

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



DOCTOR JOHN L. HASKINS is manager of the Veterans Facility in Roseburg—a big man, as you may surmise from what you can see of him. He has a big job, too, for at present more than 650 veterans are patients at the hospital and these are cared for by 350 men and women employed in many different capacities.

Doctor Haskins specializes in psychiatry, as of course you will know if you wish to speak to him professionally; but if you are just "visiting" you will discover that also he is a specialist in the field of sports. A noted University of Minnesota halfback, he refereed football and basketball games for many years after graduation. He hunts, he fishes and he loves to row a boat. Along with all this he makes friends, too, lots of friends—and easily.

Low, Middle Salary Groups Likely To Escape Income Tax Hikes But Larger Levies on Payrolls Loom

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Low and middle salary groups appeared likely today to escape any general income tax boosts this year in spite of a record \$41,858,000,000 peacetime budget.

But there was fairly general agreement in both Democratic and Republican ranks that if President Truman's spending program for the fiscal year starting July 1 is to be followed, someone is going to have to ante up more money.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE White House announces Truman's State of the Union message is favorable in a ratio of about 20 to 1. That is undoubtedly true. Those who favor what he proposed are immediately enthusiastic and vocal. Those who are doubtful will keep their fingers crossed and will wait to see what happens.

THE President in his message distinctly proposed more government in everything UNLESS: The present trend of thinking in this country is that if private industry won't give us what we want, GOVERNMENT WILL.

President Truman's program, as he uttered it on Wednesday and as the new Democratic-controlled congress moved the next morning to IMPLEMENT IT, is a challenge to private industry. He says to all business men: "Do the job the public wants."

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Bids Asked for Bridge on Coquille Middle Fork

Bids will be opened by the State Highway Commission in Portland Jan. 24 and 25 for the construction of a 146-foot concrete bridge on the Roseburg-Coos Bay Highway in Douglas County, spanning the middle fork of the Coquille River.

USE INCOME TAX FOR STATE EXPENSES, MCKAY ASKS Repeal of Withholding Tax, Shift of Liquor Revenue to General Fund Also on Request List

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Governor Douglas McKay, inaugurated yesterday as Oregon's 25th governor, asked the legislature to use income tax revenues to pay state expenses.

He also suggested that income tax funds, which now are used to reduce property taxes, should be spent to launch a new building program for higher education and state institutions.

McKay would use only future income tax revenues to pay state expenses, while the building would be financed by current income tax surpluses.

This recommendation was similar to that of outgoing Governor John H. Hall.

McKay's tax program, which he said would balance the budget, also called for repeal of the withholding tax on income, which was passed two years ago. He also asked that unusual medical expenses and up to \$250 a year in life insurance premiums be deductible from income taxes.

The new governor, who was a senator himself in the last session,

urged that the legislature do its job and go home as soon as possible.

Would Increase Pensions

McKay's other recommendations were:

Increase old age pensions about \$3 a month to a \$50 average, rather than the \$30 minimum which the voters approved. And put liquor receipts into the general fund.

Modernize the state highway system with a 1-cent gas tax increase or doubling the auto license fee, or possibly both.

Extend the fish and game program, but don't increase license fees too much. He suggested this extension might be done by a legislative appropriation from the general fund.

Increase industrial accident benefits, and study whether unemployment benefits are high enough.

Change the 1947 motor transportation law so it will bring in more revenue.

Take milk control functions away from the Agriculture Department.

Cut down the number of State Department reports.

Work with California and Washington for a uniform daylight saving law, whether it be for or against it.

Study salaries of state employees.

Governor McKay said he would have more recommendations when he becomes more familiar with his job.

The governor announced he is creating an advisory board to coordinate the development of the state's natural resources. On this board will be representatives of forestry, agriculture, fish and game, hydroelectric and other state departments.

Hall's Recommendations

Outgoing Governor Hall, in addition to asking for new buildings for institutions and higher education, requested new buildings for grade and high schools.

He said that if the legislature forced all persons, when they are financially able, to take care of their aged parents, then more

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The Weather

Clear to partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight 10 to 15 degrees; 5 to 10 degrees in outlying valleys.

Sunset today 4:58 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:44 a. m.

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Dist. School Bonds of \$895,000 Sold

S. California Blanketed By 6-Inch Snow

Freezing Rain and Sleet Lash Southern Plains, Sections of Midwest

(By The Associated Press)
Weather's wintry elements unleashed further damaging blows to storm-weary states over most of the western half of the nation today.

Snow, ice and sleet storms hit an area from the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle to the Pacific Coast.

California shivered again in freezing temperatures. Los Angeles suburban areas were blanketed with up to six inches of snow in probably the worst snowstorm in Southern California history.

