

NEW W. ROSEBURG ANNEXATION VOTE SET

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



BILL PEARSON, machinist at Roseburg Welding & Machine Shop, has been with that firm three years; but he has spent 38 following his trade in widely separated points of the world.

During the First World War he made torpedoes and submarines at Bridgeport, Conn. During the Second he worked at Mare Island and Pearl Harbor. In between times he was with Standard Oil in the West Indies and spent 12 years in Wyoming. He found inclination and time about 1912, I think it was, to enlist for 18 months as an artilleryman in Pancho Villa's Eighth Army of the North.

"I've been in Roseburg, off and on, for 17 years," he told me. "My home now is in Wilbur."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN China, we're moving our women and children out of the Nanking-Shanghai area as fast as transportation facilities will permit. . . . Your history books will tell you that moving the women and children out is always a sign of expected trouble. . . . BAD trouble.

WHA! Is the trouble in China?

Well, the Chinese communists are moving in. We've heard for years that the Chinese communists are just a bunch of oppressed farmers who are asserting their rights.

Maybe. . . . But we're apparently not willing to trust our women and children to them.

WE might be willing to take a chance on the Chinese communists AS CHINESE COMMUNISTS. But we're reasonably sure the RUSSIAN communists will

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Member Drive Of C. of C. Launched

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce membership campaign opened today with a kick-off breakfast at the Umpqua Hotel. Members of contact teams were guests of Buckley Bell at the breakfast with the program being in charge of President Louis J. Fullerton and Membership Chairman Kenneth Ford. Short talks were made by Allen Clute, Charles V. Stanton, and Secretary Harold J. Hickerson.

It was reported that approximately 200 business and professional firms, professional men and others now located in Roseburg are not at present members of the chamber. The majority are firms or individuals entering the Roseburg field within the past few months.

Speakers emphasized the importance of organization, planning and cooperation in community development, and the importance of the Chamber of Commerce in community service.

WANTED: NEW GOP LEADER

Scramble of Hopefuls In Making as Aftermath Of Dewey's Second Defeat

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—A scramble for Republican Party leadership with Harold E. Stassen among those taking part—apparently is in the making as an aftermath of last Tuesday's election.

Despite an assertion by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey that he has no plans to step down as titular GOP head, his second straight defeat for the presidency may leave him little to say about future Republican policies.

These policies largely will be shaped by the Republican minority in Congress.

There such familiar figures as Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Senator Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr., of Massachusetts, and Floor Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana will be in the saddle.

But none of these is a stand-out

now for the Republican presidential nomination in distant 1952.

Instead, some of the Republican politicians who have caught their wind after the surprise drubbing given them by the Democrats are beginning to look outside the formal congressional leadership.

Other Material Eyed

Those catching their eye include men like Stassen, Senators Irving M. Ives of New York, William Knowland of California, Raymond Baldwin of Connecticut, Leverett Saltonstall and Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., of Massachusetts and Homer Ferguson of

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The Weather

Clear today and Tuesday with morning fog. Low temperature tonight.

Sunset today 5:57 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:57 a. m.

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Indictment Hits Cong. Thomas

Jury Charges Conspiracy To Pad Payroll

Former Secretary of New Jersey Lawmaker Accused With Him

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.), chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, was indicted today on charges of conspiring to pad the payroll of his congressional office.

His former secretary, Miss Helen Campbell, was charged jointly with him by a federal grand jury.

The jury has been investigating published charges of payroll irregularities in Thomas' office. He was called last week to testify but declined to do so.

The indictment accused Thomas and Miss Campbell of conspiring to maintain fictitious employees in Thomas' house office as well as to pay to the persons could be routed into Thomas' bank account.

The indictment alleged that Miss Campbell's niece, Myra McKiff, and a maid in Miss Campbell's home, Arnette Minor, were charged with the payroll and payroll checks without actually working for the government.

