

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



W. J. (BILL) ADAIR, at the left in the picture above, and JACK ADAIR, his son, are tearing down the last section of the old lumber yard buildings which through endless years have occupied but not adorned the half-block lot at the northeast corner of Main and Washington Streets.

The Adairs, in partnership, are erecting a modern service station at this site. In addition they will maintain supervised parking facilities capable of accommodating 150 automobiles.

Bill is very well known in Roseburg, having been manager here for the Pierce Auto Freight lines for 10 years and for five succeeding years was truck supervisor for the Roseburg Lumber Co. Jack Adair is a veteran of the last war with three and one-half years' army service in the European theater.

Roseburg's Junior First Citizen Of 1948 Will be Announced Tonight At Annual Banquet of Junior Chamber

The stage has been set for tonight's impressive banquet at Kennedy's Dutch Mill, when Roseburg's junior first citizen of 1948 will be announced. This third annual affair, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to get underway at 7:30 o'clock, and an estimated 200 are expected for the banquet, program and evening of dancing to follow.

Presentation of a distinguished service award key to Roseburg's outstanding young man will be made by Harold E. Schmeer, manager of the Roseburg Branch of the U. S. National Bank, and himself a charter member of the

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In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

ONE of our great troubles is that we all know so many things that aren't true. For example:

The rich AREN'T getting richer and the poor poorer. The contrary is true. STEADILY an increasing proportion of our wealth is passing into the hands of common, everyday people and OUT of the hands of the so-called rich.

TAKE our great corporations. There was a time, well within the memory of people not now aged and doddering, when the bulk of their stock was held in the hands of a comparatively small number of large operators.

That is no longer true. Well over a majority of the

IT'S AN OLD OREGON CUSTOM

Husbands at Legislature Dine Apart From Wives; Statue Axe 'Grind' Symbol

By ESTHER M. GEDDES

It is one of the unwritten laws of the legislature that a wife-secretary does not eat lunch with her husband. If she does, he is considered hen-pecked. So it just isn't done, except on special occasions.

This is just one of the many unwritten laws I have been learning in my first few days at the legislature. Every day brings completely new situations and experiences and I am tucking them away in my memory that I may be prepared for the experiences of another day.

The rule about wives eating with husbands was confided in me by another wife-secretary, who had the sad experience in a previous session of not learning this proscription until the damage had been done.

It is a good rule. In a way, for the lunch hour affords the legislator opportunity to become better acquainted with other people who also are caught in what promises to become a maelstrom very shortly.

Not trying to play on words but this morning I was impressed thought that perhaps my gleam-

ing statue atop the building with the rather irrelevant

Editor's Note—The News-Review has arranged with Esther M. Geddes, wife of Representative Paul E. Geddes to write her impressions of the Oregon Legislature. Mrs. Geddes, will, through her position as a legislator's secretary, be in a position to observe the inner workings of the legislative assembly. We have requested that she write particularly to the News-Review women readers and have given her free reign in the nature of her reports.

which to me is symbolic of so many fine things may also, with

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The Weather

Mostly cloudy today and Tuesday. Scattered showers today.

Sunset today 5:04 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:42 a. m.

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Government Reorganization Sought

Authority To Act Requested Of Congress

Shakeup on Permanent Basis Emphasized By Message From Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Truman today asked Congress to give him permanent authority to reorganize the government.

In a message to the legislators, he said he needs the power to shift government agencies in order to promote "efficient and economical conduct of the public's business."

The President emphasized: 1. The reorganization legislation "should be permanent rather than temporary."

2. The act should be "comprehensive in scope; no agency or function of the executive branch should be exempted from its operations."

The Hoover Commission recently recommended that the President have authority to reorganize the government, subject to congressional veto. The commission, headed by former President Hoover, is studying ways to improve operations of the government.

Under the President's recommendation, reorganization plans submitted to Congress would become effective in 60 days unless rejected by both Senate and House.

Chinese Effort To Save Nanking Regarded Futile

NANKING, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Chinese government today massed about 150,000 troops on a 300-mile front in what neutral military observers describe as a hopeless effort to defend Nanking.

Communist armies with a total strength of more than 300,000 troops already are poised north of the Hwai River, 105 miles to the northwest, for a descent to the Yangtze River valley.

Meanwhile, it was learned authoritatively that the Chinese navy Sunday night evacuated the government garrison from Tangku, ocean port for the North China commercial center of Tientsin.

Tientsin, 27 miles west of Tangku, fell to the Reds Saturday.

Realization of the government's weak military position is spurring active appeals by the general public and official bodies for government action to make a peace settlement with the Communists.

