



GIFTS FOR PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR—George L. Routledge, manager of the Northwestern Turkey Show, is seen standing over the reserve champion, left, and grand champion dressed birds, which were chosen in final judging Thursday. Both entered by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schneider of Newberg, the reserve champion bird will be expressed to Governor John H. Hall, the grand champion to President Truman.

Turkey Show at Fair Grounds Next Year, to Accommodate Expanded Exhibit, Predicted

As the cages were disassembled and the debris and litter of the Northwestern Turkey Show were swept out of the Roseburg Armory yesterday by Homer Grow's Future Farmers of America, the prediction was made by George L. Routledge, show manager, that another year would see the turkey show in its own building at the county fair grounds.

Routledge said he was confident that an exhibit building will be erected and accommodations provided for a larger showing of birds than the Armory permitted. He said he understood, on the basis of statements made by the County Court and Fair Board that development plans for the fair grounds include construction of a show building.

The dressed bird entries in the show this week were purchased by the Oregon Turkey Growers, to be paid for at current market prices when the quality of the birds is determined, he said.

The Oregon Turkey Growers have also taken the grand champion and reserve champion dressed entries, to process them for shipment to President Truman and Governor John H. Hall.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE communists take a bad setback in France where the strikes they had called in the hope of upsetting the French government bogged down because too many Frenchmen went back to work when the government showed unexpected firmness.

BALKED in France, the Reds turn to Italy, where they call a general strike in Rome. They call the general strike IN PROTEST AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT. (The number of unemployed in Rome was estimated at 80,000). The new strike is said to have idled 500,000 more workers.

That is to say, with 80,000 people already unemployed in Rome the communists call out a HALF MILLION MORE, raising the number of people without jobs to something like 600,000. It doesn't make sense.

IF dispatches from Rome are accurate, the Italian people themselves recognize that the communist program doesn't make

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Good Neighbor Aids Us

Chalk up a "put-out" for the *News-Review* and a great big "assist" for the *Grants Pass Courier*.

The "out" was on the *News-Review's* press, which stripped a drive gear at the start of Friday's run.

A like gear was replaced earlier in the week, using up our last spare. Spares had been ordered from the factory but had not yet arrived when Friday's breakdown occurred.

As the *Grants Pass Courier* is published on a similar type of press, we called that newspaper and found they had an extra gear.

Not only did they loan us the part we needed, but Earle Voorhies, co-publisher of the *Courier* in association with his father, Amos Voorhies, dean of Oregon publishers, flew the gear to Roseburg in his own plane.

The *News-Review* management is extremely grateful to the *Courier* for its "good neighbor" act, and especially thanks Earle Voorhies for flying the gear to Roseburg and saving many hours in getting our Friday issue to our readers.

Big Four Conference Collapse Looms

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Fish Conservation Rules For Umpqua Supported

Lewis Again Yanks Miners Out of A. F. L.

Failure to Get Support For Battle on Non-Red Affidavit Causes Split

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—John L. Lewis has divorced his 600,000 miners from the AFL again in a move viewed by some labor men today as a sign that he intends to play independent in the 1948 presidential election.

The second split between the United Mine Workers and the American Federation of Labor came 11 years after Lewis first marched them out of the parent body and less than two years after he marched them in again. It was no surprise.

The 67-year-old Lewis had had his hat in his hand ever since the last A. F. L. convention, when the executive council refused to go along with him in an all-out fight against the non-Communist provision of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Note Shows Contempt

The formal break came last night with a typical Lewis gesture of contempt and a typical five-syllable word which fell like an epithet—"disaffiliate."

"Green AFL—We disaffiliate. Lewis, 12, 1947."

These words, scrawled in green crayon on a torn-off half sheet of cheap paper, were all the notice Lewis sent President William Green of the AFL.

While other union officials declined to be quoted offhand, several said a desire by Lewis for political independence next year probably hastened the end.

Free Hand Wanted

In view of his strained relations with other AFL leaders, they said

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Anglers Demand Ouster of Nets To Halt 'Incidental Catch' Abuse, Ask Winter Trout Fishing Right

Umpqua river anglers have aligned themselves definitely with the fish conservation movement while vocally blasting at a condition which will allow commercial fishermen to use an "incidental catch" clause, inserted in a closure law for their protection, as a loophole by which they continue to rob an already critically depleted stream.

