



THAR'S GOLD IN THE SCHOOLYARD DIGGIN'S—Nearly a century after the discovery of gold in California and subsequent gold rush, residents of Monterey turn out with shovels, rakes or what have you to dig for the precious stuff. This time its in minted form of \$20 gold pieces and was discovered in an excavation for a new school site. Largest strike was 37 pieces, oldest coin was dated 1880. Gold is believed to have been buried there by the fabulous wealthy Will H. Martin, once owner of the property.—(NEA Telephoto.)

BOND ISSUES TO FINANCE ROAD WORK OPPOSED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT

Set of Tires Won In Letter Writing Contest

A set of four Goodyear tires were awarded to Miss Gloria Wunsch, field worker at the First Presbyterian Church, in a letter writing contest sponsored by the Kaiser-Frazer Corp. It was announced by Franklin Vovt, manager of the Umpqua Auto and Implement Co., local sales agency.

The set of tires was one of 170 prizes offered in the national contest, Vovt said.

When informed of this news this morning, Miss Wunsch said she has no car on which to use the tires, but would probably give them to her father, William Wunsch of Glendale.

Miss Wunsch would not reveal the magic words that won her the prize, because she had "signed an affidavit" that her prize-winning letter was to become the property of the company. She said she had written "something about the door handles" of the cars.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AT New Delhi, a strife-torn India, find little Mohandas K. Gandhi finishes his goat's milk and vegetables breakfast, rinses his mouth with water, holds a brief prayer service and begins a fast which, he says, "will end when and if I am satisfied that there is a reunion of the hearts of all communities (in what was formerly India), brought about without any outside pressure, but from an awakened sense of duty."

He adds: "DEATH for me would be a glorious deliverance, rather than that I should be a helpless witness of the destruction of India. . . . That destruction is certain if Pakistan insures no equality of the status and security of life and property for all professing the various faiths of the world, and if India copies her."

West don't understand Gandhi. We don't understand India and its people. So we've always poked fun at Gandhi.

Let's not make wisecracks now. Let's wait and watch. If, through

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Personal Property Taxes In Douglas Coming Fiscal Year May Yield About \$11 Million

More than 5,000 personal property declaration forms which have been mailed out in recent weeks, are expected to produce approximately \$11,000,000 revenue in the coming fiscal year, said County Assessor Ned Dixon.

The current year's personal property tax is producing \$8,964,720 for the county, a good proportion of the total of \$42,464,190 raised by taxes this year, Dixon pointed out.

The personal property declarations forms are being mailed out under an "honor system," by which all persons subject to payment of personal property taxes are expected to return the forms to the assessor's office by Feb. 1.

Failure to receive the forms does not relieve any person from the obligation of making a return as required by Section 110, 339, O. C. L. A., as amended by Chapter 359, Oregon Laws, 1941, he pointed out.

Although household furniture and domestic fixtures are not subject to the personal property tax, all furniture in rooming houses, apartments, auto courts, and similar establishments are sub-

Requests Drafted For Submission To Legislative Group

The Douglas County Court is "definitely and unalterably opposed to bond issues for road purposes," it is declared in a statement prepared for submission to the legislative interim committee conducting a study of highway, road and street needs in Oregon.

The statement, which will be formally submitted at a meeting to be held in Coquille, will contain the following recommendations:

- 1.—That the State of Oregon take over the North Umpqua road from Roseburg to the boundary of the Umpqua National Forest, a distance of 33 miles, as a secondary state highway.
 - 2.—That the Sutherlin-Elkton secondary highway be rebuilt to high standard, and that the Drain-Redsford highway from Scottsburg to Reddsford be widened and strengthened.
 - 3.—That the road from Roseburg by way of Melrose and Tyee to an intersection with the Sutherlin-Elkton secondary highway be taken over as a state secondary highway.
- If these recommendations are adopted by the highway commission, the balance of the county's

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25,000 Ruhr Workers Strike in Food Shortage

DUESSELDORF, Germany, Jan. 15.—Approximately 25,000 workers in the Ruhr City of Oberhausen struck today in protest against food shortages, despite appeals from the German Federation of Trade Unions to stay on the job.

The walkout occurred as federal leaders met here to consider the possibility of a general strike in the Ruhr, which Communists have been advocating.

