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1947 Year of 'Correction,' Banker Says

'Troubled Prosperity' to Be U. S. Lot, M'Naughton Tells Roseburg C. of C.

Pointing out rapid production improvements, potential buying power, lowering prices and buyer resistance, E. B. MacNaughton, president of the First National Bank of Portland, speaking Monday night at the annual banquet meeting of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce declared that 1947 will not be a year of "recession," but instead, will be a year of "correction."

The current year, he stated, will be one of "uncertainty, anxiety and troubled prosperity," but there is no reason to anticipate either a serious depression or recession.

Oregon's prosperity, MacNaughton said, depends largely upon forest and agricultural industries. The outlook for forest products is good, while agriculture will remain good throughout 1947 and 1948, although artificially supported by parity prices, which must be maintained until two years after the official end of the emergency.

More Building Needed
"We need activity in the construction trade to support a high level of prosperity," the speaker said. "We are assured of peak employment in the building trade for the next two years. I do not mean construction at the price levels we have known for the past two years, for prices are already declining in some places."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SAN FRANCISCO got its start as a mission village. It droned along as mission villages in out-of-this-world Spanish California did.

It had one thrilling interlude. A Russian ship came down from then-Russian Sitka. The reason the ship came is not without its interest. Sitka, living without fresh fruit or vegetables, fell victim to scurvy. So they gathered up all who were able to walk, manned a sailing vessel and started it for the mouth of the Columbia to bring back fresh vegetables.

Vitamin C was then unknown as such, but it was known that fresh fruits and vegetables would cure scurvy. Hence the relief expedition.

The ship reached the Columbia bar (where, incidentally, Lewis and Clark were at the time boiling out salt from sea water). But there was an off-shore gale, and after beating back and forth

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Independence of Burma Assured by England

LONDON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The British government announced today it had reached an agreement with Burma that will permit the Indian crown colony to attain independence.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India and Burma, said that an interim government similar to that established for India would administer affairs during the transitional period for the 262,000-square-mile region and its 17,000,000 inhabitants.

Burma lies just east of India. It was a battleground in the war against Japan.

Myrtle Creek, Riddle Needs Told to City League's Heads

Municipal problems at Riddle and Myrtle Creek were discussed Monday by officials of the two towns, meeting with Herman Kehrl, executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities; W. Winthroe, engineer, and Dean Seeger, city manager of Eugene.

The League's representatives from Eugene met in the late afternoon with the mayor and city council at Riddle, where a general discussion was held relative to financing sewage disposal facilities, and proposed plans for zoning business and residential districts.

Procedure for Selecting City Manager Considered By Roseburg Committee

An outline of procedure, preparatory to selection of a manager for the City of Roseburg, was considered Monday at a meeting of the committee recently appointed by Mayor Al Flegel to solicit and process applications.

The committee includes three councilmen, Harrison Winston, H. T. Carstens, Hal Ayotte, and three non-council members, Charles V. Stanton, Earl Wiley and Fred Lund.

Together with Mayor Flegel and other members of the council, the committee met with Herman Kehrl, executive manager of the League of Oregon Cities, and Deane Seeger, manager of the City of Eugene, at a luncheon meeting, where advice, from Kehrl and Seeger was solicited concerning the best methods for building preliminary work.

It was proposed that the committee first determine the possible salary range; that city problems be studied to determine whether the man to be selected be a specialist as an engineer, finance man, or in some other field of municipal operation. The city would then advertise the opening, sending out to each applicant a questionnaire, of which model copies are to be furnished by the League of Oregon Cities.

After applications are received, the committee will proceed to process them and submit final recommendations to the council. Mayor Flegel expressed the hope that a manager could be named ahead of the July 1 date, when he is scheduled to take office.

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Scouts Official to Address Annual Meet Of Douglas District

Dwight M. Ramsay, above, coordinator of field service of the Boy Scouts of America, will address the annual dinner meeting of the Douglas District of the Boy Scouts at the Umpqua Hotel Tuesday evening.

Scoutmasters, sponsoring troop committee members, and their wives will meet to install officers for the coming year. Boy Scout troops from Drain to Glendale and Clatsop to Camas Valley will be represented.