It was alleged that Miss McKiff and Miss Minor, upon receiving their government checks, turned them over to Miss Campbell, who deposited them in her personal checking account. Thereafter, according to the grand jury, Miss Campbell withdrew this money by check and deposited it in the account of Rep. Thomas in the First National Bank of Allendale, N.J.

The indictment formally charged Thomas and Miss Campbell with a conspiracy "to defraud the United States of its money and property."

At his Allendale, N. J., home, Thomas said, "I have nothing to say at all at this moment."

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Evacuation Order Follows Spread Of California Fire

SANTA ANA, Calif., Nov. 8.—(AP)—Evacuation of all residents from Silverado Canyon, an area of some 500 large homes and estates, was ordered today as the Orange County brush fire spread wildly, fanned by 50-mile an hour winds.

The state division of forestry, reporting the situation as "the most serious yet," said hundreds of professional and volunteer firefighters were on the lines.

The blaze had been centered in Black Star Canyon, but the gale-like winds whipped it out of control toward Silverado and Modjeska Canyons, where wealthy Santa Ana businessmen maintain large homes. Some 100 homes are in Modjeska canyon.

Last week, more than 28,000 acres of brush and grazing lands were consumed in a two-day fire. Only three cabins were lost. There were no deaths.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles county more than 100 men were at work today widening fire lines around the area burned over by the Topanga Canyon fire which destroyed 39 habitable dwellings and damaged 70.

Embers of Thursday's \$250,000 blaze still smoldered.

In Los Angeles, federal, state, city and county authorities decreed that because of humidity, wind and weather conditions, a fire hazard condition exists throughout Southern California.

The decree forbids all burning in mountain and brush areas. High winds in the San Fernando Valley uprooted palm trees, and in one instance tossed a lumber yard woodshed into Topanga boulevard. Power lines were torn down, and a section of Van Nuys was in darkness for a time.

Appellate Court Upholds Gen. Meyers' Conviction

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals today upheld the conviction of Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers on charges of inducing another person to lie under oath to a Senate committee. The court split 2-1.

Meyers has been in jail since last March 14, serving an 18 months to five years sentence imposed after his conviction in U. S. District court.

The case against him grew out of a Senate investigation of wartime air force contracts.

Meyers, now retired, was the chief purchasing officer for the air force during the war.



INDICTED — Congressman J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, above, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, was indicted today by a federal grand jury, jointly with his former secretary, of a conspiracy to pad his office payroll.

Law Studies Free Alcatraz Convict After 18 Years

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 8.—(AP)—The so-called "brain" of Alcatraz Prison has some business to dispose of, quickly, and then there's the matter of an old romance.

Cecil Wright earned the nickname for legal studies which freed him after 18 years. He hopes to leave for Charleston, Ill., in a day or two to visit Miss Beryl Brimberry, who was his high school sweetheart.

Wright is now 41 and Miss Brimberry, 40. He told reporters that when he telephoned her she said she wanted him to come home to "talk about getting married."

In Charleston Miss Brimberry declined to comment. She is a floorlady for a shoe manufacturing plant there.

Wright was released from Alcatraz Saturday, successful in his 13th attempt to gain freedom on a writ of habeas corpus. Originally he was convicted of a \$243 postoffice robbery at Strasburg, Ill.

He is here conferring with his lawyer about possible sale of his life-story to the movies, radio and magazines.

Russian Says 'Peace' Periled by Allies

MOSCOW, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Soviet war hero Marshal Timoshenko said the "peace-loving policy" of our state is meeting resistance from Anglo-American warmongers as the 31st anniversary of the Russian revolution was celebrated yesterday.

Speaking atop Lenin's tomb as the might of the Red Army paraded in front of leading Soviet politicians, foreign diplomats, military observers and cheering crowds, Timoshenko urged preparedness. But, he said, the growing forces of peace "will not allow a new war."

Prime Minister Stalin did not take part in the ceremonies in Red Square. He was said to be on his annual vacation.

Observers noted the emphasis on aviation this year. Jet fighters and four-engined bombers were conspicuous.