Fair Trade Law Halts Grocer's Sale Plan

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Oregon's fair trade law has halted grocer J. A. Rembold's plan to sell food at wholesale to business-savvy housewives who paid a monthly club fee in lieu of profit mark-up.

The St. John's district grocer said the law requires retailers to charge at least six per cent over wholesale prices. He had enrolled 60 housewives at \$5 a month under a plan that gave them a 20 per cent discount from regular retail prices.

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Starving Residents Of Mukden Hang Themselves

NANKING, Jan. 15.—Residents of besieged Mukden are hanging themselves "because of lack of food," a government source said today and reported large scale air evacuation of the big Manchurian city has begun.

It is easier to fly people out than to fly food in," he explained. Government sources emphasized that every effort would be exerted to prevent capture of the city by Chinese Communist armies in its vicinity. They cornered Mukden's fall would shatter the backbone of government resistance in Manchuria.

Arthur Hutchinson Passes Away at 79

Arthur Hutchinson, 79, died yesterday afternoon at the Douglas County Hospital. The remains have been removed to Stearns Mortuary and funeral arrangements will be announced later. Mr. Hutchinson was a brother of J. Ross Hutchinson, former county commissioner.

Gandhi Too Weak From His Fast To Attend Prayer

NEW DELHI, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi, in the third day of his usual fast for communal peace in India, was too weak today to attend his usual prayer meeting, and his doctors expressed concern over his loss of weight. The four physicians attending the aged spiritual leader issued this bulletin:

"Today is the third day of Mahatma Gandhi's fast. He is naturally losing weight; weakness has considerably increased. He had to be carried out to the bathroom in an arm chair this morning. His voice is feeble."

"We once again appeal to his friends and the public not to seek interviews or Darshan." (Darshan means his public appearance, which Hindus consider holy.)

Gandhi last night exhibited deep worry over a new massacre in Moslem Pakistan.

A large crowd of refugees from the Punjab shouted "Let Gandhi die!" and broke up a Sikh peace procession near the Sikh temple in the old city.

Officers' Car Mistaken For Taxi, Gunmen Nabbed

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Two young gunmen thought a sheriff's car sounded like a taxi, and that was a mistake.

Deputies Ralph Benton and L. Johnson drove up to a tavern at Hillsdale, looking for two men reported to have robbed a cab driver Sam Soter a short time earlier. As they parked, two men answering the descriptions of the wanted men came out.

The deputies reported that after they disarmed the men, who gave the names John Clyde Mitchell, 18, and Floyd Robert Barnes, 18, the prisoners said they had called a cab, planning to rob the driver, and thought the car parking at the tavern was their cab.

C. E. Roberts Takes Job On Eugene Water Board

Resignation of Charles E. Roberts from the City Planning Commission, effective Jan. 31, was announced today by Mayor Al Fiegel.

Roberts, who is employed in Roseburg with the engineering department of the California-Oregon Power Co., also has resigned from the Copco organization, following acceptance of a position with the Eugene Water Board.

Roberts' successor on the City Planning Commission has not been selected, Mayor Fiegel said.

Grand Larceny Charge Holds Man to Grand Jury

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 15.—A man charged with grand larceny, was held over to the grand jury Wednesday by Justice of the Peace Hartfield, with bail set at \$1,000.

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Pool was committed to the county jail.

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Reservations will be limited to 100 persons. Tickets will soon be available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

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Truman Tax Cut Plan Doomed Roseburg News-Review

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Military European Aid Alternative, Royall Warns

Rejection of Recovery Plan Will Boost Army Budget, Secretary Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Secretary of the Army Royall told Senators today that the alternative to a European Recovery plan may be drafting men for military service.

Royall made the statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today in response to questions from Chairman Vandenberg and Senator Lodge.

The Army secretary testified yesterday that unless the recovery plan is accepted, the Army and its budget will have to be "measurably and immediately" increased.

Asked how this can be accomplished, Royall said either through an increase in voluntary enlistments, which he said is doubtful, or "some method of selective service."

If we assume that voluntary enlistments have not produced as many men as necessary, that leaves only the draft, Lodge commented.

Royall replied that this is correct. In other words, Lodge said, we have the alternative of the foreign recovery plan, or "else going back to the draft."

