

# AMUSEMENT TAX BILLS READY AT SALEM

## Riverside's Annexation to Roseburg Favored by Its Residents, Council Told

### Tax Limitation, Involved in Sanitation Project, Only Obstacle to be Overcome; Salary Increase Given City Recorder

By JEROME SHELDON

Annexation to the City of Roseburg as the means for improving their sanitary conditions, was seen as the desire of Riverside area property owners in a report to the City Council last night, by Councilman Paul O. Lund.

Lund attended a meeting of Riverside residents Friday night, in which the question of annexation was raised in a discussion of sewage disposal problems. "It boiled down to whether to join the city, but where the limits should extend," Lund told the council.

The Riverside area faces the choice of annexation to the city or formation of an independent sanitary district, Lund reported. Consensus of Friday's meeting was that annexation was preferable. Expense of sewers for the area would be borne by its property owners, not by the city as a whole.

L. V. Hammock, who was chairman of the meeting, conferred with City Attorney A. N. Orcutt yesterday afternoon. Orcutt repeated to the council his original information to Hammock that the statutory 6 per cent limitation on taxes was the principal obstacle in the way of annexation.

"We can increase our taxes only 6 per cent in excess of what we raised last year," Orcutt cautioned. The addition of Riverside to the city would increase Roseburg's property valuations a possible 20 per cent without a proportionate increase in the tax levy, he pointed out.

"I am in hopes that the 6 per cent law may be overcome (by legislation to be introduced in Salem)," Orcutt said.

**Geddes' Salary Up**  
The council last night (1) increased the salary of City Recorder A. J. Geddes \$50 monthly, (2) voted to codify the city ordinances, (3) approved an expenditure of \$114 for improvements to the police chief's office, and (4) decided to look into the problem of a sewer connection for the Ave. "A" and E. 6th St. area.

On the motion of Councilman Hal Ayotte, Geddes' salary was increased for a period from Jan. 1 to July 1, by the transfer of \$300 from the emergency fund to the recorder's budget. Geddes recently received \$175 monthly for his duties as recorder.

Councilman Harrison Winston moved that the city ordinances be modified. Last compilation of the ordinances, he said, was in 1908.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As the result of a series of events in which death took a hand, the state of Georgia now has two rival governors. The sequence proceeded something like this:

Gene Talmadge, gallus-wearing, tobacco-chewing exponent of "white supremacy," defeated once by a more moderate, more modern Southerner, CAME BACK at the last election. Death intervened and dimmed the triumph of his followers. It seemed that Talmadge was to be succeeded by another moderate, who had been elected lieutenant-governor.

But this week there came what in other countries we call a "coup d'etat." Taking advantage of an ambiguity in Georgia's constitution, Talmadge's son, Herman, mustered a white supremacy legislature behind him and got himself named governor.

There the matter stands, as this is written, with the two governors glowering at each other and invoking the law. A long court battle lies ahead.

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## Three Douglas County Forest Road Projects Awaiting Bids; Cost Estimated at \$1,585,000

Forest highway projects in approved programs for Oregon on which bids will probably be called this year, according to W. L. Lynch, division engineer, include three in Douglas County, embracing a total of more than 31 miles and involving an estimated aggregate cost of \$1,585,000.

The trio of highways, the respective mileages, involved and estimated costs follow: North Umpqua, 9.8 miles, \$1,000,000; Diamond Lake, 14.8 miles, \$235,000, and Tiller-Trail, 8 miles, \$350,000.

Forestry highway projects are handled directly by public roads administration, although the state initiates each yearly program which must also be approved by the Forest Service.

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## Demo White Vote Proposed By Talmadge

### 'Governor' Offers To Resign if Thompson Will, To Wait Election Result

ATLANTA, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Herman Talmadge offered today to submit the controversy over the governorship of Georgia to the people in a "Democratic white primary" election as soon as the legislature completes its session.

Speaking to the general assembly as governor of Georgia upon its invitation, Talmadge said: "If the lieutenant governor will resign, your governor will resign. The speaker of the house of representatives will assume executive authority."

Under the state constitution, then the house speaker must call an election within 60 days. The legislative session is expected to end in March.

Talmadge's offer came as a last-minute revision in his prepared text. Earlier Lieut. Governor M. E. Thompson, who contends he is the acting governor following resignation of Ellis Arnall, had challenged Talmadge.