Portland Store Bandit Captured With All Booty

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Two gunmen attempted to rob a department store of \$17,639 yesterday, but within minutes police arrested a fleeing man in Christmas shopping crowds and recovered the money.

Disarmed, he confessed two previous department store robberies here. Detective Chief James Purcell said.

He was booked as Richard M. Moore, 42, Portland, whose name was listed on police records as a former convict in the Oregon State Prison and the Washington State Reformatory.

Purcell said Moore refused to name the others who participated in previous robberies here, or the name of his companion in the attempt yesterday on the Olds, Wortman & King Department Store. Questioning was continuing.

Purcell said an alarm was broadcast within minutes after the holdup man snatched a money bag from the cashier at the store.

As the gunmen fled downstairs, a store employee, M. E. Friend, tackled Moore, but before Moore was wrestled to the floor, the second gunman forced Friend to let go, Purcell said. The pair ran outdoors, then went in opposite directions.

Police cars converged on the store. The first on the scene, Patrolmen Arnold Outhas and Claude Cochran saw Moore running and ordered him, via fender loud speaker, to put up his hands. After some hesitation, he did. They found the bag of money and a pistol on him, Purcell said.

Purcell added that Moore confessed these previous robberies: At the same Olds, Wortman & King store last June, \$117,000 in checks and \$304 in cash, taken by three men; the Lipman, Wolfe & Co., store in July, \$11,563 in cash and \$26,000 in checks, taken by three men; Kress & Co., \$1,500 cash on Armistice Day, 1946, two men; McDonald Candy Co., \$1,000 in cash Feb. 24, two men.

12 Arabs Slain by Bombs, 81 Wounded

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Bombs killed 12 Arabs and wounded 81 in Jerusalem and Jaffa attacks today.

Two bombs were tossed into the teeming Arab market place before Jerusalem's ancient Damascus gate, killing six Arabs and injuring 41 others.

A bomb tossed from a speeding truck at a coffeehouse in all-Arab Jaffa killed six more Arabs and injured 40 others.

The holy land death toll in Jewish-Arab fighting since the United Nations decision to partition Palestine rose to 210.

Outside the old city's gate an Arab mob assaulted a British constable, who was slightly injured, and fired on a uniformed Jewish policeman. British armored cars prowled the area.

With the holy land's communal fighting in its 14th consecutive day, the Arab communities counted 97 deaths, the Jews, 104. In addition, six Britons, two Armenians and one Mauritanian soldier have been slain. Deaths in all the middle east have totaled 326.

New Hike in Gasoline Prices Slated in East

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A new round of price increases for gasoline and other petroleum products is expected in oil circles to get underway next week.

Initial move in that direction so far as the East Coast states are concerned was taken yesterday by Socony-Vacuum when it advanced motor gasoline, aviation gasoline, kerosene, light diesel oil and Kerosene by nine-tenths of a cent a gallon. Heavy fuel oil was upped 38 cents a barrel.

In other marketing areas, Standard Oil of Ohio and Standard Oil of Indiana, serving Mid-Western and other interior states advanced their products last week by larger amounts. Other firms operating in other sections are expected to follow suit by the middle of next week but whether the increase will be uniform or not was unknown in eastern oil circles.

Marriages, Divorces in Reno Show Falling Off

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Marriages and divorces, important commerce in this busy town, are falling off from the high levels of the war-time years, County Clerk Gertrude Moore reported today.

The all-time high for marriages was reached in January, 1942, when 2,110 licenses were granted during the month. This receded to 1,612 in January of this year, and so far in 1947 the monthly average has been only about 1,750.

Divorces reached their high water mark in January, 1946, when 642 were granted. Miss Moore said. They steadily tapered off and in October only 275 divorces were issued.

It's still big business here, though. The clerk estimated that the average person establishing residence for a divorce spends about \$1,000 during the six weeks. And the average newlywed couple leaves about \$150 in town, she said.

Crash of French Trains Kills 17 Persons, Hurts 20

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A switching error killed 17 persons and injured 20 others, some of them critically, when a fast interurban diesel train met a freight and passenger train head-on in the outskirts of Riom last night.

