



JAY WALKERS SWELL DIMES FUND—"You're guilty," says Mayor Albert G. Flegel, as an unidentified citizen willingly pays to the March of Dimes fund in a mock traffic court set up on the sidewalk of Jackson St. last Saturday. Mayor Flegel took the role of police judge. City police cooperated to "arrest" all persons who jay-walked in the middle of the block. After the offenders were fined, they called to their friends to "Come on over!" and enjoyed seeing them nabbed by the police also. Fines amounted to \$75.

### Salary Increases Given Salem School Teachers

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Salem school teachers will get salary increases averaging 33 per cent for the school year beginning next September, the Salem School Board announced last night.

The increases range from \$570 a year in lower brackets to \$900 in higher brackets. The teachers had asked for \$900 in all brackets.

Beginning teachers will get \$2,250 a year, compared with \$1,680 now.

### Cpl. Harold Van Kuren Reports Death of Wife

Word has been received by Mrs. Grace Ficks of Umpqua of the death of her son's wife in Hawaii, Jan. 25. Her son, Cpl. Harold Van Kuren of the Army Air Forces, is well known in Roseburg, having enlisted in old Co. B of the 162nd Infantry. He saw action in the Pacific. He reenlisted one year ago and is stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

### Wisconsin Senator To Address Young G. O. P.

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin will address the state Young Republican convention at Eugene, Feb. 8, State Chairman Robert Elliott reported today.

McCarthy defeated Robert La Follette, Jr., for the GOP senatorial nomination last year.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE mission village that grew up to be the city of San Francisco was founded near the tip of the peninsula. It was named Yerba Buena by its Spanish discoverer, Yerba Buena means good herb. The good herb that suggested its name was a little aromatic plant that grew in such profusion as to attract the attention of the pioneering Spaniards.

They came from San Diego, and it was a long and hazardous and wearing trip. Other parties exploring northward by land had turned back because of the perils of the journey—the chief of which was HUNGER.

Traveling today through the rich Salinas valley and the other fertile valleys along the Camino, it is hard to imagine that starvation was once an ever-present danger along this now famous and fruitful route.

THAT thought leads us off along an interesting line of reflection.

Why was this land, now so

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## Radio Hook-Up of City Police Patrol Cars, Sheriff's Office Receives County Court's O. K.

Diversion of funds allotted the sheriff's office for liquor law enforcement to the development of a city-county radio system was approved by the County Court yesterday, following a conference with city officials, County Judge D. N. Busenbark said today.

The money is allotted directly to the sheriff by the State Liquor Control Commission and is to be taken from the county's general fund.

The plan, whereby patrol cars of city police and the sheriff's office would be linked by a two-way radio hook-up, was presented to the court by Mayor A. G. Flegel and Chief of Police O. A. Kennerly.

There's not another city in Oregon the size of Roseburg that hasn't a police radio system," Kennerly told the court.

"It would make this place unhealthy for a lot of undesirable characters who feel safe here now," Mayor Flegel said.

The city's plan as accepted, will maintain the police radio system on a 24-hour schedule, with the transmitter to be located at police headquarters. Three members of the city police force now are licensed operators. A relief operator will be furnished by the county.

Councilman Paul Lund, member of the council's police and health committee, estimated total cost of the project would run close to \$4,100, in addition to the expense of hiring an extra operator.

Transmitting and receiving sets will be installed in city police cars and fire trucks, the sheriff's

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## Dance to be Roseburg Finale Of Dimes March; Sidewalk, Court Stunts Hike Donations

Close of Roseburg's 1947 March of Dimes will be marked by the annual "March of Dimes Dance" Thursday evening at the Armory. It was announced today by Del McKay, city chairman of the polio fund campaign.

The dance will be on the birthday of the late President Roosevelt, who instituted the March of Dimes and observed the day with the annual "Birthday Balls" of former years.

Ticket sales for the dance are being handled by the Roseburg Active Club, McKay said. Chairman of arrangements for the ball is Dick Gilman.

The dance will start at 9 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Melody Mountain Boys. Dress will be informal, and fun seekers may dance as long as they desire, McKay said.

Two banquets are scheduled Thursday evening—those of the Roseburg Rotary Club and the Douglas District of the Boy Scouts. Hour of the dance was set at 9 o'clock in order that the banquets may also attend the dance.