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## Plane Crashes in Failure of Radar

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 21.—(AP)—A Wave flight orderly was killed and 20 other persons, including three women, were injured in the crash of a Navy plane at Oakland airport yesterday when, for the first time in more than 76,000 landings, radar-ground control failed to guide a ship to safety.

The big Naval air transport plane landed 150 feet short of the top-shouldered runway and crashed into a four-foot rock wall at the edge of the field.

Its undercarriage sheared away and the plane skidded across the field on its fuselage for a 1,000-foot, shedding wreckage and passengers as it went. Then it caught fire and burned.

Most seriously hurt of the survivors was Lt. (JG) E. A. Michalek from Great Falls, Md., who was burned when the plane caught fire.

Most of those injured suffered only abrasions. Many remained strapped in their seats until the plane stopped.

## U. S. Refuses Russia's Request to Give Up Critic

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The United States has rejected Soviet Russia's request to surrender Kyrill Aleksiev, former Soviet trade official who criticized "dictatorship" in his homeland.

The Russians are seeking his arrest in this country.

The announcement said it was based on the absence of an extradition treaty between Russia and the United States.

The Russians said he is a former employee of their embassy in Mexico City and charged him with embezzlement.

The U. S. reply said that the supreme court has stated that under the "domestic law of the United States power to provide for extradition is not confined to the executive branch of the government."

## Herman Baruch Named U.S. Envoy to Netherlands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Stanley K. Hornbeck, ambassador to the Netherlands, resigned today and President Truman picked Herman B. Baruch to succeed him.

Baruch, now ambassador to Portugal, is a brother of Bernard L. Baruch, the elder statesman.

## 10 Million Southerners Coming West, Forecast

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Ten million southerners, whites and Negroes, will migrate to western states in the next decade because of mechanization of the south's farms, Jonathan Daniels, Raleigh, N. C., news editor, predicted yesterday.

"The problems we have will all go then be yours," the former press secretary of the late President Roosevelt declared in an address here.

## PAGING ALL THIEVES!

### Please Don't Take Polio Funds, Plea Of Drive Chairman

"Burglars, robbers, and thieves, please refrain from stealing funds of the 1947 Infantile Paralysis drive," was the plea sent out by Del McKay, Roseburg Polio campaign chairman, today.

More than \$165 have been taken by looters of the fund within the past three days, McKay stated, and has caused all around added work for residents eager to help the needy victims of the disease, as well as for police and persons already holding funds to be turned over to the campaign fund.

"I heard there was honor even among thieves," McKay said, "but now I no longer believe it. It's like taking crutches from a cripple, only more so."

McKay referred to milk bottle collections amounting to approximately \$150 dollars stolen from the Roseburg Elks Temple and an additional \$15 pilfered from the Benson School.

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## Housing Program Urged by Mayors

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Delegates predicted today that the United States conference of mayors will endorse a new federal public housing program but may split on rent control extension.

Mayor Vincent Murphy of Newark, N. J., submitted a resolution supporting legislation patterned after the 1946 Wagner-Elender-Taft bill which would provide federal aid for 100,000 new public-financed homes a year.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) assured the conference yesterday he will reintroduce the measure which got stalled in a House committee last session after passing the Senate.

Taft also declared himself in favor of extending rent control "in some form" after June 30. The rent ceiling measure appeared certain to get official attention at the conference—if only in the resolutions committee—because Mayor Stanley W. Church of New Rochelle yesterday formally proposed that the conference reaffirm its 1946 resolution endorsing rent control.

Without rental ceilings, he said, "hundreds of thousands, if not millions of families, may lose their homes."

## Enough Waterway Jobs Authorized, Solon Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Enough flood control and rivers and harbors projects already have been authorized by congress, Chairman Dondero, (R-Mich.) of the House Public Works committee said today.

He told a reporter that committee records show \$3,635,000 worth of projects have been authorized and are "laying on the shelf."

"There is no necessity at all for any more," he added.

Lieut. Gen. Geiger III WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Marine corps reported no change today in the critical condition of Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, 61-year-old war time leader, now ill in Bethesda Naval hospital.

## The Weather

Light rain tonight and Wednesday.

## Senator Ives 'Plugs' Harder For Gov. Dewey for Another Nomination for Presidency

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Senator Irving M. Ives (R-N. Y.), said today a month's first-hand observation of Washington politics has strengthened his support of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for the 1948 Republican presidential nomination.