Royall said this is the "logical conclusion" unless some ways can be found through increased compensation or some other means.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal, who told the House Foreign Affairs Committee the recovery program can not be construed as "a threat against any nation."

Senator Ball Criticized

Senator Ball predicted Congress will make a "sizeable" cut in the \$6,800,000,000 asked by the administration for the first 15 months of operation.

Ball said he thinks most Re-

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March of Dimes Campaign Begins

The March of Dimes campaign was initiated in promising style today with many civic groups assuring the Douglas County Chapter of the National Foundation of their support in the 1948 drive.

Del McKay, Douglas County chapter chairman, says that the 1948 campaign bids fair to be one of the most successful yet held here.

Yesterday, members of the Roseburg Active Club distributed posters and coin cards to business establishments throughout the city, and is planning to hold a benefit dance in the near future.

Today members of the Lions Club will solicit business firms for collection. M. K. A. Y. announces, and Mrs. Carl Wasson, president of the Roseburg Junior Women's Club, has pledged the cooperation of that organization.

Contributions to the county chapter have already been received from the Olalla Community Grange and from the Elgarose Comfort Club.

The Douglas Chapter headquarters will be in J. C. Penney's store window, where Mrs. Vern Harshman will be on duty from 9 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. during the drive.

Contributions mailed to the Douglas chapter should be addressed to the March of Dimes Headquarters, J. C. Penney's Store Window, Roseburg, Oregon.

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Draft Warning

Cominform Scheme Aimed At Smashing Marshall Plan Bared in Western Germany

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(AP)—British and American officials studied today a reported Cominform scheme—identified as "protocol M"—for smashing the Marshall Plan and crippling the industrial Ruhr. The anti-Communist German press, which published the alleged Communist program, denounced it as a proposed "putsch."

Details of the plan, first published by the French-licensed newspaper Der Kurier yesterday, said the program, brought to light in Western Germany, would be coordinated by the Cominform—the Communist "information agency" set up by Communist leaders of nine nations in Poland last fall—and supported fully by the Soviet Union.

There seemed little inclination in either British or American official quarters to doubt the authenticity of the plan. One American official said publication of the plan alone was damaging enough to the Communist program in Germany.

"Protocol M," as published by anti-Communist newspapers in Berlin today, sets out the operational procedure for creating mass strikes in transport and metal industries of Western Germany "to break the monopolistic capitalist attack of the so-called Marshall plan."

The protocol was quoted as declaring that the Cominform headquarters in Belgrade would coordinate the efforts of the German Communist party with the fight in all European countries and added that "the home of socialism union, can and will support this fight against the monopolistic capitalist powers with all and every means."

"In conjunction with the entire working class of all European countries, the German working class will, in a persevering battle for key positions of production, take over the power," the plan was quoted as stating. "It is a matter of minutes' posts but of turning off places for the final freeing of the proletariat of the world."

The German party was reportedly given the "key position" in this fight—to carry out the struggle for the "European production center in the Ruhr."

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Senator's Wife On List Of Cotton Speculators

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The name "Mrs. Edith Thomas" turned up on a new list of 5,651 cotton traders today as senators investigating commodity speculation continued their study of transactions by Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okl.).

The senator's wife is named Edith. When the same name appeared on a similar list last week Thomas said his wife has her own money and trades in commodities.

He said he, too, has dealt in stocks and commodities but has never used any "inside" government information.

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The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; fog in morning.

Evacuation of Missionaries Speeded in China in Danger Of Further Murders by Reds

CHENGCHOW, China, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Transport planes sped the evacuation of missionaries from this Communist-menaced center today. Civil war fighting, however, hid the fate of an unknown number of Americans and others who had sought safety in Laohokow to the southwest.

Four have been killed in recent days—three of them slain by armed Chinese who shouted "Americans must die!" and the fourth was fatally injured by a grenade explosion in Communist-government fighting.

As missionaries and other foreigners gathered at the busy Chengchow airport, one American said the spread of civil warfare and of anti-foreigner sentiment had convinced him: "It's time for us all to get out of China again." (There are more than 500 in danger spots, mission leaders said.)

A missionary for many years, he lived through the 1927 flare-up of anti-foreigner violence, when 4,000 endangered missionaries were evacuated from Central China.

