



JO ANN BAKES A CAKE—"Miss Oregon" is as attractive in a kitchen apron as she is in a bathing suit. Here she mixes a cake for her young brother, Tommy, whose 16th birthday is today.

Grand Ball for 'Miss Oregon' To Follow Brief Relaxation

"Miss Oregon" prepared for another full schedule today, to be climaxed by the ball in her honor tonight in the Roseburg Armory. This afternoon, Umpqua Valley's trim beauty will be escorted by a "falling crew" of Paul Bunyans on a tour of Ford's mill at Dillard, where she will pose with workers beside Douglas firs being processed into lumber.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PRESIDENT Truman accepts an invitation to visit Brazil late this month or in September. He will fly down and come back on a battleship.

OLDSTERS will recall clearly the flurry that followed President Wilson's announcement that he proposed to go to Paris to help draft the treaty of Versailles following World War I.

It was more than a flurry. It bordered on panic. At that time, there was a tabu against such things. Presidents of the United States were supposed to stay at home and hoe AMERICA'S corn. What was the world coming to?

It might have been better if President Wilson had stayed at home. The treaty of Versailles was no great milestone in the world's progress. It sowed the seeds of the dragon, and from this ill-starred seedling we reaped the bitter crop of World War II.

It might have been better if America had stayed aloof from the older world, hoeing her own garden, tending faithfully her SPECIAL crop, which is the right of individual men to live their lives as they see fit within the limits of the rights of others.

In the clear, searching light of hindsight, we can see a lot of things that might have been better if we had done them.

BUT we didn't do them. And the water that has flowed under the bridge can't be made to flow

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Two Jap Mines Seen Off Oregon Coast; 1 Blasted

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Two Japanese mines were reported last night floating off the Oregon coast in the same general area where a large number of tuna boats now are operating, the Coast Guard said today.

One of the explosives was destroyed by a cutter and the second was to be sought out today.

The mines were floating about 110 miles west of Neahkahnie Mountain, about one-third of the way down the Oregon coast, the Coast Guard said.

Subpoena for Private Papers of Hughes Follows Exchange of Acrid Remarks at Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Senator Ferguson capped a bitter verbal exchange with Howard Hughes today by issuing a subpoena for private documents and papers Hughes has in a downtown hotel.

Ferguson's action, as chairman of the Senate War Investigating Subcommittee, came after Hughes had refused to produce John Meyer, his publicity man, and had said he would make available from his papers only those cleared by his attorneys.

A subpoena also was issued for Meyer.

Shouting that "we're not going to argue with you," Ferguson instructed committee aides to issue a subpoena to seize Hughes' papers, supposed to be in custody of one of the Hollywood millionaire's auditors in a downtown hotel room.

Noah Dietrich, who heads Hughes' Tool Company, told the committee that, although he had been served with a subpoena to produce the documents, he legally does not have possession of them because they comprise Hughes' personal papers.

"Do you have those papers?" Ferguson demanded of Hughes. "I don't have them on my person, if that is what you mean,"

Hughes retorted, as spectators roared with laughter. Banging a glass ash tray on the committee table, Ferguson shouted:

"Don't try to get smart with this committee."

As the committee recessed for lunch, Francis Flanagan, its assistant counsel, served upon Hughes a subpoena to produce the records of his financial affairs.

Flanagan said the subpoena was for the records of Hughes' personal account, including his checking account.

Ferguson told reporters that a previous subpoena for Meyer had

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M. W. Slankard Named City Manager

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Commons Votes 'Crisis Powers'

Spartan Plan Faced to Fend Off Collapse

Socialist-Type Program Denounced by Churchill As Menace to Freedom

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—British socialist-dominated House of Commons approved today the government's sweeping "crisis powers" bill, described by Winston Churchill as "a blank check for totalitarian government."

The House gave the bill a second reading—approving it in principle—without a record vote. The government hoped to push the measure through all remaining parliamentary stages before the Commons' scheduled adjournment next Wednesday.