In North China, a peace delegation prepared to leave Peiping today for cease fire talks with the Reds amid indications of a climax approaching at that besieged ancient capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Rep. Bloom (D-N.Y.) said today that "Chiang Kai-shek and the gang with him" will have to be "kicked out" before China can be defended against the Communists.

Bloom becomes chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee this week. He said he wants to help China but "first they've got to show me it is helping the Chinese and not the Communists."

Improvement of Highway Hearing Set for Jan. 21

Suggestions for improvement or relocation of the county road between Glendale and the Pacific Highway will be heard by the County Court in a meeting scheduled at 1:15 p. m. Friday, Jan. 21, in the Glendale City Hall.

County Judge D. N. Busenbark said the meeting was arranged by a group of Glendale business men. A. G. Drake of Glendale requested the presence of the judge and commissioners at the hearing.

Rita, Aly Finally Say They'll be Married Soon

CANNES, France, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Rita Hayworth and Aly Khan announced today they will be married as soon as he is divorced from his present British-born wife.

Aly's secretary, Mario Magliano, was told of reports from the U. S. that women's clubs are threatening a boycott of Rita's pictures and was asked if she would like to tell what she thinks of this threat.

"It is useless to try," Magliano answered.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Britain is selling motors to Russia and carrying out a trade agreement with Russian-controlled Poland; Japan is selling freight cars to Russia, and the United States is still buying canned beef from Argentina, and inclining to resumption of business relations with Spain. Deduction: For world peace, more trade, less tirade.

Welfare Program Spells Payroll Tax Boost

Truman Will Ask Congress For \$8 Billion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The administration was reported reliably today as about ready to ask Congress for almost \$8,000,000,000 in payroll taxes next year to finance a vastly expanded social security program that would include government payment of doctor bills.

This would be more than double the \$3,250,000,000 now collected annually for the present limited coverage of old age and survivors insurance and for unemployment compensation.

Now President Truman is proposing health and disability insurance, and expansion and liberalization of present old age benefits and unemployment compensations.

The administration is expected to ask for a six per cent social security tax—probably 3 per cent to be collected from that part of an employed person's pay up to \$4,800 (this would make the maximum pay envelope tax \$144 against a present top of \$30), and probably a similar 3 per cent from his boss' payroll.

Higher Tax Later

Later, when the health insurance program gets in full swing the tax will become higher. A determination has not been made, but may be around 4 per cent each against employee and employer.

(Social security taxes now are 1 per cent on that part of an employed person's income up to \$3,000, or a top of \$30 a year. The employer matches each worker's tax.) In addition the employer pays an unemployment compensation tax that averages out at about 1 1/2 per cent. The employee does not now pay anything into the unemployment fund. The security taxes are entirely separate

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Livestock Meet Here Wednesday; Taxation Topic

Taxation will spotlight the program at the annual meeting of the Douglas County Livestock Association Wednesday, Jan. 19, according to L. E. Goodborn, president. Kenneth D. Root, assistant trustee officer, United States National Bank of Portland, has been secured to discuss tax problems. All livestock owners, farmers and businessmen of the county are invited to hear Mr. Root, who will speak at 10 a. m.

New information on sheep diseases will be discussed by Dr. O. H. Muth of Oregon State College on the afternoon program. Joe B. Johnson, assistant professor of animal husbandry at OSC, will explain sheep breeding work being carried on at the college to determine the best breeds and cross-bred ewes for Western Oregon conditions. Both speakers are new to Douglas County livestockmen, although active in livestock work over the state for a period of years.

The problem of sheep killing dogs and enforcement of the dog law is expected to result in recommendations for more strict enforcement measures, said Goodborn, who has killed many sheep during the past two years and losses are reported to be increasing in all sections of the county.

Another feature of the meeting will be a panel discussion on range and pasture improvement by local livestockmen.

The program follows: 10:00 a. m. Report of committees. 10:30 a. m. Tax problems. Kenneth D. Root, assistant trustee officer, United States National Bank of Portland. 11:30 a. m. Question box. 12:00 to 1:00 p. m. Lunch hour. 1:15 p. m. Sheep breeding work at OSC. Joe B. Johnson, assistant professor Animal Husbandry, OSC. 2:00 p. m. Disease of sheep. Dr. O. H. Muth, veterinarian, OSC. 2:45 p. m. Election of officers. 3:00 p. m. Panel discussion on Range and Pasture Improvement.

Fire Destroys Church; Pupils Led to Safety

NORTH BEND, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—A Methodist church erupted in a blast and then burned to the ground yesterday a few minutes after 30 Sabbath school pupils were led to safety.

The Rev. Wendell Coe said more than 100 children would have been in the building if the fire had broken out a few minutes later. Those who fled were directed by teachers who noticed smoke filtering upward from the basement.