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**Sidewalk Plan Says Off**

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### Food Poisoning Strikes 75 Elks Lodge Members

WENATCHEE, Wash., Jan. 29.—(AP)—An estimated 75 Wenatchee members of the Elks Lodge were stricken by food poisoning after a lodge dinner last night and two ambulances and scores of private cars were pressed into service rushing the extremely sick brothers to hospitals and private homes.

No deaths resulted and half the men who attended the dinner, eating the same food as the stricken victims, were unaffected.

All of the city's doctors were called into service to administer emetics and hypodermic injections. In the height of the excitement at midnight, Dr. A. G. Young, speeding to a local hospital, was seriously injured when his car was struck by an ambulance hurrying back to the Elks headquarters for another load of victims.

Doctors and hospital attendants this morning report that all victims are weak and tired but recovering.

### Murder Charged In Eugene Slaying

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—The attractive 23-year-old wife of a prosperous Lane County sawmill operator was held on a first degree murder charge today in yesterday's gun slaying of her husband.

District Attorney Luckey filed the charge late yesterday after investigation at the Gene Harrington residence failed to disclose evidence of a struggle which the district attorney said Mrs. Virginia Harrington reported had preceded the shooting.

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### Oregon Snow Slated for Mixture of Rain Tonight

(By the Associated Press)

Light snow flurries were reported from scattered points over most of Oregon today including Astoria and Tillamook on the coast and the weather bureau said rain and snow would be mixed in the eastern part of the state tonight.

Some parts of Portland were whitened by the snow, two days before the 10th anniversary of the "big snow" that lay 18 inches deep in 1937, but in most of the city it melted as it fell.

Temperatures west of the Cascades were at or just above freezing at most points, the weather bureau reported, and in eastern Oregon the minimums included 12 at Baker, 14 at Lakeview, 15 at Bend and 24 at Pendleton.

Gillnetters Gloomy in  
Poor Salmon Outlook

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—The winter gillnetting season was off to a gloomy start here today with fishermen predicting a lack of steelhead and salmon in the river.

Fishermen pointed to the small number of steelhead and salmon being counted over Bonneville in recent weeks. A sure indication, they say, that the run hasn't started.

Gillnetters were not the only ones awaiting a fish run. The smelt fishermen have been sporting dry boats for several weeks and the little fish threaten to set a late-arrival record.

**Jap Officer Sentenced  
To Hang for Atrocities**

MANILA, Jan. 29.—(AP)—After a three-month trial in which the testimony filled 3,500 pages, former Col. Yamabuchi was convicted by a U. S. War Crimes Commission today and sentenced to the gallows. He was accused of permitting atrocities on Filipino civilians and guerrillas during his term of command of Negros Island. The 61 prosecution witnesses testified as to mass murders and rapes between 1943 and 1945.

**Cordon Gets Chairmanship**

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## First Income Tax Reduction Bill Offered

Legislature Also Asked  
To Give Cities 15 Pct.  
Of Highway Revenues

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.  
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Oregon legislature today had its first move to reduce state income taxes, in opposition to the State Tax Commission's recommendation that income taxes be increased to help solve the state's fiscal problems.

Seven legislators introduced a bill in the house today to increase the exemptions for children from \$500 each to \$500 each, saving a man with two children \$8 a year in taxes.

The bill would not affect a couple without children. The Tax Study Commission's proposal was to lower exemptions for married persons from \$1,500 to \$1,000, and for single persons from \$1,000 to \$750.

The new bill bore the signatures of Reps. J. O. Johnson, Portland; Harry Schnitzler, Sherwood; William Niskanen, Bend; R. C. Frisbie, Baker; R. H. C. Bennett, Dundee; and O. H. Bengtson, Medford; and Sen. Thomas Parkinson, Roseburg.

**City Fair Aid Hikes Asked**

Another new house measure to day would give cities 15 per cent of state highway revenues, three times the \$1,100,000 a year they now get.

A bill to appropriate \$864,000 from the general fund for support of the state fair, Pendleton round-up, and other fairs and exhibitions was introduced today by Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland. The purpose is to relieve the fairs from being dependent upon horse and dog racing betting, and is the first part of a move to ban racing.

The Senate Roads and Highways Committee introduced the

## Jews Free One of Kidnaped Britons

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29.—(AP)—One of the two British victims of underground kidnapers was at liberty today and an Irqun Zvai Leumi broadcast heard in Tel Aviv indicated that the second would be freed, like the first, "at a time which we have decided."