Communists were reported within three miles of Chengchow, but this rail city 300 miles north of Hankow is strongly defended. Laohokow, 200 miles northwest of

Hankow, was at last reports under increasingly heavy Communist pressure and evacuation plane pilots said they could not land there without ground communications.

Three Murders Told

Laohokow is near the scene of the three missionary murders Jan. 7. Assassins who Chinese witnesses said answered to be Communists stormed a bus and shot down Miss Martha J. Anderson, Minneapolis; Miss Esther Victoria Morland, Chicago; and Dr. Alexis Friedrich Berg, Helsinki, Finland.

The fourth death was reported

Legion Problems To Be Discussed At District Meet



JACK MARIS

Will Address Veterans

Officers of the American Legion 10th district will move to Roseburg Friday morning, to meet in conference with officers of the Department of Oregon, to discuss policies, program, procedure and problems of the Legion.

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Fish-Game Program Will Be Outlined by Lockwood

The Game Commission's program for fish and game improvement in the Umpqua Basin will be outlined Friday night when Charles A. Lockwood, state game supervisor, speaks as a guest of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club at a "homecoming" meeting to be held at the Knights of Pythias hall, starting at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Lockwood, a former resident of Roseburg, will be a guest of club officers and other sportsmen at a dinner to be held at 6:30 o'clock at the Rainbow Grill. The meeting will be open to the general public and all interested sportsmen are invited to be present.

In addition to outlining the purely local program, Mr. Lockwood is expected to discuss other phases of fish and game management in Oregon.

Expansion of Olympia Plywood Plant Planned

OLYMPIA, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A \$500,000 expansion designed to boost the plywood production of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company plant here by 70 per cent was announced today by Arnold Koutonen, Olympia manager.

Scheduled for completion in mid-summer, construction already has begun on a 40,000 square foot addition to house new peeling and drying machinery.

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Earl E. Davidson, who has served as manager of the Taylor Motor Co. since organization two years ago, announced today that he has purchased the business from F. E. Taylor, and that the name will be changed to Riverside Motor Co. Taylor has moved to Tucson, Ariz.

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Price, Wage, Rent Control Plans Assailed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

(AP)—Senate committee hearings on legislation to extend rent controls, now due to expire Feb. 29, will begin Saturday.

Senator Cain (R-Wash.), chairman of a banking subcommittee on rents, today announced plans for the hearings. He said Rent Administrator Tighe Woods will be among the first day's witnesses.

Extension of these controls is called for in one section of President Truman's 10-point cost-of-living program. It is one of the points he appears to have the best chance of getting from Congress although there is opposition.

It has not drawn the fire, however, that has been leveled at the president's request for price-wage controls. Sharp opposition to that cropped out in Democratic ranks today with Senator Maybank (D-S.C.) asserting that "all this talk about rationing and price control is only serving to frighten people and will do more harm than good."

Cain told a news conference that other witnesses scheduled to appear Saturday include Secretary of Commerce Harriman and Senator Myers (D-Pa.), sponsor of a rent control bill.

Cain Pledges Open Mind

Cain said that in accepting chairmanship of the rent subcommittee, he had written Senator Tobey (N. H.), chairman of the full banking committee, as follows:

"As you probably know I have been a vigorous critic of both the theory and practice of rent control."

"I think that it is most unlikely that I shall change this position but my personal attitude is quite beside the point. The Congress and the administration have said they want to continue

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Score Die In Three Train Collisions

By the Associated Press

Two persons were killed and at least nine others were injured today in train collisions in Arkansas and Tennessee, and at Wykes, Que. far in Quebec's frozen north.

Unofficial estimates of the dead from the crash of two west-bound passenger trains yesterday ran as high as 20. At least nine were known to be dead and 55 injured.

The engineer of a westbound Rock Island Railroad passenger train and an unidentified Nevers woman passenger were killed when the train collided head-on with an eastbound freight train on the outskirts of Little Rock, Ark. At least eight others aboard were injured.

Only one of the 80 passengers aboard the Hummelbush, fast northbound passenger train on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, was injured seriously enough to require a physician when the train hit the rear of a freight train near Wales, Tenn., shortly before midnight.

At New York's LaGuardia field 29 passengers bound for Havana sailed safely when a Constellation airliner of Varig Airlines returned to the field.

The pilot reported one of the plane's engines became overheated and landing gear difficulty had occurred.

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