Income Tax Cut Revision Said Planned

Truman Wants Slash In Upper Brackets, Boost For Low Income Group

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Rep. Eberhart (D-Pa.) said today he looks for President Truman to urge a revision of the 1948 income tax cut.

The idea, said Eberhart, would be to pass more of the savings along to low income groups by boosting the levies for those in the upper brackets.

Eberhart, a member of the tax-framing House Ways and Means Committee, also predicted that Mr. Truman will revise his excess profits tax proposal.

However, some of the President's advisers are known to take a dim view of such a move because of its possible effect on business.

There has been considerable speculation that before Mr. Truman reaches any definite decision on business taxes he may renew his plea to industry to lower prices and profits.

The President had little to say about an excess profits tax during his campaign. But he took several husky swipes at the income tax cut bill which the 80th Congress wrote into law over his veto.

He called it a "rich man's bill."

The main features of that measure are (1) A \$100 hike in the personal exemption, making it \$800 instead of \$700; (2) Extension of the community property principle to all states, letting husbands and wives split the family income for tax-saving purposes; and (3) Percentage cuts in tax rates ranging from 12.5 per cent in the low income brackets to five per cent at the top.

'Hard-Billed' Budget

Eberhart did not say what sort of revisions he thinks Mr. Truman has in mind. But in his own tax reduction proposal early this year, the President suggested that each person be allowed a \$40 "cost of living" tax cut—a plan that would make the

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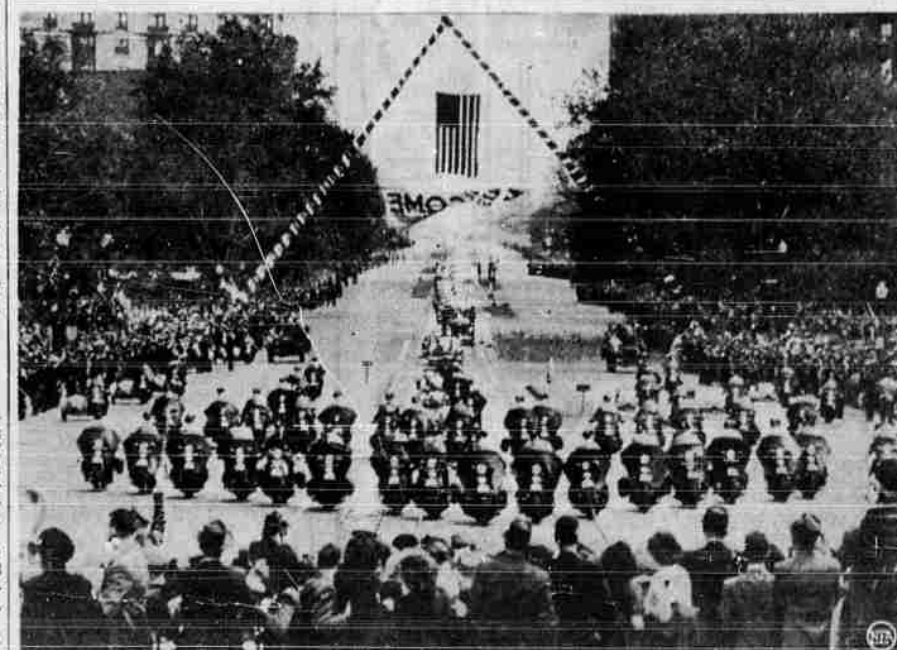
Boy Scout Troop Does Kindly Deed on Halloween

A masked group of boys of West Melrose Boy Scout Troop No. 35 performed a good deed in turnabout fashion Halloween night. They called on a neighbor they knew to be ill. Expecting the usual "trick or treat," the invalid was surprised when the boys deposited their evening's loot on her table with the explanation, "we have come to treat you."

Gasoline-Laden Cars Destroyed in Train Crash

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Three tank cars, loaded with 30,000 gallons of gasoline, and four freight cars went up in flames today in the derailment of a Missouri Pacific freight train at Dodson, Mo., a suburb of Kansas City.