Judge Ralph Windham of the Tel Aviv district court, who was kidnapped from his courtroom Monday by armed men whom police identified as Jews, was released unharmed last night in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv.

Police and troops still were seeking H. A. I. Collins, Jerusalem banker and a former major in the British army who was abducted before the eyes of a friend, Mrs. Bella Ferguson, here Sunday night.

Mayor Rokach of Tel Aviv, one of three Jewish leaders given 48 hours by Lt. Gen. Cunningham, the British high commissioner, to return both men, said today the ultimatum had been "prolonged." He did not disclose the new deadline.

The broadcast of Irqun Zvai Leumi, militant Jewish underground group which had claimed the two as hostages for an Irqun member sentenced to be hanged, was recorded as saying:

"We have decided to liberate these men at a time which we have decided. This goes for the agency of British Intelligence (Collins) and for the foreign judge whose place is in London, not Tel Aviv."

**Britton Declines 4-H  
Agency in Deschutes**

E. A. Britton, formerly of Roseburg, whose appointment as 4-H Club agent for Deschutes County was announced yesterday by the State Board of Higher Education, today announced that he will not assume the position.

Britton recently became farm service director of radio station KUGN at Eugene. He is also in charge of former GIs taking "On-the-Farm" training through the State Department of Vocational Education. His home address in Eugene, 859 Jefferson St., will remain the same.

Britton was 4-H Club agent in Douglas County between 1934 and 1944. He left here to assume the position of farm service director for KOAC at Corvallis.

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## Canyonville Man to Attend 2nd Nuptials Of Divorced Parents

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 29.—(AP)—First married in 1886 and divorced since 1919, William Sheridan Reed, 75, and Mrs. Edna Florence Reed, 71, announced yesterday they would be married again today.

Three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, will witness the ceremony at the groom's home. The wedding music will be played by two grandsons.

There will not be a wedding trip.

"We're too old to go away on a honeymoon," the groom said. "Two crippled up. We have a nice home and we will stay here."

He can't remember where they went on their first honeymoon back in westover, Pennsylvania. "It's been so long ago," he recalls, "and we lived out in the country on Alligator Hill. It was difficult traveling in those days. Young people didn't take long honeymoons as some of them didn't even have a two-wheeled buckboard to ride around in."

Mrs. Reed had lived in Stockton until Jan. 12, when she came to Sacramento to visit her one-time husband.

Witnesses to the ceremony will be their children, James Wesley Reed, Canyonville, Ore., and Mrs. Goldie Periera and Mrs. Iona Connelly, Coloma, Calif.

The couple's second marriage, both to Reed, but Reed has had five wives.

## Youth Fires 14 Bullets Into Man

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Snohomish County Prosecutor Phil Sheridan said today that legal steps are under way to have a 17-year-old Kent Railroad worker remanded to county authorities for prosecution in connection with the brutal slaying Monday of J. Lloyd Sisler, 53-year-old Monroe contractor.

Sheridan said the youth, who will be 18 tomorrow, had orally confessed the slaying which was disclosed yesterday during questioning of the boy and a 19-year-old girl companion regarding a car which they had in their possession.

The youth's motive for the killing is known, the prosecutor said, he declared, however, there were discrepancies in the story which are being checked.

Sisler's body was found in a pond near his wilderness cabin eight miles northeast of Monroe yesterday.

E. L. Weaver, chief criminal deputy said the youth had admitted that he shot Sisler seven times with a .32 caliber pistol. Reloaded it and shot seven more times, and then dragged the body 75 feet to the pond and dumped it in.

The youth and his girl companion then took Sisler's car and drove away, Weaver said.

## Money Fraud Charged in Reedsport Commitment

Robert Hale Crabb, 26, of Reedsport, was committed to the county jail Tuesday under \$500 bond on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. The commitment was by order of Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright, Sheriff O. T. Carter reported.

**The Weather**

Occasional light rain tonight and Thursday.

## Salary Increases for School Teachers to Be Discussed at Meet in Roseburg Saturday

Increased salary schedules for school teachers will be discussed in a meeting at Roseburg High School Saturday afternoon, in which teachers and school administrators throughout Oregon will be represented, it was announced today by Omer J. Monger, principal.

The meeting will be for the purpose of "organization" within the Oregon Education Association, to attain "decent living salaries" and to strengthen the association against the inroads of outside groups, Monger said.

It is expected that the teachers will propose at least a \$2,600 minimum salary scale, with increases determined by years of service and educational attainments, such as the holding of teaching certificates, baccalaureate or master's degrees.