Dewey, the party's 1944 nominee, has turned away questions about his future aspirations. He and Ives, elected on the same ticket last November, have worked together politically for years, but there were indications last year that Ives was not the New York governor's first choice for senator.

Ives told a reporter that while he and Dewey may not always agree on some of the issues that come before the Senate, "I am backing him for the nomination because I believe he is a big man who is capable of doing a good job as president."

Ives' comment came as Republican leaders threw overboard an old Senate custom with an invitation to 16 "freshmen" members to pitch into debate.

This loosened an unwritten "gag" rule that in the past has kept most first timers silent for months while they learned their way around.

It affects a group that includes not only Ives, but some potential candidates for places on the party's 1948 national ticket such as Senator Eriker (R-Ohio), as well as highly vocal supporters of others.

Wants Lead Distributed Senator White of Maine, the GOP floor manager, told a reporter the Republican leadership

## Gen. Marshall Sworn In As Secy. of State

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall took the oath today as Secretary of State in the presence of President Truman and then pledged, "I'll do my best."

The wartime chief of America's victorious armies was assured by Mr. Truman that he felt the "safe hands" of the Secretary of State are in his hands.

Mr. Truman told Marshall that while he regretted very sincerely the decision of James F. Byrnes to resign as secretary he appreciated "very much your willingness to accept that burden."

"Not a Candidate" Previous to being sworn in for his civilian duties, Gen. Marshall said he is not a candidate for any political office and "never could be drafted"—even for the presidency. Telling reporters he considered his new post non-political, he then volunteered:

1. "I cannot be considered a candidate for political office." 2. "I never could be drafted." 3. "I am being explicit and emphatic in order to terminate once and for all any discussion of my name with regard to political matters."

Since his appointment as Secretary of State, Marshall's name has been mentioned as speculation about presidential candidates in 1948. Some have speculated he

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## Butter Price to Go Under 50 Cts. Pound, Prediction

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Butter will cost consumers less than 50 cents a pound this summer, R. K. Froier, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin, predicted at a farm outlook conference last night.

"Milk production is at its peak and that, plus the fact that supply pipelines are well stocked, will drop butter prices before long," Prof. Froier declared, and added:

"Look for cheese prices to be lowered, too, but not as much as butter."

## Adventists Build Home For Burned-Out Member

EUENUE, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Eugene Hewitts, whose just-built house burned to the ground 10 days ago, were living in a new house on the same site today.

When the \$6,000 home and greenhouse burned, fellow-members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church decided to take a hand. Donating lumber, supplies, and even furnishings, they built a new structure all ready to live in.

## Monmouth-Independence School Link Plan Loses

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—The proposal to merge the Monmouth and Independence school districts was defeated by Monmouth voters, who balloted 261 to 140 against it.

Independence favored the merger 150 to 13.

The proposed consolidation was complicated by the fact that Monmouth and Independence elementary schools are state-owned training schools for the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth.

## Oregon State College Student Missing for Week

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The student is David P. Bennett, 19, of Portland, a freshman studying engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bennett, 2768 N. W. Lake street, Portland, were listed as his parents. A brother, John, is a student at the University of Oregon, Eugene.

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## Ex-Congressman Volstead, Prohibition Act Author, Dies

GRANITE FALLS, Minn., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Andrew J. Volstead, the man who, more than any other, personified prohibition in the United States, died Monday at his Granite Falls home after having been in virtual retirement since the federal statute bearing his name was repealed in 1933.

The Western Minnesota county lawyer served in Congress for 20 years and was chairman of the House Judiciary Committee when an enforcement act to implement the 18th amendment became necessary in 1918.

How much of that act Volstead himself wrote remained his secret when he died Monday at the age of 87. But in the popular mind that law became known as the Volstead Act when it was passed by Congress over President Wilson's veto.

After his defeat in 1922, Volstead continued his campaign against liquor—started at the level of his own county—by becoming legal adviser to the St. Paul, Minn., district prohibition enforcement headquarters, a post he held until repeal came in 1933.

Volstead was adamant in refusing interviews and pictures and once hung up the telephone on a London newspaper with the comment: "It was just another wet newspaper."

Although it was prohibition that won him fame, Volstead was also credited with drawing up and

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## Roseburg Seaman Lucky In Appendicitis Attack

ABOARD USS MT. OLYMPUS, LITTLE AMERICA, Jan. 21.—(AP)—An abscessed tooth may have saved the life of Aviation Machinist's Mate J. D. Dickens of Thomsen, Ga.