The banquet will be at 6:30. David J. McCaig is chairman of the committee on arrangements. As field service coordinator, Mr. Ramsay will tell of his work on the national staff in guiding the activities of 12 regional offices as they, in turn, assist 543 local Boy Scout councils. Mr. Ramsay has been in the professional service of the Boy Scout movement since 1917, when he became a scout executive at Elgin, Ill.

State Cyclops Says Klan Beyond Reach of Law

WAYNESBORO, Pa., Jan. 28.—(AP)—In frank, public appeal for new members, the Franklin County (Pa.) Ku Klux Klan claimed today the organization is out of the reach of Pennsylvania corporation laws.

H. F. Shaffer of Chambersburg, Pa., self-styled exalted Cyclops of the Klan, said in a paid newspaper advertisement "not having been incorporated in Pennsylvania, we are therefore an unincorporated voluntary organization and are not amenable to the corporate laws of any state and are operating under the United States constitution which guarantees freedom of assembly."

Voters Kill New City Plan, But Elect Commissioners

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Nine residents of suburban Wyoming and Paris townships today are city commissioners—without a city.

The nine, self-named white canvassers, rechecked ballots, were elected yesterday. But on the same ballot voters turned down by a 4 to 1 majority a proposal to incorporate a new home rule city of Godwin.

Names of 23 city commission candidates were put on the ballot in an economy move to avoid another election in case incorporation was approved.

Fats, Oils Lead Decreases In December Food Prices

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Retail food prices fell an average of one per cent in mid-December from their record mid-November high.

Price decreases were led by fats and oils at 15 per cent, meats 3 per cent, and fresh fruits and vegetables 1 per cent, the Bureau of Labor statistics reported.

Two Eugeneans Die In Plane Crash; 11 on Superfortress Perish

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The three-day search for a missing Oregon flier and his passenger ended late last night when the twisted wreckage of the light craft, its occupants pinned inside, was found on the crest of 2,000-foot Simcoe Ridge, 12 miles southeast of Harrah, Wash.

Search for the two men—Donald F. Williams, 29, and Warren Stetler, both of Eugene—was begun Saturday when the plane failed to arrive in Eugene after taking off in bad weather at Yakima.

Location of the plane indicated it had crashed only a few minutes after leaving the Yakima airport. The big ship wavered on the take-off, climbed no more than 200 feet and cracked up in a narrow arroyo yesterday just south of the field's mile and a half-long main runway.

One member of the 12-man crew, T/Sgt. Francis L. Podlesky, 33, of Albuquerque, survived, but was rescued by a pair of C-1 firefighters. Hospital attendants said he had a good chance of recovering from burns.

Ex-Atty. Gen. Biddle Gets Post on United Nations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The White House announced today that President Truman is appointing former Attorney General Francis Biddle to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Biddle will replace John G. Winant, former ambassador to London, who recently resigned the post. He recently served as United States member of the military tribunal which tried the Nazi war criminals.

Train Wrecked by Wire; Four Killed

WALTON, Ind., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The death toll of yesterday's wreck of the Pennsylvania Railroad Union passenger train was placed at four today after a thorough examination of a battered day coach of the eight-car train. A bale of fencing wire jammed into a switch caused the wreck, Indiana state police said.

The only dead were the locomotive fireman and three passengers, nearly a score of persons were injured, one of them seriously.

Several rolls of the wire were stored in piles along the railroad track at the scene of the wreck. State Police John R. Fisher said. "Apparently one of these either fell or was placed on the track and we want to know which," said Fisher.

Resumption of Meat Exports Permitted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Meat exports, which were halted during the shortage last summer, will be permitted again.

The Agriculture Department announced today it has allocated 115,000,000 pounds of meat and meat products for commercial exports during the January-March period. Prospective production in the quarter year is more than 6,000,000,000 pounds.

Foreign governments wanting the meat will have to buy it themselves through regular commercial channels. Until exports were stopped last year, purchases for export were made by the Agriculture Department.

Prison Terms Deal for Aiding POW Escapee

DETROIT, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Four-year prison terms lay ahead today for an estranged Detroit couple convicted of aiding the escape of a German prisoner of war and harboring him.

Mrs. Joan McBride, 42, and her husband, James, 40, were sentenced by Federal Judge Arthur Lederle who denied appeal bond for Mrs. McBride. During the trial she professed love for the POW, Rudolph Soelch, 24. Soelch was deported last Thursday.

