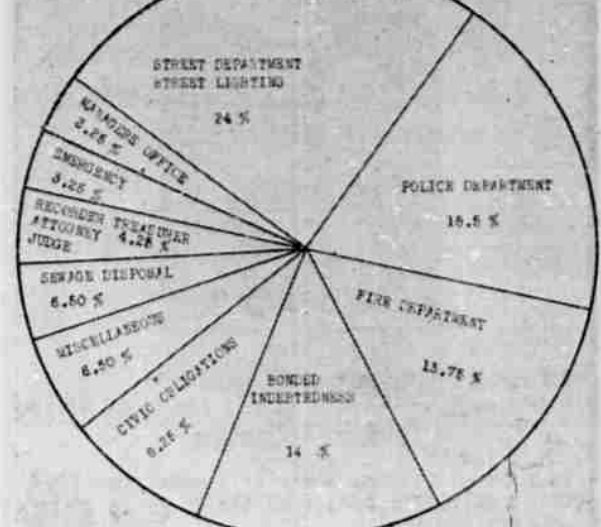


City's Increased Revenue Justifies Boost in Budget, Manager Slankard States



WHERE TAX DOLLAR GOES—This is how Roseburg is spending its tax money and income from other sources this year. The chart was prepared by City Manager M. W. Slankard. The proportions shown here are similar in the estimated \$199,884 budget for 1948-49, now being considered by the city budget committee.

Estimated increases in the city's income from various sources justify the preparation of a larger city budget for the coming fiscal year, City Manager M. W. Slankard said today.

At the first meeting of the city budget committee last week, he presented a \$199,884 budget for 1948-49, based on the requests of various city department heads.

Although the proposed budget is \$37,204 more than the current year's budget, the city's increased revenue justifies the proposed boost, he pointed out.

One of the largest increases is from the state. Last year, Slankard said, it was estimated that the city's share of gasoline taxes, traffic fines, etc., would amount to \$12,000. The percentage of these funds shared by cities was increased this year and Roseburg has received a check for more than \$21,000, he said.

Meters Yield to Double
Revenue from parking meters will be double the figure estimated last year. Then it was estimated that the city's income from the meters would be \$13,585, being half the amount collected, the other half going to the Park-O-Meter Co. to pay for the meters.

The city will own the meters outright during the next fiscal year and it is estimated that \$36,000 can be raised through more efficient enforcement of parking regulations.

Other Boosts Foreseen
It is also estimated that fines collected in the Municipal Court for misdemeanors and other penalties may be raised from \$10,000 (last year's estimate) to \$14,000 through more efficient law enforcement.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are straws in the news winds over FINLAND.

Moscow has sent Helsinki (Finland's capital) a proposal for a new treaty. The proposal seems to have been in the form of a letter addressed directly to Finnish President Paasikivi. A semi-official "source" says the letter was signed by Stalin.

It's all very secret. Nobody is giving away what the letter contained. But the Finnish cabinet met with the president immediately. Dispatches from Helsinki report that an "atmosphere of tension, suggesting a government crisis," prevails in the city.

IS liberty-loving Finland to follow Czechoslovakia into the grim, dark night of communism?

WE don't know as yet, of course. But a glance at the map discloses to us that Finland lies EAST of the Stettin-Adriatic line which was agreed upon at Yalta. As things are working out (possibly not as was HOPED at Yalta) the Stettin-Adriatic line is becoming the boundary between

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Administration's Blast at Wallace Fails To Win Revolt-Minded Southern Democrats

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—The Truman administration tried today to deflect some of the heat of the Southern Democratic revolt by turning new fire on Henry Wallace's third party.

This strategy, as outlined by a party official who asked not to be named publicly, is to try to minimize intra-party differences over the president's civil rights program.

Many of the Southerners are as opposed to Wallace and what he stands for as they are against Mr. Truman's racial views. Thus, on the Wallace score, at least, they think alike with the national Democratic organization leaders.

Senator McGrath of Rhode Island, the Democratic national chairman, sounded the new administration note in a weekend

speech at Indianapolis. He said "a third party has as much place in American politics as does a third party on a honeymoon."

McGrath added that if Wallace goes on with his campaign he and his supporters "will either waste their votes or... give aid and comfort to reactionary candidates."

Senator Connally of Texas, one of the few Southerners who didn't boycott the party dinner here last month which Mr. Truman addressed, apparently changed his mind. On his way to a Jefferson-Jackson dinner at Raleigh, N. C., over the week-end he departed from his advance text to take strong issue with the president's call for anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and anti-labor discrimination laws.