An amendment to reject the measure was defeated 251 to 148. The bill is necessary for effective dealing with the British economic crisis. It would empower the government to tell men and women where they must work and to take over the management of firms considered to be operating inefficiently.

Home Secretary Ede, backing the bill, said "we believe that this is a crisis likely to move forward with such rapidity that we should have power to deal drastically and swiftly with awkward situations that may arise."

Churchill Volleys Back

Churchill snapped: "Hitler said that."

Launching an all-out conservative

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Hard-Pressed Anchorage Levies Liquor, Gas Taxes

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The city government, hard pressed financially, looked to new tax ordinances today to raise money for street improvements, a ball park and a playground.

Measures passed Wednesday night tax beer malt 25 cents a case, hard liquor 25 cents a gallon, gasoline 16 cents a gallon, and oil five cents a quart, effective immediately.

The liquor tax is expected to raise from \$60,000 to \$75,000 annually, which will be earmarked for the ball park and playground. The gas and oil tax should bring in \$15,000 to \$40,000, which will be spent for street improvements, councilmen said.

Liquor dealers had previously approved a liquor tax by a 28 to 3 vote, Councilman L. McGee said.

Hoover Blames Russia For Chaos in World

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover holds "one nation alone"—Soviet Russia—responsible for the world's present unsettled state.

And, he said in a statement yesterday, the United States may have to rearm and indefinitely continue shipping surplus food to the starving elsewhere unless there is a change in international relations.

Hoover, who will be 73 Sunday, recently carried out a world food survey at the request of President Truman. He said that another year after the war's end, the earth without peace, little recovery in production, increasing danger of starvation abroad and "alarms of another world war."

VFW Head Demands Russia Return U. S. Ships

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars wants the U. S. to demand immediate return of all "ships" granted the Russian government under wartime lend-lease agreements.

Commander Louis E. Starr said he understood there was a shortage of tankers in this country. His prepared statement said the Russians received about 90 ships "including four large oil tankers." "If we need them, let's get them."

Paper Drive Slated by Boy Scouts Next Week

Boy Scouts of Troop 34 will conduct a paper drive next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Aug. 14, 15, and 16, it was announced by Scoutmaster Lowell Russell. The paper collections will start on Winchester St. The Scouts will successively cover the east, south, and west sides of the city. Collections will be made in Riverside last.

Britain Taxes Earnings Of Imported Movies

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Britain imposed a 75 per cent tax yesterday on the estimated earnings of all motion pictures imported into the country.

The heaviest payers will be American producers, who took approximately \$68,000,000 out of Britain last year.

Prosecutor's Wife Kills Drunken Father-in-Law in Fright at Threat of Abuse

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Prosecutor Sidney S. McMath, said his pretty 26-year-old wife killed his father, Hal P. McMath, 56, at their swank suburban home early last night while "hysterical with fright."

McMath declared he was requesting Circuit Judge Clyde E. Brown to call a special meeting of the grand jury to investigate and also was requesting appointment of a special prosecutor to present the case.

Milk Inspection Locally Favored

Favoring local inspection of dairies and cows if it can be financed, the city's special milk investigating committee agreed last night to another meeting next week, when a model milk inspection ordinance will be presented, County Sanitarian Claude Baker said today.

Meanwhile, the number of milk producers and cows in the Roseburg milkshed will be learned and the advisability of bringing other Umpqua Valley communities into the milk inspection plan will be studied, Baker said.

That local inspection of milk is favored over state inspection was the consensus of the members of the committee, all of whom were present for the first meeting. City Councilman H. T. Carstens, vice chairman, returned from a San Francisco business trip by air in order to attend.

If other Douglas County cities should participate in the milk inspection, Baker explained, each would probably pass an ordinance to enable collection of inspection fees from producers and distributors serving the respective communities, and the money would be turned over to a county fund to pay an inspector's salary and expenses.