Fortunato's Over Age
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Fortunato Fratto took the Army at its word. Urged to enlist in a letter, Fratto applied for duty as a drillmaster.

Teachers' Pay Demand Given To Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Oregon House, with only three dissenting votes, passed and sent to the Senate today the bill to make permanent the temporary length and weight limits for trucks operating on state highways.

The bill permits operation of trucks up to 60 feet in length and weighing 72,000 pounds, compared with 50 feet and 54,000 pounds before the war.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The drive by organized school teachers for better pay reached the legislature today when the House education committee introduced the Oregon Education Association's bill to provide a \$2,400 minimum salary for teachers, or double the present \$1,200 minimum.

Committee members, however, were skeptical whether the legislature would go for doubling the \$1,200, but they thought the \$1,200 minimum might be increased by around \$600. They said many school districts would fight the \$2,400 minimum on grounds their budgets wouldn't stand it.

Bombing of Japan Cut War Period, Stimson Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The atom-bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August, 1945, was this nation's "least abhorrent choice" of a way to end a war that otherwise would have lasted until late 1946, says former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

American forces not only would have suffered an additional 1,000,000 casualties if the war had lasted that long, but the Japanese would have suffered greater loss of life and property than they did, Stimson says in an article of Harper's Magazine's current issue.

Eugene Man Killed by Wife Resisting 'Threat'

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Gene Harrington, 33-year-old Eugene sawmill owner, was shot to death at his home early this morning by his wife, 23-year-old Virginia, after he had allegedly returned home at an early hour drunk and threatened to kill her.

The Harringtons had been married for three years and were the parents of two sons, of 2 and 12 and one year of age. Mrs. Harrington is being held by city police for questioning.

Driver Burns to Death When Truck Overtakes

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Judd Lowe, 35, Colfax, Wash., burned to death near here Sunday night when his truck turned over and burned, state police reported.

Lowe leaves his widow and two children. State police did not explain how the accident happened.

Paul P. Harris, Rotary Clubs' Founder, Passes Away at 78

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Paul P. Harris, 78, Chicago lawyer, founder of the National Association of Rotary Clubs and its first president and also first president of Rotary International, died last night. He was born in Racine, Wis.

A long-time lawyer, he conceived the notion of grouping one representative of every business and profession in the community in a club to promote business cooperation, fair dealing, and the gospel of service.

With a client and two friends he formed the first Rotary club, in 1905. The club took its name from the early custom of meeting successively in the office of each member.

In ten years Harris saw Rotary spread from coast to coast and into foreign lands, the precursor of an age in which "Service above Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" became the business mottoes of a nation.

Linfield College Head Will Address Roseburg Rotarians

Dr. Harry L. Dillin, above, president of Linfield College at McMinnville, will address the Roseburg Rotary Club Thursday on the occasion of the club's 25th anniversary banquet, at Kennedy's Dutch Mill.

Dr. Dillin recently returned to Oregon from a meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, where he served as special consultant to the delegates of 53 nations.

In addition to his duties as president of Linfield College, Dr. Dillin is also vice president of the Association of American Colleges. He has studied in the field of international finance at the University of London and Heidelberg University, and traveled extensively in Europe.

Dr. Dillin also is a past president of the McMinnville Rotary Club. His topic Thursday night will be "Our Part in These Times," which is part of the Rotary creed.

Aid Payments in Douglas Shown

Old age assistance, blind assistance, and aid to dependent children shown in Douglas County totaled \$30,089 this month, it was reported today by Mrs. Claude Baker, county welfare supervisor.

The money included grants from the federal and state governments as well as matching amounts from the county welfare fund. There are 788 persons receiving aid: 613 oldsters, 11 blind, and 164 dependent children, Mrs. Baker said.

Federal old age assistance paid through the county welfare office amounted to \$12,823.50, matched by \$11,244.50 in state and county money. The average grant per person was \$39.26.

Eleven blind persons received grants in assistance averaging \$42.36 per person. The total grant was \$466. Of this amount, \$246 was federal aid matched by \$220 in county and state funds.

Dependent children received \$5,555 in aid. The money represented \$1,720.50 in federal funds and \$3,834.50 in state and county money. Sixty-four households received this aid, with the average grant set at \$86.80, and the average grant per child, \$33.87.