There was snow and ice from the state's winter resort spots to the mountains. Many highways were closed because of ice and snow. The fruit and vegetable crop was further endangered by the wintry blasts. The freezing weather followed last week's killing frost which caused millions of dollars of damage to crops.

Only one major highway out of Los Angeles—coast route 101 to San Francisco and San Diego—was free of ice, the state highway

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Chinese Officials Flee Nanking As Red Fury Mounts

(By The Associated Press)
Chinese officials poured from Nanking today leaving little more than a symbol of government there as Communist troops increased their assaults on trapped armies 150 miles north.

The Communists also were reported battering into the commercial city of Tientsin in the north. Peiping was besieged. The fury of the fighting above Nanking, which pilots called the "heaviest we have seen at any time in China," signaled a dismal failure of Chiang Kai-shek's peace feelers to the Communists who have bested his government armies.

Claire L. Chennault renewed his offer to form again the Flying Tigers to fly against the Communists.

Canton and Formosa (Taiwan) are favorite refuges of government officials. As many as 50,000 Chinese a week are reported arriving on Formosa, which some say Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek may turn into an island fortress.

Peace rumors continued to flow from every direction. One government official cautioned, "It's no use talking about peace until we know what the Communists want. And they are not saying."

U. S. Sued for \$200 Million In Texas City Disaster

GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The \$200,000,000 Texas City disaster suits will be tried April 25.

Federal Judge T. M. Kennerly yesterday set date for the cases to be tried shortly before he adjourned court on the opening day of the current session here.

The U. S. government is being sued in more than 250 suits for a total of approximately \$200,000,000 as a result of damages and injuries suffered in the April 16, 1947, explosions at Texas City in which 512 persons were killed and nearly 2,000 injured.

In order to expedite trial of the cases, the plaintiffs and the government have agreed to consolidate them to be tried as one case.

Aid Dimes March



NEW CHAIRMAN—Don Forbes, upper photo, and Bill Evans, lower, today were announced by Roseburg Infantile Paralysis Campaign Chairman Del McKay as additions to the Roseburg drive committee.

Forbes has accepted the sports chairmanship. He will arrange with promoters of all local sporting activities which have signified their willingness to cooperate in raising funds. Evans will head the industrial drive and contact mill owners and employees. The campaign officially opens Friday, Jan. 14, and continues through the month. A headquarters will be set up in the Marshall Wells store on Jackson Street.

Power Situation In Northwest At Critical Stage

SPOKANE, Jan. 11.—(AP)—A new and "more serious" crisis was expected to develop today in the Pacific Northwest's battle with the power shortage.

Continued cold weather, which has frozen streams and cut down the power-making capacity of generators, was forecast and utility spokesmen said that would create a more critical situation for the power pool system than last night when a complete collapse was threatened.

But the breakdown did not come and the consumer in private homes was credited with saving the situation.

Amid warnings that a complete failure might come at any time, consumers were asked to turn off extra lights and electrical appliances during the "peak load" period between 4:30 p. m. and 6:30 p. m.

Marshall Blair, operations supervisor for the Washington Water Power Company, said the public cooperated "wonderfully."

Today he asked for round-the-clock conservation as the power pool approached the breaking point in its generating capacity.

He said the power shortage would continue as long as the streams were frozen and that the situation would be critical the rest of the week.

Air Force Cut of 20 Pct. Requested by Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—President Truman recommended yesterday a 20 per cent slash in Air Force combat units and discarded the 70-group concept held by military leaders since 1941.

The President's budget message to Congress proposed 48 combat groups, compared with 60 groups now active. He suggested that the Air Force be held to its present strength of 412,000 officers and men for the foreseeable future.

The President said 1,097 planes are to be cut from the goal of 10,297 first and second line fighters.

Force planes by next June 30. He said the cutback includes 100 training planes and about 400 other types used largely for support of ground operations. The B-45 is in this latter class.

First Bills Go Into Hopper At Legislature

Employees' Retirement Plan Target; Repeal Of Withholding Tax Asked

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Legislature, meeting today for its second day, got its first bills, and these are likely to cause some big arguments.

Sen. Frank H. Hilton, Portland, sponsored a bill which would practically abolish the system under which state employees retire on pension when they are 65, unless their employer and the State Retirement Board permit them to work longer. Hilton's bill would let the employee decide whether he should work longer.

The 1947 Legislature 1 per cent withholding tax would be repealed by a bill by Rep. John Steelhammer, Salem. This repeal was recommended by Governor McKay, but some tax committee members think the tax is a good idea.

Steelhammer also introduced bills to provide interlocutory divorce decrees, and to fix birth certificates so that no one can tell whether a birth is illegitimate.