Taft Belittles Democrats
Republicans left no doubt that they plan to make political

Senate Opens Marshall Plan Debate

The Weather

Cloudy with rain today; partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, with scattered showers tonight and tomorrow.

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City Attorney Post Will Be Filled Tonight

A. N. Orcutt Resigns Job; Council May Also Name Swimming Pool Site

Resignation of A. N. Orcutt as city attorney is expected to be acted on at the regular meeting of the City Council tonight, it was announced by City Manager M. W. Slankard, who said that Orcutt's successor will also be named at the council meeting.

Orcutt's current appointment as city attorney was on a "temporary basis" when Mayor Albert G. Flegel assumed office in January, 1947, Slankard said. He previously had served as city attorney, but resigned the position in 1946.

Other business scheduled for council consideration will include revision of the peddlers' licensing ordinance, discussion of the zoning plan presented at the last meeting by the City Planning Commission, and of a new swimming pool site to be proposed by the Park Commission.

Tighter For Peddlers
The proposed ordinance for licensing peddlers provides that each applicant must be investigated by the police for a 30-day period prior to issuance of a license, or must post \$1,000 cash or surety bond, Slankard said.

Licenses shall be issued, if the ordinance is adopted, for a six-month period covering auctioneers, transient chiropractors, opticians, or oculists, piano dealers, as well as peddlers of all descriptions.

The standard license fee is set at \$5 for each six months, except for peddlers of shelf hardware, aluminum, furniture, stoves, carpets, rugs, etc., who shall pay \$25 a week, and transient cloth peddlers, \$10 per day.

Exempt under the ordinance would be peddlers who sell from samples of goods stored outside the State of Oregon, in compliance with the law.

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Reedsport Sends 4 To County Jail

REEDSPORT — Deputy Sheriff A. A. Eckhardt delivered four prisoners to the county jail in Roseburg Saturday, following their commitment to jail by Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright. Floyd Stanley Witt and Andrew Jackson Taylor, Jr., were bound over to the grand jury on charges of soliciting for a prostitute, with bail fixed at \$1,000 each, Justice Wright said. Shirley May Curryer, 19, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail by Justice Wright on a charge of vagrancy. Miss Curryer is on parole for one year from a 90-day jail sentence in the Salem courts on a morals charge, Justice Wright said.

Pete Dolan, Reedsport, was taken to the county jail to await hearing on the charge of selling alcoholic liquor without a license. He was arrested here by V. G. Billings, state enforcement officer.

Truman Blames Politics For Unsettled Problems

KEY WEST, Fla., March 1.—(AP)—President Truman refused to discuss his own candidacy and alluded to 1948 politics today in the failure to get speedier settlement of foreign and domestic problems. Speaking here where he is vacationing, the chief executive declined to talk about Soviet pressure on Czechoslovakia and Finland or the continued disorders in Palestine.

The president said flatly the Russians have made no overtures looking to a meeting with Premier Stalin in Stockholm or anywhere else.

He has not changed his position that if there is to be another "big try" meeting, it must be in Washington.

Boy, 8, Copies Brother, 6, In Chopping His Hand

VENETA, March 1.—(AP)—Archie Veneta, 6, chopping wood in his yard, chopped into his left hand.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lester, bundled him into the car; started to rush to the doctor. They were just pulling out of the driveway when they heard another scream.

Their son, Delbert, 8, had just chopped into his left hand.

Licenses Decreed For Bartenders, Waiters

PORTLAND, March 1.—(AP)—Oregon bartenders, waiters and waitresses must be licensed after July 1, the State Liquor Control Commission has announced.

The commission said the license will be required for any employee who "participates in any manner in the mixing or serving of alcoholic beverages."

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Jap Says Yank He Slew Asked God To Save His Soul

TOKYO, March 1.—(AP)—A shaven-skulled Japanese prisoner says the American he beheaded has asked God to rescue his blackened soul.

Chief Petty Officer Tamotsu Takezoe wrote of that belief to the prosecutor who sent him to prison for life. He thanked God for the chance to atone for his sins.

Takezoe and three others were convicted last month of what may have been the first Japanese atrocity after Pearl Harbor. They testified they carried out orders to behead five Americans from Wake Island aboard the prison transport Nitta Maru.

"The spirit of the American brother I victimized by my hands prayed God to guide me," wrote Takezoe. "I weep for his peace in heaven."

The sabre-wielding executioner sent his letter to Prosecutor Raymond G. Sweeney of Binghamton, N. Y. He asked him to take a message to his parish priest near Koke. The message: "Don't worry about me, Father. I walk with God in the way of the cross."

