

Telephones In Oregon go Past 300,000 Total

Telephones served by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Oregon last week passed the 300,000 mark.

The unofficial figure for the state as of Aug. 1 was 300,400, including some 11,000 farmer line telephones served by Pacific company exchanges.

Gain in Pacific Company telephones since V-J Day has been \$2,000. In spite of this gain—many times larger than for any comparable prewar period—the company still has a backlog of 18,000 unfilled orders in Oregon.

Telephones first were installed in Oregon at Portland in 1878—70 years ago. The Pacific Company reached the first 100,000 mark in telephones in 1920, and the 200,000 mark in 1943, thus taking 42 years for the first 100,000, 23 years for the second 100,000, and only five years for the third 100,000.

Independent telephone companies in Oregon, according to the latest estimates, serve approximately 60,000 telephones.

Ship Owners Bid For CIO Accord

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—(AP)—West Coast ship owners offered CIO longshoremen a 5-cent

an-hour wage increase today but stood firm on their proposal to overhaul the hiring hall system.

The union has demanded a raise of 18 cents an hour. It says it will strike Sept. 2 if the hiring hall provisions are changed.

The new wage offer would bring longshore pay to \$1.72 an hour straight time, and \$2.58 an hour for overtime. The shipowners also offered better vacation benefits, to total \$350,000 a year.

The employers declare that under the Taft-Hartley Act the longshore hiring halls must be operated by an impartial dispatcher. The dispatcher now is a union man and the union insists he must remain so.

The shipowners' offer was made to a Federal fact-finding board today. It was a joint agreement by the Waterfront Employers' Association and the Pacific American Shipowners' Association.

Tiger Jack Fox Scores Knockout

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Tiger Jack Fox, the aging slugger from Spokane, scored a second-round knockout victory over Frankie Thomas of New York in the main event of a boxing show here last night.

Fox weighing 194, downed his younger, 195-pound opponent three times for the nine count. Fox took considerable punishment but his ring cunning and hard punching were too much for Thomas.

Meat Sales Little Hurt by 'Boycott'

SPOKANE, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Spokane butchers said today a housewives' meat buying strike had no appreciable effect so far on meat sales.

Several meat dealers agreed, however, that yesterday's opening day in a campaign to cut meat purchases for a week could not be considered a fair test of the campaign. Several Spokane housewives are calling other women asking them to buy no meat for a week to help force prices down.

"They do a lot of rearing and threatening," said one butcher, "but they buy meat just the same. I guess the men at home insist on having meat, and I guess he's getting his way."

Douglas County Convict One of Two in Getaway

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Two sex offenders escaped from the state penitentiary farm today State Police announced.

The men were found missing at a check-up of prisoners.

The men are: Bert Blythe, 65, received from Polk County on July 19, 1946, to serve five years for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Cecil Arnold Wolfer, 54, received from Douglas County May 11, 1943, to serve 10 years for rape.

Hey, Deer, That's No Fawn



Mary Alice Miller, 19 months old and very brave, started to feed a graham cracker to a fawn that wandered into Grand Rapids, Minn., from nearby woods. The animal nuzzled her, as a gesture of thanks, but Mary Alice interpreted it differently. She didn't like it one bit!

Dewey, Confident Of Election, Will Make Few Talks

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey was described by friends today as so confident of election victory he may make fewer than 10 major campaign speeches.

The Republican campaign course will not be fixed finally until an Albany meeting next week with Gov. Earl Warren of California, Dewey's running mate.

But the signs now point to a sharp contrast between the GOP nominee's carefully-paced bid for November support and the sort of whistle stop speaking drive planned for President Truman by the Democratic National Committee.

If early plans jell, friends said Dewey may make one long campaign tour by train. After that he may fly to fill individual speaking dates, returning to Albany after each.

Mr. Truman's course is expected to be outlined at a midweek White House meeting with J. Howard McGrath, the party chairman, and other advisers.

Republicans have no financial troubles, but the Democrats are reported still to lack the cash to put on as big a drive as they would like.

Since radio time costs so much and the president isn't regarded as a skilled performer, some party members say off-the-cuff speeches on the courthouse steps and at rail stations will be a lot cheaper and possibly more effective. These would come while he is traveling to and from rallies where he will speak formally on major topics.

Without doubt the president will have plenty to say in all of these talks about the record of

the Republican-controlled Congress, which he has tagged as the "worst" in the nation's history.

Dewey Avoided Trap
Friends said he probably will try to link Dewey to the special session's refusal to give him price-wage and rationing controls by insisting that something might have been done along this line if the GOP nominee had taken a firm stand.

Dewey's associates on the other hand have been going around Capitol Hill patting themselves on the back because they say the New York governor didn't fall into what they call a Democratic trap and let himself

get embroiled in the Truman-Congress row.

Estimates vary on who came off with the political plums in the special session. Most Democrats and Republicans agree privately that Mr. Truman had the edge in the inflation-housing argument but shot too fast from the hip in his criticism of the Communists-in-government investigations.

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CAPTURED AFTER WILD CHASE—Patrolman John F. Nearney (left) covers 19-year-old Fred S. Pike, Charlestown, Mass., with his gun following capture of the youth at Providence, R. I. Capt. Paul King said the youth, in a stolen car, was halted by a hail of bullets after a chase through city streets, and is being held in connection with a murder in a bishop's home in Bolton, Mass. (AP Wirephoto)

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