A salary schedule with similar proposals was discussed Monday night in a meeting of the Douglas County Schoolmasters Club. The schedule was tabled for further discussion until after Saturday's OEA meeting, Warren R. Conyne, secretary, said.

Saturday's organization meeting will include administrators of Class B school districts as well as teachers, Monger said. School districts throughout the state will

## Death Toll in Europe's Icy Blast Mounts

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—London temperatures tumbled to 18-year lows and icy blasts of the most severe cold wave of the winter took a mounting toll of life in fuel-short French and German cities today.

Swept by gales from Siberia, the British capital was colder than Moscow. The cold even affected Big Ben, making the big clock's chimes stutter in the night.

Suburban London temperatures dropped to 11 above zero (Fahrenheit). The KEW weather observatory reported 15 above lowest since February, 1929, and the coldest January night since 1894.

At various points in the English countryside temperatures dropped to five above, equalling the official low in Berlin, where thousands of miserable residents huddled in cold lodgings or crowded into public warming halls.

Suffering was acute in the German capital, where more than 60 persons have frozen to death since Dec. 1, city health officials reported. During the seven weeks from Dec. 1 to Jan. 15, the city health office also announced, 188 persons were taken to hospitals with frozen limbs and 19,000 others required treatment for frostbite.

**Parisians Also Suffer**

At least three deaths from the cold were reported in Paris today.

Many French towns reported record low temperatures for the night. Commentary, in central

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## Methodist Bishop, Wife Among Air Crash Dead

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A Chinese commercial airliner carrying Methodist Bishop and Mrs. Schuyler Edward Garth, Madison, Wis., among its 26 occupants exploded in midair 100 miles west of Hankow and the official Central News Agency said today 25 persons were killed.

The agency said the sole survivor was a very seriously injured foreigner who was being rushed to a hospital. The survivor's identity was not reported.

## Volunteers Inadequate; Draft May Be Continued

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Army will not ask for an extension of Selective Service beyond March 31 if it can get enough volunteers, according to Secretary of War Patterson.

However, current enlistment are not up to the 35,000 a month the Army needs, Patterson told the Wyoming chapter of the Reserve Officers Association.

He said the War Department's recommendations on continuation of the draft are expected within 10 days.

## Germans to Hang For Killing Yank Prisoners

DACHAU, Germany, Jan. 29.—(AP)—An American military court today sentenced to death by hanging three Germans who admitted on the witness stand that they shot five American flyers in the back while the airmen were being marched ahead of them as prisoners of war.

The Germans said they shot the Americans in August, 1944, on order from a rural district police chief.

## Al Slakis, Logger at Tye, Drowns in Pond

The body of Al Slakis, 46, who slipped from a log in the Tye Lumber Co. mill pond at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was recovered at 7:15 last night, it was reported today by Deputy Sheriff Dick Baker.

Slakis was working on the mill pond in company with C. N. Westcott and Ike Bridges, both of Oakland. They told officers that Slakis had stepped on a log which turned and spilled him in the water.

The body was turned over to County Coroner Harry C. Stearns last night, Baker said.

Slakis' widow survives. Slakis was born at Bayonne, N. J., Jan. 8, 1901. He was a resident of Oregon for the last 38 years and had been employed by the Tye Lumber Co. for four months.

He was married to Antoinette H. Gray at Tillamook, Nov. 3, 1928. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Roseburg Elks Lodge. In addition to his widow, his mother, Mrs. Lamide Slizes, of Portland, survives.

The body will be sent to Tillamook for burial. Arrangements are in care of Stearns Mortuary.

## Wagner Act Held Root Of Labor Strife

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Theodore R. Iserman, a New York attorney, today urged congress to overhaul the Wagner Act, terming it "the root of unsatisfactory labor relations in the United States."

Iserman told the Senate Labor Committee he represents companies which "count their employees in tens and in tens of thousands."

The committee is conducting hearings on 15 bills, most of them propose major changes in labor relations laws with a view to achieving industrial peace.

Before Iserman took the stand, Chairman Taft expressed the opinion to newsmen that the GOP-led Senate Labor Committee and the administration may be "closer together" on how to win such peace than it first appeared.

The basis of this belief, Taft explained, is the testimony Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach gave before the committee.

**Ball Bill Endorsed**

In urging sweeping revision of the Wagner Act, Iserman endorsed a bill by Senator Ball (R-Minn.) which is designed to accomplish this.

