 of the "Official Synopsis of Oregon Angling Laws," issued by the State Game Commission. It is contended by some anglers that the ban on salmon fishing above The Forks was omitted from the published regulations.

Heirens Confesses Degnan Tot Murder

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—(AP)—State's Attorney William J. Tuohy said today that William Heirens had confessed he killed Suzanne Degnan, six-year-old kidnap victim.

The prosecutor said he asked the 17-year-old University of Chicago student: "Did you kill Suzanne Degnan?"

Heirens replied, the prosecutor added, "Yes sir."

The question was the sixth propounded by the prosecutor at a "confession conference" in his office arranged by Heirens' attorneys.

Heirens' attorneys announced prior to a similar "confession conference" arranged a week ago that the youth also would confess the "lipstick" slaying last Dec. 10 of Francis Brown, 33-year-old former WAVE, and the fatal stabbing June 2, 1945, of Mrs. Josephine Ross, 43-year-old widow.

The earlier conference was tip-set when Heirens replied "I don't remember" to all pertinent questions.

The Degnan slaying shocked the nation with its brutality. The golden-haired daughter of a Chicago OPA executive was stolen from her bed by an abductor who left a note demanding \$20,000 ransom.

The victim's father, James Degnan, made a series of radio broadcasts pleading with her abductor: "Don't harm her, she's only a little girl," but the same night police found the parts of her dismembered body in sewers in her North Side neighborhood.

Heirens related today, the prosecutor said, that he cut her body in pieces with a hunting knife which he later threw on the elevated railroad tracks near her home.

The knife was recovered recently.

Bears Invitations to Klamath Falls Celebration



Joe Blackwell, Klamath Falls' bearded "Man of the Mountains," arrived in Roseburg today to deliver pony express invitations to county and city officials and to the public in general to attend the Klamath Falls Centennial celebration, Aug. 22, 23 and 24.

The Klamath pony express is visiting all county seats in Western Oregon to convey personal invitations.

Blackwell is accompanied by Chet Barton, Klamath rancher, owner of a herd of buffalo, Barton's buffalo herd and a trained coyote will be featured in the three-day outdoor pageant, celebrating the 100-year historical development from "wagon road to sky road." The original pageant, which will include a cast of several hundred persons in portraying Klamath County's history from 1846 to 1946, is directed by Horace Robertson, University of Oregon, assisted by Lillian Baldwin, member of the staff of Radio Station KFLW, Klamath Falls. The pageant is sponsored by the Klamath Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce.

Chief Social Worker Added to Personnel At Veterans Hospital



Edgar W. Guilford, above, who served during the war as a field director for the American Red Cross, has been added to the staff of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital as chief social worker, it was announced today by Dr. George Melvin, hospital manager.

Mr. Guilford has been with the Veterans Administration since 1944. He previously was a social worker in Vermont for five years, and served for two years as assistant to the dean of social work at the University of Chicago.

He was also a social worker in Minneapolis for one year, and served for 22 months as Red Cross field director at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Camp Hale, Colo.; Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, and at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Mr. Guilford was born in Hildsburg, Mass., in 1909. He holds masters degrees from Boston University in 1933, and the University of Chicago in 1942.

He is married and will make his home in the Coates Addition. Dr. Melvin also announced that 597 patients are now registered at the hospital—197 with service connected disabilities, 393 with non-service connected disabilities, and seven others. During July, 61 patients were admitted and 51 processed and released.

May's Vacation in Florida Now Eyed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Senate war investigators were said today to be pursuing a tip that Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) vacationed in Miami Beach, Fla., with officials of the Garson munitions combine in March or April, 1944. The Garson brothers, Murray and Henry were guiding lights of the Batavia and Erie Basin Metal Products Companies and other firms in the combine.

Congress was in recess from April 1 to 12, 1944.

In a speech to the House last July 8, May denied specifically that he had received any travel expenses from the Cumberland Lumber Company, an affiliate of the combine, adding that "I never used one penny of anybody's money except my own as travel expense or otherwise."

Nevertheless, the committee was understood to be preparing to question May—when his health permits him to appear—about the reasons for and the expenses of the reported Florida trip at a period when War Department witnesses have testified the House Military Committee chairman was exerting "special pressure" in behalf of the Garson companies.

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Lowly Fact Rent

By L. F. Roizenstein

A bill for the creation of a new health agency, envisages a future human life span of 140 years. If the dream is realized, a lot of the present generation may eventually see the ends of the trials of Jap and Nazi war criminals, the agreement of 21 nations on a world peace formula and the repayment of U. S. loans to foreign countries.