Takezoe killed one of the five American victims selected at random from the ship's 1,200 war prisoners. They were executed in revenge for the Japanese who died at Wake. It isn't certain which of the five fell beneath Takezoe's blade.

Strike Ties Unit Of Greyhound Lines

SEATTLE, March 1.—(AP)—A dispute over wages and "fringe" issues kept buses operated by the Northwest Greyhound Lines idle today.

About 200 drivers walked out at midnight Saturday, halting service from Seattle to the Olympic Peninsula, east through Idaho to Helena, and Butte, Mont., and from Portland, Ore., to central Washington.

The company's 225 buses are tied up at terminals in the four states.

The strike was called by the AFL Motorcoach Employees Union after negotiations with company representatives collapsed late Saturday night.

The international vice-president for the union, William Cooper, blamed the walkout on the company's refusal to arbitrate.

James R. Neely, assistant to the Northwest Greyhound Lines president, said the company agreed to arbitrate the question of wages for maintenance workers but would not "hand out a blank check" by arbitrating proposals it considered "feather bedding" for the drivers.

The union asked a wage increase for the drivers of 63 cents a mile or \$175 an hour, which ever would be the greater. The company's last offer was for a straight 6 cents a mile.

Neely said this would mean an average increase for main line drivers from Seattle to Butte from the present scale of \$310 a month to \$357.

Mother Happy As She Awaits Her 22nd 'Young Un'

ATLANTA, March 1.—(AP)—A 38-year-old mother says she is mighty "tickled" to be expecting her 22nd "young un."

A bride at 11 1/2 Mrs. Maud Ethel Pope, has recorded the names of 17 boys and four girls in the worn family Bible. Only nine of the children are living.

"Four of my boys died of paralysis," she said yesterday, "and one or two died of whooping cough. I don't know what was wrong with the others."

She said she met her husband, then 17, at the well used by her family and his one day and he proposed.

"I asked him," she related, "if he drank liquor. He said 'no' so I said 'all right' because I thought he was the prettiest thing I ever saw."

Mrs. Pope said her first child was born when she was 12.

Jews Blow Up British Troop Train; 28 Die

JERUSALEM, March 1.—(AP)—The Stern gang said today it set the triple blast which wrecked three railroad sleepers yesterday, killing 28 British troops and injuring 33.

"This is our answer for last Sunday's Ben Yehuda street crime," the Jewish underground declared. It referred to the Jerusalem bombing which killed 34 Jews on Feb. 22.

Haganah, Jewish militia, said it had "unconfirmed reports" that British troops had arrested 24 Jews at Mikve Israel, near Tel Aviv, last night and had "turned them over to an Arab mob as retaliation" for the train attack.

Lt. Gen. MacMillan, commander of British forces in Palestine, said three mines shattered the wooden troop cars near Rehovot, 15 miles southwest of Tel Aviv. They were jammed with soldiers returning from leave in Cairo.

MacMillan said a fourth mine failed to go off. Had it exploded, he said, the toll might have been 50 or more.

Other Incidents
The explosion climaxed a day of scattered violence in the Holy Land.

Jewish informants in Tel Aviv said six Jews were killed when a Haganah reconnaissance patrol was ambushed in the town of Sakama near Tel Aviv. British police rescued the bodies.

In Haifa, 800 Jews were taken from the illegal ship, "Builders and Fighters," which the British intercepted Saturday night, and shipped to Cyprus aboard a British transport.

The day's deaths brought to 1487 the unofficial toll since the Nov. 29 decision of the United Nations to partition Palestine.

Damage Suit Verdict Favors Woolworth Co.

Verdict for the defendant, F. W. Woolworth Co., and against the plaintiff, Zella Vance, was returned by a Circuit Court jury Saturday in a personal injury suit in which Mrs. Vance sought approximately \$2,700 for injuries allegedly received in a fall in the Woolworth store in Roseburg in 1945.

In a case which opened for trial today, Dale M. Crawford is seeking \$7,500 general damages and \$676.80 special damages for injuries in a woods logging accident allegedly caused by the "negligence" of his employer, Don Witecher. The case is being tried under the Employers Liability Act.

Crew Abandons Blazing Ship in Indian Ocean

SYDNEY, Australia, March 1.—(AP)—The U. S. Liberty ship Cecil G. Sellers caught fire today in the Indian Ocean and radio silence tonight indicated her 38-man American crew had taken to lifeboats.

Sydney agents for the Sellers said 16 hours had elapsed since the 7,126-ton vessel reported she was ablaze and her crew ready to abandon ship 200 miles off the Cocos Islands.