He also supported legislation which would:

1. Outlaw unionization of foremen.
2. Prevent industry-wide bargaining by unions.
3. Make it easier to sue unions.
4. Ban jurisdictional or organizational strikes and secondary boycotts.
5. Outlaw closed shops.

As for pending bills to set up a mediation board, Iserman said he has "reservations." He added, "I have dealt frequently with conciliators and I am familiar with the sometimes painful processes of conciliation. X X X It has been my impression that government should not be involved."

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## Three Opinions Issued By Atty. General Neuner

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Attorney General Neuner ruled today that Administrator Silas Gaiser of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission is not subject to the state Civil Service law.

Neuner also held that since U. S. forest highways are public highways, persons who use them must pay state gasoline taxes.

In a third opinion, he ruled that District Attorney Hayden may use Marion County funds to hire an attorney to defend Hayden in a suit for false arrest.

The suit was brought by a Silverton man whom Hayden caused to be arrested in a charge of selling liquor without a license.

## Only Three Cities Seek National G. O. P. Meet

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Present indications are that the 1948 Republican national convention will be held in June either in Chicago, Kansas City or Atlantic City.

These three cities are the only ones among those with large enough auditoriums to express any interest so far in playing host.

National Chairman Carroll Reece told a reporter today that the competitive bidding of former years has failed to develop because of the housing shortage.

## China Left to Fight Out Her Own Disputes

Native Students Elated,  
But Business Elements  
Fear Long Civil Strife

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)

Secretary of State Marshall today scrapped machinery he set up in an effort to unify China. He arranged for the prompt withdrawal of more than 9,000 marines and army officers and men from the strife-ridden land.

"The possibility of an all-out civil war between the Chinese national government and the Communist forces in north China immediately increased, in the opinion of diplomats here. The presence of the American forces in China, even though small, has long been regarded at the state department as a brake on hostilities.

Marshall's action, announced by the state department, left American policy toward China more or less up in the air and officials were unable to say what actions would be taken next.

For the time being at least the next moves are up to the Chinese themselves — to fight out their differences or to try on their own to make peace.

**Severance to Be Complete**

The state department announcement said that the United States is terminating its connection with the mediation machinery which Secretary Marshall established after President Truman sent him to make peace in China in December, 1945.

This machinery consisted of a "committee of three," of which Marshall was chairman and which had nationalist and Communist members. It also included an "executive headquarters" shared by nationalists, Communists and Americans.

More than 1,000 army officers and men and 9,000 marines aided in the maintenance of the headquarters and the state department announcement said that "the American personnel involved in executive headquarters will be withdrawn as soon as possible."

This was authoritatively interpreted to mean that army personnel and equipment in the Peiping-Tientsin area would be pulled out first. Then the marines, who serve as security and supply forces, would be removed. According to information here, this will leave in China only a very small force—estimated at 1,000 to 2,000 marines. They are

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## Vandenberg Calls for Showdown on Poland

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) called today for "frank and immediate" Big Three consultations on what he called "a rigged and terrified" election in Poland.

Vandenberg, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee who served as adviser to former Secretary of State Byrnes, told the Senate he believed that there must be immediate clarification by the United States, Great Britain and Russia of "who is who and what is what in Poland."

Supporting official State Department criticism of the conduct of the election in which a new government was chosen Jan. 19, the senator declared that the solemn promises of the Big Three at Yalta and Potsdam for a "free and unfettered" election had been violated.

Noting that the State Department had protested in much the same vein, Vandenberg asserted "we must establish the total truth in respect to the State Department charges of yesterday and then we must face realities."

## Five Army Prisoners Hackawed Way to Freedom

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Five Army prisoners hackawed their way through iron bars today and escaped from prison on Governor's Island in New York harbor, U. S. Army authorities said.

Four of the prisoners had been transferred to Fort Jay on the island after attempting to escape from Ft. Dix, N. J., New Year's Eve, the Army said.

A hacksaw was found in their cell in which two bars had been cut away, the Army said, and a sixth prisoner who had declined to join them in the escape was found in the cell. The five were believed to have swum to a rowboat moored 200 feet off the island, which is just one-half mile from the lower tip of Manhattan, and rowed to shore.

## Uncle Sam yesterday rapped Poland for the undemocratic character of its recent elections. Perhaps in time Uncle will get around to expressing an opinion on the fiasco in Georgia.

By L. F. Kaimowitz

## Levity Fact Rent

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