Douglas Given \$9,625 Of State Racing Funds

An appropriation of \$2,400 was made to the Northwestern Turkey Show today in a distribution of State Racing Commission funds.

In addition, Douglas County received \$7,225 as its share of a total of \$260,100, after a specified percentage of the state's race take had been put into the state's general fund and various non-county agricultural shows had received the amounts specified in the racing law as their annual limit from racing commission monies.

The total race take this year was \$465,370.12. The money allotted to Douglas County is to be used for county fairs or agricultural shows.

Juvenile Crime Club Uncovered in Baker

BAKER, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Baker police yesterday uncovered a juvenile crime club here, dramatically known by its members as the Panther Club, with headquarters located in a dugout under a burned out theater and an efficient working organization.

Made up of a group of boys under 15 years of age, the entire organization was devoted to petty stealing. Quantities of stolen goods were recovered.

The head of the club and several members have been taken into custody and are being questioned.

The policy of the club was aimed at honoring the member who returned with the most stolen plunder.

Wage Increase Given Washington State Cops

OLYMPIA, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A \$30 monthly salary increase for Washington State Patrolmen was authorized yesterday by Governor Wallgren to halt what he said was a "considerable pirating of labor" which has resulted in the loss of 58 employees by the department.

The increase will be met through allocation of \$139,320 from the governor's million dollar emergency fund.

Wallgren said the boost would bring beginning salaries to \$230 a month and top salaries to \$260. Oregon patrolmen receive a top of \$275, he said.

Capital of Paraguay Surrounded by Rebels

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Dispatches from Formosa said today refugees arriving at that Argentine city on the Paraguayan frontier reported rebels had surrounded the loyalist capital of Asuncion on the land side and were in a position to bombard the southern suburbs from river gunboats.

The refugees were quoted as saying the rebels had captured a number of trains on which the government was sending munitions and troops to outlying points around the city.

Odom Heads For India On World Flight

CAIRO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Pilot William P. Odom, a third of the way along on his effort to set a new solo record around the world, left Cairo today at 6:30 P.M. (11:39 A.M., eastern standard time) for Karachi, India.

The former British ferry command airman, now living in Roslyn, N. Y., was only 22 hours 46 minutes out of Chicago, his starting point, as he headed down the 2,200-mile leg to Karachi.

Odom spent only 55 minutes in Cairo refueling. He arrived from Paris at 5:44 P.M. and said he had averaged about 350 miles an hour on the hop from France in perfect weather. Gander, Nfld., was his only stop before he hit Paris.

Tail winds were promised to help on the India leg.

The trip here covered about 6,500 miles of the 19,600-mile route he charted around the world. He flew around the world last April in 78 hours 55 minutes—but not alone, Milton Reynolds, Chicago manufacturer, and T. Carroll Salee, accompanied him then in the same plane.

Odom looked fresh as he

Official Presides At Own Eviction

CLEVELAND, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Deputy Clerk Aloysius Kelly indexed another home eviction case in Municipal Court yesterday and paused to comment:

"I've scheduled hundreds of eviction cases here in the past five years and I know from personal experience what a shock it is..."

His voice trailed away as his brother, Chief Bailiff Frank T. Kelly, sadly handed Aloysius the writ of eviction on the case he had just indexed.

Aloysius had just presided at his own eviction.

Drain Council Asks Bids For New City Reservoir

At the regular City Council meeting at Drain Aug. 5, an invitation to contractors was authorized for proposals to construct a new city reservoir.