The diesel train, carrying 40 passengers, burst into flames after the collision. Most of the fatalities were caused by the flames.

Conn Ford Area Job Bids Rejected as Too High

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—All bids for channel clearing in the Conn Ford area and bank protection work in the Melrose area on the South Umpqua river near Roseburg have been rejected by the Army engineers as too high.

The lowest bid, submitted by Oscar Butler & Son, Portland, was \$32,740, while the government estimate was \$25,781. The project may be readvertised, or performed by hired labor.

GOP Plan For Inflation Halt Gets First O. K.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The House Banking Committee said today it has not slammed the door on President Truman's anti-inflation program but contended some of his proposals might lead to "distortions" and "division."

The committee said the president himself feared a year ago that selective price controls might lead to these things.

The group filed with the House a formal report approving a GOP substitute for Mr. Truman's plan, centering around permission for business to make agreements to cut prices without violating the anti-trust laws.

The Republican measure is slated for House consideration Monday.

As the report was filed, Republican senators prepared to review a cost of living statement submitted by Senator Taft. Senators who saw the preliminary draft said that it, too, left a loophole through which the GOP could fall back on some form of compulsory action if its proposed voluntary methods fail to halt rising prices.

These senators said the advance statement was significantly lacking in any attack on Mr. Truman's request for steady wage-price and rationing authority. Taft's statement proposes to set out GOP aims.

Truman Fails to Amplify

In its report to the House, the banking committee said it "has endeavored to comply with that part of the president's program which it believes can safely be put into effect immediately."

The committee said the presidential witnesses have been able to tell how the stand-by controls asked by Mr. Truman would operate until voluntary efforts had been tried, so it "became clear" that no action was necessary on them at the special session.

The report quoted President Truman as saying Nov. 9, 1946: "The price administration has advised me that, with so much of the economy freed from price controls, clinging to the rest would, in his judgment, lead to distortions in production and diversion of goods to an extent far outweighing any benefit that could be achieved."

Timber Pay From U. S. to Be Pressed

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The western states will continue to press for government payments to counties on federally owned timber lands in lieu of taxes.

This was indicated here yesterday as the governors of the western states appeared before the Western Forestry and Conservation Association.

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Girl Killed in Auto Skid, Companion in Hospital

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A 17-year-old girl was dead and one companion was in a hospital with serious injuries today following an automobile skid on the Pacific Highway north of here yesterday.

The victim was Sylvia Honka of Olla. Hospitalized is Robert W. Robinson, 20, Ocean Lake. The third passenger, Leroy Whittington, 24, seaman from Eugene, was only slightly hurt.

Whittington said the couple had picked him up near Junction City. He said the car, in passing a truck, hit the gravel shoulder on the left side of the highway, spun into the ditch and was hurled 25 feet from the highway.

Body Found in Creek

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The body of Irwin E. Gardner, 38, was found yesterday in Muddy Creek, a stream which crosses his farm near Halsey. He had been missing since the previous day.

Senate Votes More Funds For Mortgage Insurance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Senate passed and sent to the House yesterday a bill increasing by \$750,000,000 the mortgage insurance authority of the Federal Housing Administration.

The Senate amended the bill to require that loans could be insured only on new homes where the cost is certified in line with prevailing costs.

Marshall Plan Europe's Last Hope, John Amacher Says on Return From Overseas Trip

If all the people in the United States who are "squawking about conditions," could take the trip from which he has just returned, "we would have the most contented and peaceful nation on earth," according to John P. Amacher, who, accompanied by Mrs. Amacher, returned to their home at Winchester Thursday night following a three months' trip to Switzerland.

"Our people simply don't realize how well off we are when compared with the peoples of Europe," Amacher said. "Even in my native land of Switzerland, which is much better off than its neighbors, life is rugged. The people there have enough to eat, such as it is, but there is little meat, butter is served only at breakfast, and nearly all foods are rationed."

In comparison, however, Switzerland's food situation is better than in England, said Amacher, who reported a conversation with an English school teacher vacationing in Switzerland, who said that one day's ration in Switzerland contained as many calories as a week of the English diet. Amacher said he realized the statement to be correct when, upon going to a restaurant in London following a plane trip from Switzerland, during which he and Mrs. Amacher were without food from early morning until mid-afternoon, they found the only meal obtainable in one of the best London restaurants

County Bridge Worker in Umatilla Electrocuted

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Raymond W. Barnes, about 30, was electrocuted yesterday when a steel cable he was holding contacted an electric power line about two miles north of Holdman, the coroner's office reported.