The House also got a resolution calling for appointment of a five-man legislative committee to coordinate legislation sought by

Roseburg Linked With Bonneville Item in Budget

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Bonneville Power Administration today explained what President Truman's BPA budget proposals would mean for regional power development.

The Detroit dam is now under construction, and \$18,500,000 for contract authorization represent an increase of \$18,485,000 over last year.

Transmission extensions and substations are planned from Grand Coulee to Midway. A 230-kilovolt line is planned from Midway to Goldendale, Wash., and then to Maupin, Ore., and across the Cascades to the Detroit dam. The Detroit dam is now under construction and the line to that point will then go on to Eugene.

Two additional lines will link Bonneville dam and Troutdale, Ore., substitution. Another 230-kilovolt line is proposed from Goshute, Nev., to Roseburg. This will relieve power shortage in the Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford sectors.

Also projected is a first link in the line aimed for Southern Idaho. This will be a 230-kilovolt line from McNary dam, now under way, to La Grande, Ore.

Firemen's Quick Action Saves Melrose Area Home

Timely arrival of the Roseburg Rural Fire Department at 10 a. m. today averted a fire resulting from an overheated stove.

The firemen arrived at the Le-noir Kruse home two miles west on Melrose road to find the wall around a chimney smoldering, and the flames shot out as soon as the plaster was knocked loose.

Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor reported.

The owner, said Taylor, had thoughtfully avoided breaking into the wall until the firemen arrived. Otherwise, he said, the blaze may have been of a major nature.

RESCUES FOUR, AIDS STORK

Trucker Has Busy Period Following Highway Crash

To rescue four people from an automobile wrecked in a ditch and to assist at the birth of a baby was "all in a night's work" Monday for Luke Harrison, Woodburn, driver of a Highway Freight truck.

Slippery roads early Monday morning caused the collision of his truck with an automobile driven by Daniel William Collins Sr., of Junction City, on the Pacific Highway 19 miles north of here, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

The Collins automobile came down a 14-foot embankment after striking the freight truck. Harrison got out to give aid. He heard Mrs. Collins scream for the safety of her babies. He made four trips down the muddy embankment to drag out the two children, aged two and four, and their parents from the wreckage of the automobile.

Meanwhile other freight rigs had stopped on the highway when their drivers saw the flames which Harrison had set out to warn that the highway was blocked.

After Harrison had effected the rescue of the four Collinses, a



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Cold Registers 11 Above Again; No Relief Ahead

Again winter wrapped an icy embrace around the city and countryside, with temperatures dropping to 11 above last night and even lower in the outlying valleys. No immediate relief from the cold is in sight with the Weather Bureau predicting lows of five to 15 degrees above zero tonight.

With the current cold spell, householders have received warnings about frozen water pipes, the danger of explosions of water heaters, and to avoid using frozen washing machines and other appliances until the weather gets warmer.

Some explosions are reported to have occurred as result of frozen pipes and the lack of water circulation in water heaters, without automatic controls, attached to wood ranges. Generation of steam within the heaters caused the explosions.

Scores of housewives whose washing machines are located on back porches have been forced to wash by hand. Machine parts coated with heavy lubricating oil, have frozen and in some instances, were badly damaged when their motors were started.

Mills' Freezing Cut

The freezing weather has resulted in curtailment of power use and the shut-down of mills during peak hours of electrical consumption. H. C. Wells, manager of the California-Oregon Power Co., said about six principal mills in this area were asked to close between 3 and 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Among the mills asked to curtail operations yesterday, and possibly today, were the Youngs Bay Lumber Co. and the Dillard mill of the Roseburg Lumber Co.

Wells explained the power shortage as due to a lack of generating capacity resulting from the freezing of a reservoir at Prospect, one of the main hydroelectric units of the Copco system.

Big Radio Prize Draws Internal Revenue Agent

SPARROWS' POINT, Md., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Internal Revenue Department listens to the radio, too.

Sunday night John F. Oaks, 63-year-old railroad executive, won \$30,500 in prizes on a radio quiz show.

Yesterday, Oaks said, "an income tax collector came around to get his money, but I told him I'd have to wait until I knew what prizes I was getting. Then we'd talk business."

"I got a kick out of that. He was right there, Johnny-on-the-spot."

Tank Truck Damaged By Fire; Load Is Saved

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Senator Parkinson Heads Education Committee

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Parkinson's other assignments include the vice chairmanship of the game committee, and memberships in the forestry, public buildings, resolutions and state affairs committees.

Douglas County State Bank Is Buyer on Bids

Accepted Price Against Competitors Will Save District Around \$20,000

Low bid for the purchase of an \$895,000 bond issue offered by Roseburg School District No. 4 to finance an extensive school building program was submitted by the Douglas County State Bank last night. Two other bids were also submitted.