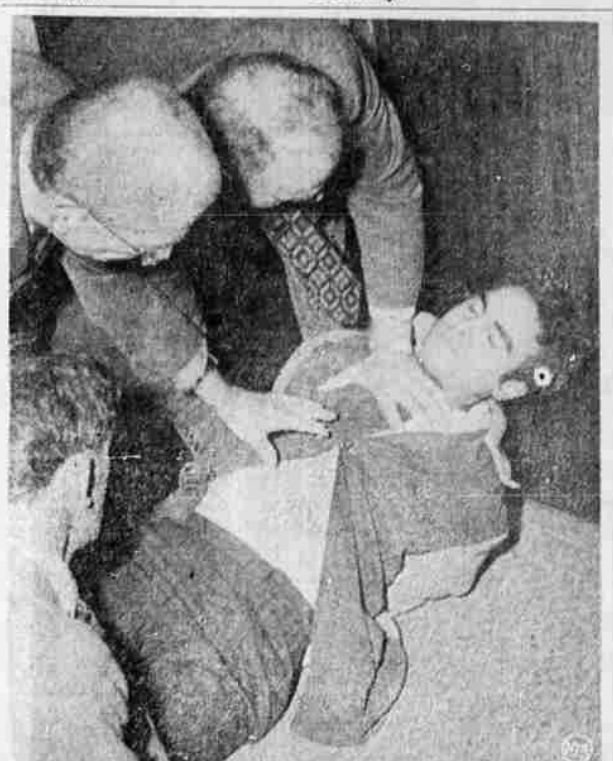
It is expected that construction will proceed immediately if favorable bids for this project are received.

The reservoir will have an approximate capacity of 600,000 gals. It is to be an earth fill type and will replace the presently used wood stave tank of limited capacity and nearly worn out.

The city is also improving certain streets by grading and installing concrete curbs and asphalt paving.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.



RECORD LONG-TERM ON 31 COUNTS—Detectives and court attaches restrain Frank Avilez, 24, San Francisco, who went berserk and started rioting as sentence condemning him to 440 years in San Quentin was read. Avilez, known as the "Black Gloved Rapist," was found guilty on 31 counts of rape, robbery and assault. His term is believed to be the longest ever imposed in San Francisco courts.



MANAGER ELECT—The application of M. W. Slankard, above, for the position of manager for the City of Roseburg was accepted Monday night by the city council. Slankard, now employed as assistant manager for the City of San Leandro, Calif., has had 18 years experience in municipal affairs.

Roseburg Schools Open September 8

Opening of the fall term of the Roseburg public school system has been set for Monday, Sept. 8, it was announced by Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott.

Registration period for high school pupils will be Sept. 3 to 5, with seniors, juniors, and sophomores signing up for classes on successive days. All faculty members of the school system will meet in the Junior High School auditorium Sept. 2.

Principals of the Junior and Senior High Schools will return to their offices to prepare for the opening of school on Monday, Aug. 11.

All persons contemplating renting living quarters to new members of the faculty should contact the superintendent's office, Elliott said. At least two men with families desire accommodations, he added.

Positions are open for a woman custodian at Junior High School, a trained certified librarian, and a half-time 6th grade teacher.

Murder Charge Faced by Pal of Condemned Man

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A nationwide hunt was under way today for a former Texas state penitentiary inmate who was charged yesterday with first degree murder in connection with the shoe store holdup slaying two years ago of Clayton W. Stockberger in Seattle.

The charge was filed against Aubrey Smith, 29, alias H. J. Love and Orben B. Smith.

Filing of the charge climaxed a two-year investigation during which time 29-year-old Richard C. Britton was convicted and twice sentenced to death for participation in the fatal holdup. His recent execution date, July 29, was commuted recently by Governor Wallgren for 60 days at the prosecutor's request.

Smith and Britton were inmates of the Texas penitentiary at the same time, FBI records show.

The latter amount is collected by a 21-mil. levy authorized by the voters when the city manager amendment to the city charter was passed at the general election last November.

The total budget is \$162,630, of which \$19,500 was set aside for the principal payment and \$2,830 for interest payment of municipal serial bonds.

Last night's council meeting was a continued session from Monday, convened because of the lack of a quorum to pass the ordinance at the regular meeting. The ordinance was passed as an "emergency" measure, having received its first and second readings Monday and its third reading last night.

The Roseburg board includes J. E. Dent, R. L. Whipple, M. J. Newland, Robert Helliwell and L. K. Wade.