The week before Christmas, Dickens, who was a seaplane flight crew member of the Eastern Task Group of this Antarctic expedition, was grounded because of the tooth. He was replaced by Aviation Machinist's Mate Frederick W. Williams, of Huntington, Tenn., one of three men killed in the crash of a P4M seaplane in the Antarctic on Dec. 30.

Time also aided Seaman Daun C. Lillard, 19, of 228 Haynes street, Roseburg, Ore. He was stricken with appendicitis an hour before he was due to take off in a plane which went to the rescue of those men who had been aboard the seaplane. Lt. Commander Dr. H. E. Williamson who had been scheduled to make the flight, too, stayed behind to operate on Lillard who has recovered.

"I didn't believe Oregon had subways," Lowenthal explained, "but neither did I suspect they had covered bridges."

## Ex-GIs Now Outnumber Non-Vets in Federal Jobs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Ex-GI's now outnumber non-veteran males working for the government.

The Civil Service Commission said 53 per cent, or 781,374, of the 2,017,535 men employed in civilian federal jobs at the end of November were veterans.

Because only seven per cent, or 38,522 of the 501,621 feminine workers served in some branch of the armed forces, non-veterans still hold 59 per cent of the total number of government jobs in the continental United States.

A table, however, showed that the percentages of veterans increased from 26 in January to 41 in November.

## Gasoline Prices Upped In Seven Western States

SEATTLE, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Blaming transportation costs, Standard Oil Co. of Calif., today put into effect a 1-cent a gallon price increase on gasoline in Washington and six other Western states. It brought local prices to 24 1/2 cents for ethyl and 2 1/2 for regular gasoline at retail outlets.

The Union Oil Co. boosted retail prices half a cent a few days ago in Eastern Washington and parts of Oregon.

## Four Children Perish in Fire, Mother Badly Burned

CHEWANING, Mich., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Four small children burned to death and their young mother lay in critical condition in a Saginaw hospital today as the result of an explosion and flash fire which leveled their farm home three miles northwest of here last night.

Mrs. Mary Courtier, 25, was suffering with burns over her entire body. Dead were three of her four daughters—Marjorie, 5, Carol Jean, 4, and Bonnie Lou, eight months—and one of her two sons—Ronald, 2.

## Levity Fact Rent

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## Revenue Boost To Be Asked of Legislators

### Fund Said Intended For Pensions; Budget Deficit Subject of Controversy

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Measures to tax amusement devices and admissions to theaters, athletic events, dance halls and other places of entertainment were ready for introduction in the State House of Representatives today.

Reps. Gilles L. French, Moro, and Henry Simon, Klamath Falls, are introducing the amusement device tax, endorsed by the State Tax Study Commission, which would levy a 30 per cent tax on gross revenues from devices in which there is an element of chance, such as illegal slot machines and punchboards. The tax on devices which have an element of skill, such as pinball and iron claw games, would be 10 per cent of the gross revenue.

Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland leader in the old age pension movement, said the admissions tax would duplicate the 20 per cent federal admissions tax, and that the revenues would be used for pensions.

French said the amusement device tax might have the effect of driving out slot machines by making it too expensive to operate them.

Owners of all amusement devices would have to keep books. If they failed to do so, they would have to accept the Tax Commission's estimate of the amount of tax due. Then, if they failed to pay the tax, the state could get a lien on all the owner's property. The records of the Tax Commission would be confidential.

The bill would apply to clubs as well as to individual operators, all of whom would have to make bi-monthly reports.

The principle of Harvey's admission tax bill also has the endorsement of the Tax Study Commission. It would apply also to restaurants which provide enter-

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## Continued Sugar Rationing Urged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Department of Agriculture advised a congressional committee it will ask for continued rationing and price control of sugar throughout this year.

James H. Marshall, head of the department's sugar branch, told the House food shortage investigating committee he hopes the sugar rationing for individuals might be increased by 10 pounds this year.

He indicated, however, there will be no increase before April 1. Despite improvement in world production, he said, the supply is still far short of demand.

"If sugar rationing and price control were lifted at this time," Marshall said, "it is my opinion that the price easily would go to 40 cents a pound."

In such a situation, he said, the great bulk of the available sugar might be bought by industrial users, "and the housewife might get much less."

The authority to ration sugar expires April 1, and the price control powers end July 1. Marshall said the department will request that both powers be extended through Dec. 31 as they relate to sugar.

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