Three ships were racing to the aid of the stricken vessel, loaded with grain for France.

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Elsewhere in Greece, Athens newspapers said today government forces have chased guerrillas from 16 villages near the Albanian border.

WARDEN TO RAISE 12-YEAR-OLD KILLER—Jimmy Melfon, 12, of Las Animas, Colo., sentenced to 12 years to life imprisonment for pre-Christmas fatal shooting of his sister, talks with Warden Roy Best of Canon City Penitentiary (Colo.) in the latter's home.

The warden is attempting to rehabilitate the lad, has ordered him to serve as houseboy in his home, and has said that Jimmy will be allowed to attend school. Jimmy shot his 16-year-old sister as she wrapped Christmas presents because, he said, he thought their father favored her. (NEA Photo.)



GIVES UP AMERICA—Anna-belle Bucar, 33, of Clairmont, Pa., U. S. embassy employee at Moscow, Russia, announced in giving up her responsible job and renouncing her American citizenship, that she had secretly married a Russian opera star 13 months ago. She said she could no longer work with people whose opinion of the Russians does not coincide with the new happiness she has found with her husband, Konstantine Lapkin. (NEA Telephoto.)

Jet Planes Set New Speed Marks

LOS ANGELES, March 1.—(AP)—A Navy jet fighter plane has whittled down the speed record between Seattle and Los Angeles. The new mark for a 1,025-mile course is one hour, 58 minutes, seven seconds, an average of 521 miles per hour.

Comdr. E. P. Aurand, flying a North American P-51, eclipsed the old mark of Army Capt. Mack A. Mitchell, then stationed at March Field, Calif.—two hours, 14 minutes. It was made April 6, 1946.

Comdr. Aurand was one of three Navy pilots who left Seattle yesterday on a speed training mission.

Lt. Comdr. Robert Elder flew 704.5 miles to San Francisco in one hour, 21 minutes, 7 seconds, averaging 522.12 MPH, and Lt. Comdr. John Magda streaked to San Diego in two hours, 12 minutes, 54 seconds, an average of 511.8 MPH. This is the fastest time ever made between Seattle and San Diego, a distance of 1,135 miles as reckoned by 13th Naval District headquarters at Seattle.

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Treasury Head Opposes Heavy Slash in Taxes

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP) Budget Director James E. Webb urged today that Congress look at the "hard facts of international life" when deciding about cutting income taxes.

Those "hard facts," he said, do not give much hope for big cuts in government spending in the next two years.

Webb testified before the Senate Finance committee which is considering the House-passed bill to cut income taxes \$8,500,000,000 this year.

Before Webb took the committee's witness chair, Secretary of the Treasury Snyder had stiffly opposed the House bill.

Snyder said that instead of passing it Congress should adopt President Truman's plan for a \$4 "cost of living" tax credit for everyone.

He said Mr. Truman's plan is fairer to everyone and would mean no money lost to the government because higher taxes on corporations would make up the difference.

The House bill would cut taxes from 30 per cent on the lowest income people to 10 per cent on the highest, with no offsetting business levy.

Termining the President's plan a "cost-of-living adjustment," Snyder told the committee "We cannot go beyond" that "at this time." He added:

"Premature weakening of our revenue system will involve serious consequences."

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Fire Strikes As Truck Fund Sought

ROCHESTER, Mich., March 1.—(AP)—Sorrowing residents of the tiny community of Brooklands here paused today in their collection of funds for the purchase of a new fire truck.

Instead, they sought to ease the pain of the Lawrence Garvey family which lost four children in an ironic tragedy late Saturday night.

While Garvey, 40, and his wife, Irene, 42, were at a fund-raising bingo party, a fire destroyed their home.

Trapped and burned to death in the blaze were four Garvey children—Judith Ann, 9; John, 6; Susan, 4, and William, 1.

Thirteen-year-old Lawrence, Jr., frantically tried to fasten a garden hose to the family water pump after discovering the blaze. It didn't work, and neighbors forcibly prevented the patient, clad boy from rushing back into the flaming house.

Brooklands has no water mains. The volunteer fire department had staged the bingo party in plans to raise funds to buy a fire truck.

A sixth child, Barbara, was at a dance and escaped the blaze.

Finns' President Favors Treaty With Russians

HELSINKI, March 1.—(AP)—Discussions began within the Finnish government today on Prime Minister Stalin's proposal for a Finnish-Russian treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

President Paasikivi, it was learned, will be told Wednesday of the final decisions of major political parties on the idea, which is expected to be submitted to parliament.