Shoots Himself During Phone Talk With Girl

VAN NUYS, Calif., Aug. 8.—(AP)—"You ought to see me twirling this ruc," Robert Davis, 21, truck driver, was telling his friend, Kay Hite over the telephone. But at that moment a loud report was heard.

Miss Hite telephoned for an ambulance. Attendants found Davis with a bullet wound in his stomach. At a hospital he told police he was preparing to clean the gun when it discharged. He's recovering.

Accidental Fall Fatal On Wedding Anniversary

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A misstep at the top of a long flight of steps in this hilly city sent a 35-year-old truck driver hurtling to his death in a street 40 feet below.

When police reached the body of Frank Paul last night they found nearby a smashed box of chocolate candies. Inside was a card:

"To my wife on our eleventh anniversary."

Nash Autos Join Parade Of Price Increases

DETROIT, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Price increases on Nash automobiles ranging from \$95 to \$168.40 have been announced by Nash-Kelvinator Corporation President George W. Mason.

The boosts, which went into effect Thursday, followed increases in recent days by General Motors Corp., Packard Motor Car Co., and Kaiser-Frazer Corp.

City Council Awaits Reply Of Californian

Accepted Applicant Long Experienced in Municipal Project Engineering

Approving the recommendation of its nominating committee, the City Council last night voted acceptance of the application of Marion W. Slankard, San Leandro, Calif., for the position of city manager of Roseburg. Slankard is being notified of the council's action and his acceptance or rejection of the offer is being awaited.

Salary of the city manager has been fixed at \$5,000 in the 1947-48 city budget, which was also adopted last night in a continued session from the regular meeting of the council on Monday.

The nomination was made by a special committee, headed by Councilman Harrison Winston and including Earl Wiley, Fred Lund and Charles F. Stanton. The committee processed more than a score of applications and interviewed a number of candidates, prior to making its recommendation.

Slankard visited Roseburg early in July and conferred with committee members and city officials. A native of Arizona, Slankard, 38, studied engineering, surveying and trades and surveying and mechanics at Modesto Junior College, University of California and Fresno State College.

Long Experience Cited

His first municipal employment was with the city engineer's office at Turlock, Calif., starting in 1928. He served that city for 14 years as superintendent of streets, purchasing, police management, public works, parks and recreation, personnel administration and engineering.

He is a member of the Lions International, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce and Broadmoor Men's Club at San Leandro.

During the war period he was employed with the Bethlehem Steel Co. as a supervisor, directing the training school, and heading the layout department.

Returning to California after the war, he was employed by the City of San Leandro, as superintendent of streets, sewers, parks and construction, and as assistant to the city manager.

He has had specialized training and experience in planning and zoning, purchasing, police management, public works, parks and recreation, personnel administration and engineering.

Roseburg Tax Levy Calls for \$117,342

An ordinance adopting the budget and levying a tax for municipal purposes on all real and personal property within the city for the coming fiscal year, was passed by the City Council last night.

The total tax levy for the coming year will be \$117,342.50. The levy is \$42,818.47 in excess of the constitutional 6 per cent tax limitation, and includes \$6,000 to defray the salary and incidental expenses of the office of city manager.

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Cops Accused of \$46,500 Theft From Wrecked Car

TACOMA, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Two city police officers, who said they would have turned in \$46,500 which they found in the rear of a wrecked automobile had they been "sure it wasn't counterfeit," were held today under \$10,000 bail after being formally charged with grand larceny.

Prosecutor Steele and other officials said both men, Ernest Hyatt, 29, and Richard H. Hagg, 26, had confessed to taking the money from the trunk compartment of a car belonging to Mike Kostelac, a Gig Harbor rancher.

Police Chief Farrar said \$24,000 was recovered in the bedroom of one of the officers and \$22,500 in the bedroom of the other.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

As barb-tipped questions dart back and forth at the Hughes war plane contract investigation at Washington, the public poses one of its own: What's become of the 'infallible' lie detector device?