A. B. Collier, school district clerk, said the local bank had offered to charge a total of \$235,100 interest over the 20-year period of the bonds. Other bids were those of Foster and Marshall, Seattle, and Conrad and Bruce, Portland, offering a net interest charge of \$255,065.50, and the U. S. National Bank of Portland, \$266,000.

The local bank bid par for the bonds with a 3 per cent interest rate for the maturities of 1950-52, and 21 per cent interest on the balance of the issue. The average interest payment over the 20-year period will amount to 2.518 per cent.

The average interest payments under the other bids submitted for the bonds would have amounted to 2.73 per cent for the Foster and Marshall-Conrad and Bruce bid, and to 2.85 for the U. S. National Bank bid.

Negress Tells Story Of Her Husband's Murder

LYONS, Ga., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Amy Mallard sobbed out her story of the slaying of her husband, Robert Mallard, Negro, today at the trial of one of two white farmers charged with his murder.

The widow became so hysterical that Judge Robert H. Humphrey ordered a recess.

William (Spud) Howell, 32, was placed on trial first. Also indicted for Mallard's slaying is Roderick Clifton, 36.

Mrs. Mallard identified Howell as being among the 20 or more men wearing "white things," who halted the Mallard car on the night of Nov. 20.

"Everybody I saw had a pistol," she told the jury. She said the men were something over their heads. All held pistols in the same position as though they were drilling.

"Several shots were fired and the next thing I knew blood was dripping from my husband's mouth."

U. S. Population Gains Over Rate of Deaths

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The U. S. population rose by almost 2,500,000 in 1948.

This was a net gain in human resources and consumers, or future voters and taxpayers, depending on how you look at it. Births were near the all-time record. Death was on a partial holiday. The death rate was the lowest in the country's history.

By the year's end, the United States had about 148,000,000 people. The population will probably top 150 millions this year.

The figures are given in the statistical bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. Births totaled more than 3,650,000, just under the all-time high of 3,710,000 in 1947, it said.

Deaths were estimated at just over 9.9 per 1,000 population.

Britain Frowns on Plan To Adopt Name of Ulster

LONDON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—British officials have overruled a plan to change Northern Ireland's name to Ulster. It was learned today.

The prime minister of Northern Ireland, Sir Basil Brooke, made the suggestion in cabinet talks last week. He said he thought the name ought to be changed to avoid confusion with the Republic of Ireland.

The six counties of Northern Ireland are part of the United Kingdom; the rest of the island is included in Eire, which broke its last link with the British commonwealth last month, and soon returns to the name of Ireland.

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Caesarian Section With Penknife Is Baby Life-Giver

ABINGDON, Va., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The physician looked up from the woman in the ward bed.

"She's dead," he said to a nurse. "Call Dr. Hayter."

The second doctor came over and made his own examination. He agreed the woman was dead, but his stethoscope picked up the flickering heartbeat of her unborn child. There still was a chance to save the infant, but precious seconds were ticking off its life.

Dr. Lee M. Cole Jr., the resident physician, and the nurse went quickly in quest of surgical instruments and oxygen. Standing by, Dr. Harry Hayter heard the flutter of the unborn child's heartbeat grow fainter.

He could wait no longer. With his pocket penknife he performed a caesarian section and delivered a four-pound, four-ounce baby boy—alive and crying lustily.

The mother, Mrs. Elmer Widner of Denton's valley, had been dead for four minutes. She had been brought to the hospital Friday for treatment of a circulatory ailment and a kidney complication, but had not expected the birth of her baby for several weeks. She seemed to be resting comfortably, but Saturday afternoon she suffered a turn for the

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Auto License Laggards Face Police Citations

Chief of Police Calvin Baird announced that a drive has begun to issue citations to all persons not having 1949 license plates on their cars.

Already 17 citations were given out Monday and Tuesday, and more will follow if the new year plates are not displayed, he said.

Judge Ira B. Riddle said that fines of \$2 will be assessed violators, but that the longer the period of tardiness the greater will be the fine.

Since license plates are available at the County Courthouse, delays are no longer excusable, said the Chief.

'Flying Saucer' Starter Fined in Hunting Case

ONTARIO, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The pilot who first reported sighting "flying saucers" two summers ago has been fined \$25 plus costs for a hunting violation.

Justice of Peace Dan Graham at Nyssa convicted Kenneth Arnold, Boise, of hunting without a license. Graham said he also would have confiscated the gun, but learned it had been borrowed.

Arnold's report of seeing saucer-like aircraft over eastern Washington in 1947 resulted in an epidemic of similar reports across the nation.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

In his budget message to Congress, President Truman asked for a 20 per cent cut in air force combat units. This would be one of the kindest cuts imaginable for Russia.