Three persons suffered minor burns in fighting the flames, which sent a huge billow of smoke over the southern part of the city.



THOUSANDS CHEER PRESIDENT'S RETURN TO CAPITOL—Crowds cheer the presidential motorcade as it makes its way slowly down Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue under "Welcome" arches erected for President Truman's triumphant return.

2nd Election Scheduled For December 10

City Council Prefers Fresh Ballot to Taking Chance on Legal Barrier

An election to determine once and for all the controversial issue of annexing West Roseburg to the city has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10. The Roseburg City Council at a meeting Saturday noon passed an ordinance setting the date for the second balloting, after Tuesday's election on this particular area was invalidated.

The council, meeting Thursday night to canvass the votes, passed a motion to declare the Nov. 2 election invalid, because of possible legal entanglements which might arise over the fact the city election polls in West Roseburg did not open until 45 minutes after the scheduled time of 8 p. m. The election carried overwhelmingly in the city, but passed only by a 136-to-124 margin in West Roseburg.

Mayor Albert G. Flegel Saturday again threw the matter open to discussion, stating it would be possible to rescind Thursday's motion if the council so chose. However, after considerable discussion the ordinance calling the election was placed on the floor and was passed through its third and final reading with an emergency clause in effect.

Two Dissenting Votes

There were two dissenting votes. Councilmen Percy Croft and Harrison Winston voted against the ordinance, not because they were opposed to annexation, but on the grounds they believed the first election was valid.

Councilman Croft stated the burden of proof in a court test would be up to the opposition, and he expressed the opinion the matter would not be contested. He thought the election should stand until proved invalid in the courts.

Councilman Winston stated that validity of the election was still

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Cigaretts Bought Fortune Overseas, Veteran Explains

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Nov. 8.—(AP)—"You could get anything in Austria for a carton of cigarettes."

That's how M/Sgt. Wiley C. Walters, 40, of Fort Collins, 42, today for the first time, determined the value of his good fortune in jewelry, furniture, paintings and a car Bruce said he found at Walters' home.

Bruce said he was holding Walters, veteran of 15 years in the Army, and his wife, Marian, 42, today for investigation. The Office of Special Investigation was looking into the matter for the Air Force.

No charges were filed against the couple. Bruce said it was up to the Air Force to determine whether Walters brought the goods home legally. The chief said Walters has a good Army record.

According to Bruce, Walters said he traded 1500 cartons of cigarettes during two years in Austria for the things, brooches, diamond-studded watch, antiques, grand piano, Fiat car and oil paintings. He said he obtained the cigarettes from a New York firm through regular trade channels. Bruce didn't know what the cigarettes cost.

Walters went to Vienna in February, 1946. His wife joined him the next October. They returned to the United States last August. Bruce said they brought the goods home as household goods.

One day after getting an honorable discharge, Sept. 15, Walters re-enlisted at Peterson Field here. His home is at Pueblo, Colo.

Bruce started investigating, and arrested the couple Saturday night, after Mrs. Walters offered to sell one of the rings to a jeweler.

Severed Nose Restored To Bride on Honeymoon

NEWHALL, Calif., Nov. 8.—(AP)—The bride who lost her nose in a honeymoon traffic accident is recovering today.

The plane with an unannounced number of persons aboard has been missing since Saturday on a flight from Okinawa to Guam. The bomber usually carries a crew of 11 men.

Radioactive Cruiser Slated for Destruction

SEATTLE, Nov. 8.—(AP)—The radioactive heavy cruiser Pensacola will be asleep in the deep by the end of the week off the western Washington shore.

Sniffing back a tear, the Navy announced the atom-splattered war hero will be sunk by guns and bombers of the First Fleet and its air arm.

The Pensacola survived Bikini atom bomb tests after heavy war action at Iwo Jima, where a kamikaze hit her, and at Okinawa. The coup de grace is set for Wednesday.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Don't wait for a New Year's resolution. Join the Chamber of Commerce NOW! Be OF and FOR Roseburg, not merely IN it—just perching. Be a booster, not a rooster.