Well informed sources said the president is in favor of signing such a treaty. They said they believe President Paasikivi feels this way.

To turn down the Soviet bid would aggravate Russian-Finnish relations to a dangerous degree. To accept it would mean Finland might get as favorable conditions as possible toward keeping national independence.

Truman Asks Extension Of Trade Agreement Act

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—President Truman today asked Congress to extend the reciprocal trade agreement act for three years, until June 12, 1951.

Mr. Truman said in a message that the trade agreements act has been in effect for 14 years and has become "an essential element of United States foreign policy."

The act gives the president power to work out tariff-cutting agreements with other nations.

The act was first put on the statute books in 1934 and has been renewed four times.

Oregon Phone Workers Vote CIO Affiliation

PORTLAND, March 1.—(AP)—Oregon's telephone exchange workers have voted to affiliate with the CIO, a union spokesman reported today.

C. M. Bixler, president of the United Telephone Employees of Oregon, said the affiliation proposal received a "substantial majority" of the vote.

Both the CIO and AFL had invited the independent union to affiliate.

Vandenberg Urges Bar To Iron Curtain

Stop World War Three Before It Starts, Plea Of Committee Leader

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP) Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) appealed to the Senate today to "help stop World War III before it starts" by approving the European recovery program.

The foreign relations committee chairman opened debate on the \$5,300,000,000 Marshall plan by telling his colleagues they face a decision "that can be a turning point in history for 100 years to come."

Denouncing "treacherous Moscow propaganda" that has "charged us with inciting American imperialism," Vandenberg said the 16 Western European nations must be saved from economic chaos.

"This vastly friendly segment of the earth must not collapse," he said in a prepared address.

"The iron curtain must not come to the rims of the Atlantic by aggression or default."

The Communist Cominform, the Michigan senator said, is frankly calling on its adherents to wreck the Marshall plan.

"It is indeed a 'cold war,'" he declared. "It is pressure" against the independent recovery of Europe. Obviously it also is aimed at us.

No Peace With Appeasement

Yet Vandenberg said there is nothing in the proposal to help Western Europe economically that "threatens the Soviet police empire with any sort of consequence which she does not herself choose voluntarily to invite."

"Peace with justice is our utterly paramount concern," he declared. "Any thought of another war to make us home with his daughter. Mrs. Wilcox died in 1934."

But peace and appeasement are not on speaking terms; and

Grant Wilcox Dies; Funeral Tuesday

Grant Wilcox, 79, formerly of Roseburg, died in Eugene Saturday, Feb. 28, following a short illness. He was born in Davis County, Iowa, March 8, 1868, and was married to Mary Barbara Rader Aug. 6, 1890. They moved to Roseburg in 1907 and made their home here until about two years ago, when he moved to Eugene to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Wilcox died in 1934.

Mr. Wilcox was a member of the Roseburg Elks Lodge and the First Christian Church. He was also a one-time police officer here.

Surviving relatives include three daughters and one son, Mrs. Ruth Runyan, and Harry O. Wilcox, both of San Francisco; Mrs. Edith Hays, Eugene, and Mrs. Garnet Ring, Portland. A brother, Jesse Wilcox, of Wyoming, and three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Long & Orr Mortuary Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with the Rev. H. T. McCallum of the First Christian Church of Eugene officiating. Concluding services and vault interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

U. S. to Proceed With Korean Election Plan

SEOUL, March 1.—(AP)—The United States announced plans today to proceed with a general election May 9, under United Nations observation, to name delegates for establishing a Korean government.

Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, U. S. commander in South Korea, made the announcements as Koreans in the American zone celebrated the 29th anniversary of their futile proclamation of independence from the Japanese.

Hodge's statement gave no details, but obviously was in line with a decision reached Thursday by the U. N. Little Assembly, to conduct such an election.

Another Quake Rocks Southern California

LOS ANGELES, March 1.—(AP)—An earthquake of moderate intensity awakened residents throughout a pie-shaped belt of Southern California early today but apparently caused no damage.

The greatest focus was felt in the San Bernardino valley, 40 to 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

The tremor, which shook homes and rattled windows, was the second in 12 days. A severe quake jolted the Los Angeles area Feb. 19.

The cities of San Bernardino, Riverside, Upland and Pomona all reported a fairly severe jarring tremor this morning.

Levity Fast Rent

By L. F. Rosenbloom

In his ban on American music, Joe Stalin apparently made one exception for the benefit of little European nations still to come under hammer-and-sickle domination. It consists of the first and last lines of an old familiar refrain:

"I'm coming, I'm coming"

"Old Black Joe."

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