Charge Account System Launched by Railroad

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Launching its credit card system under which passengers can ride and dine on a monthly charge account, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway arranged to present the No. 1 card to Attorney General Tom C. Clark here today.

Under the credit card and "pay-as-you-go" plans inaugurated by the C. & O., travelers can reserve their space by telephone, board trains without stopping at a ticket window and either pay cash on the train or charge the fare.

Credit cards are essential for reserving Pullman space by telephone but are not needed for coach reservations. The card holder may charge dining car meals, club car and baggage service, and be billed at the end of the month.

Navy Asks Extension of Families' Allowances

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Navy asked today that the law providing monthly allowances for families of servicemen be extended at least until July 1, 1949.

The allowances now could cease six months after the end of the war, as declared by Congress. The Navy offered a bill to extend the benefits. It also asked that the allowances of men enlisted prior to last July 1 be continued through out their four-year enlistments.

Truman Plan O. K. Urged at Senate Quiz

Let Management, Labor Solve Own Problems, Suggestion of Secretary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Schweilenbach urged senators today to approve President Truman's proposal for creation of a commission to study labor problems, but criticized most other pending bills designed to iron out labor-management trouble.

He told the Senate labor committee the trouble is that "the art of collective bargaining has been forgotten." Given a reasonable opportunity, management and labor can "re-learn" the process and work out their problems between themselves, he said.

Schweilenbach struck out directly at one bill introduced by Senator Ball (R-Minn.) to outlaw industry-wide collective bargaining. But the secretary's prepared testimony took no notice of another Ball measure—one that would permit the firing of strikers.

It was introduced only yesterday and drew from Senator Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) the description "most reactionary."

Both Ball and Thomas are members of the labor committee. Opinions Summarized
Turning to the sheaf of legislation before the group, Schweilenbach:

1. Declared that creation of a mediation board, either inside or outside the Department of Labor, would "impede industrial peace rather than further it."

2. Opposed abolition of the Labor Department's conciliation service.

3. Said it would be "a serious blow" to the Bureau of Labor statistics to force it to make public all agreements and arbitration awards, which have been obtained through the voluntary cooperation of employers.

4. Opposed elimination of the check-off system of collecting union dues through payroll deductions. ("There is nothing in it.")

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Mother's Offer to Sell Eye Brings Cash Donations

EDINBORO, Pa., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Marie Didion, the 59-year-old mother of 12 children who offered to sell her eyes to the highest bidder, had almost \$500 today to buy food and comforts for sympathetic newspaper readers filled her mailbox with checks.

Wife of a partially-disabled carpenter, Mrs. Didion said a week ago she would sell one eye now and another at death to aid her family.

Declaring the contributions had restored her faith, she insisted "if I still have to, I won't hesitate to sell my eye, if I can be sure my children would have security and I won't have to go to the poorhouse when I get older."

Snow, Stiff Winds Hit Southern Oregon Areas

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(AP)—A storm moving in from the Pacific shifted southward today and missed all but southern Oregon, the weather bureau reported today.

Snow was falling in the mountain areas of the southern part of the state and winds of 20 miles an hour were reported.

Astoria, which had snow yesterday, experienced frozen slush on streets and sidewalks for colder weather today and tonight.

Truck Taken, Wrecked As Driver Sips Coffee

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(AP)—A gasoline motor coach of the Portland Traction system disappeared last night while the driver was having a cup of coffee, and was found at the bottom of a 25-foot ditch.

Coins, currency, tokens and a bottle of beer were found on the floor.

Two men were held for questioning on the strength of a cafe proprietor's report that they had been drinking beer shortly before the bus was taken.

Marine Corps to Reduce Strength by 8,000 Men

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Marine Corps announced plans today to reduce its strength by 8,000 men.

There are approximately 103,000 enlisted men now on active duty, the corps said today.

The cut would bring the figure to 95,000, still 5,000 more than budget figures call for.

Any Marine with two years of service on Feb. 1, or 18 months of service which included one combat engagement was made eligible for discharge.

Lovely Fact Rent

By L. F. Robinson

State of Oregon's motto, "She flies with her own wings," is about due for a change to "She sails with her own sales tax."