Barnes, a Umatilla County employee, was working with a crew building a bridge. The cable was attached to a crane the crew was using to move heavy timbers.

Market Contest Award Won by Marjorie Zeller

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Senior awards in the production-marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association were won by two Oregon girls—Jo Anne N. Lang, 15, of Sublimity, and Marjorie Zeller of Brookway.

Prof. Grant B. Snyder of the University of Massachusetts, adult advisor to the Association meeting here, said the top national award of a \$500 scholarship went to Lewis G. Schaenman, Jr., 16, East Longmeadow, Mass.

Two Trucks Damaged in Crash North of Roseburg

Two trucks which crashed last night at the S-turn of the Pacific Highway, three miles north of the city, were both badly damaged, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported. The trucks were operated by Charles H. Harn, Crescent City, Calif., and Bert Lehtiherr, Roseburg, Harrell said. Neither driver has yet been cited to appear in court. Neither was injured.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Abusive Talk Of Molotov Stirs Anger

Deadlock on Reparations Subject of Discussions Regarded as Hopeless

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The foreign ministers' session scheduled for today was postponed until Monday on British initiative, in order to allow tempers to cool after last night's violent argument.

A member of the U. S. delegation said it was agreed that another session today would only result in quick tempers and confusion. The two day recess will give the ministers time to plan a course of action.

Authoritative sources said the American delegation agreed the conference was "hopelessly deadlocked" on the subject of reparations and that without agreement on reparations, discussion of economic and other subjects was useless.

Secretary Marshall is expected to decide over the weekend whether to try and break off the conference immediately or go through the function of finishing the agenda before doing it. Part of the decision will depend on the attitude of Foreign Minister Molotov of Russia at the opening of the Monday meeting.

Molotov was understood to be willing that the sessions continue. A Soviet spokesman said the future of the parley would depend on Marshall.

Marshall was scheduled to meet Molotov and his deputy, Vishinsky, at luncheon today at Ambassador Douglas's residence.

Molotov's Blast Decried

Some of Marshall's advisers said privately they believed Molotov's attack yesterday, when he denounced the whole range of the western powers' policy in Germany, had killed all hope even

Band Boost Aided By Visit of Santa

"Buy a button; boost the band." That was the slogan of high school students who visited business offices and stores and set up a booth on N. Jackson St. this morning, to start the button sale to raise funds for the purchase of new uniforms for the Roseburg High School band.

The band paraded for an hour on principal downtown streets at 10 o'clock and was to repeat the performance again this afternoon. Sidewalks were crowded with spectators, among whom there was a brisk sale of buttons.

A feature of the occasion was Santa Claus' visit. Jolly, red-suited Santa stopped to converse with children on the sidewalk and ask them their Christmas wishes. Small youngsters tugged at their parents' sleeves to be allowed to talk to Santa, whose visit today was sponsored by the Roseburg retail merchants.

Youth Caught in Act of Robbing Lowell's Store

Caught in the act of robbing Lowell's, 114 N. Jackson St., of \$400 worth of women's apparel, 17-year-old Tom Francis Haney was booked at the county jail last night, Chief of Police O. A. Kennerly reported.

Haney gained entrance to the store by using a brace and bit and a keyhole saw, to saw out a panel of a rear door. Haney told police that he attempted to break into Miller's, 212 N. Jackson St., but that the door there was too thick for his tools.

Fire Destroys Truck, Blocks Highway

Traffic on the Pacific Highway nine miles south of Canyonville was blocked for more than four hours last night, as a truck operated by Clayton E. Gervais was completely destroyed by fire, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported. The fire was believed to have been caused by a short-circuited battery cable, Harrell said. The truck was parked near the scene of the fire was also destroyed. The fire was discovered about 11:30 p.m.

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Now that Comrade Molotov

has hurled a fresh batch of insults at the United States and Britain, it remains to be seen whether, as usual, he will invite Bevin and Marshall to lunch, or get a like invitation from either of them. Or perhaps the trio may decide on just a "Missouri treat."