Fire Chief James Boynton said failure of a furnace fan caused the plant to overheat and ignite debris in the basement. Fireman William Eaton was struck by falling bricks. Another was knocked unconscious.

The building was valued at \$75,000. Only the church hymnals and the pastor's library books were saved.

Gasoline Fire Burns Fatal To Umpqua Child

Gasoline used to ignite a fire in a wood stove resulted in the death Sunday of six-year-old Nancy Irene Wolford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wolford of Umpqua.

According to her parents, Nancy's older sister was attempting to start a fire in the stove at their home. She meant to prime the fire with use of kerosene. By mistake, she got a pan of white gasoline, which exploded as she threw it on the kindling.

Nancy was severely burned by the resulting flash.

The accident occurred Wednesday, while the parents were away from home. Nancy was taken to Mercy hospital in Roseburg for treatment.

She was born May 18, 1942, in Klamath Falls, and had lived in Umpqua with her parents for the last year. She was a first grade student at Umpqua Grade School.

Surviving are her parents and a brother, Johnny and two sisters, Barbara Lee and Shirley Ann, all of Umpqua; her grandfather, John B. Mollett, Rogue River, Oregon; her great-grandmother, Mrs. Ada Hammett, Roseburg and her great-grandfather, Charles Meade, Ashland.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral Home Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 2 p. m. with the Rev. DeLoss Crook officiating. Interment will follow in the Civil Bend Cemetery.

Proposal Would Cut Bridge Cost For Smith River

The Douglas County Court, accompanied by state and army engineers, last week visited the site of the proposed Smith River Bridge to see if changes could be made in the proposed structure to reduce the cost.

The county budget provides \$150,000 for a bridge to open up the area on the north side of the Umpqua river east of Smith River but low bids submitted recently were considerably in excess of the budgeted amount. Proposed changes would cut the cost about \$60,000.

The court determined the best move would be to alter the plans, provided approval could be obtained from the army engineers.

This would be necessary as the structure involves crossing a navigable stream.

In place of concrete piers, piling is being considered as supports. The plans as altered would call for a main span, 180 feet in length to be constructed of creosoted wood, two 55-foot steel tiling spans, which could be lifted to permit the larger boats to use the river, and creosoted wooden approaches on either end.

Accompanying the court were Highway Engineers Glenn Paxton and Mr. Stevens, Salem; Army Engineer Terry of Coos Bay, and Harold "Duffy" Lewis, engineer for E. K. Wood Lumber Company, and C. R. Elliott, company foreman. The lumber company was interested in connection with use of the river for lumber purposes.

Plane Crash in Scotland Kills Score or More

DUNOON, Scotland, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A passenger plane crashed today in wild country near Scotland's west coast, and all aboard were believed killed.

The British Press Association said 20 to 25 were aboard, and that the plane was believed en route to Iceland.

The plane crashed in the rugged mountain and lake country of Argyllshire.

Motor Vehicle Inspections Will be Asked

Statewide System Aim Of Secy. Newbury In Plan Offered to Legislature

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Oregon legislature will consider setting up a statewide system of motor vehicle inspections, members of the legislative highway committee said today.

The committee received a report from Secretary of State Newbury, who said that if such a system is set up, the state police should do the inspecting.

Officials of the city of Portland, which formerly had an inspection system, are asking for statewide inspections.

Newbury recommended that Oregon adopt the system used in Washington state, where state police do all of the inspecting at stations on state highways.

He objected to having inspections in private garages "which would be inclined to be lenient as far as their own customers are concerned."

Newbury said cities and towns couldn't do the job properly because the system would not be uniform, and some cities and towns probably wouldn't enforce it.

Newbury said his own traffic safety division doesn't have the facilities to do it.

Newbury, while not saying whether there should be an inspection law, pointed out that 33 of the 439 traffic fatalities in 1947

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\$50,000 Damages Asked in Suit For Husband's Death

Suit for \$50,000 against the Yoncalla Lumber Co. was filed in Circuit Court Saturday by Mabel Potter, whose husband, John C. Potter, was killed last Oct. 29 while riding in a "crummy" operated by the company from its logging operation 11 miles east of Yoncalla.

Mrs. Potter charges carelessness and negligence on the part of the driver in operating the vehicle. According to her complaint, the "crummy," a half-ton surplus truck, went over a 50-foot embankment as the driver attempted to overtake and pass a loaded log truck. The accident occurred on a county road near the Scotts Valley schoolhouse.

In the accident, Mrs. Potter's complaint recites, her husband suffered a broken neck, fractured ribs, and punctured lungs. He died 20 minutes later from the injuries. Her claim is based on her late husband's life expectancy of 23.8 years and his ability to earn \$400 a month. He was 46 at the time of his death.

Allied Police Force To Ban Germany Rearing

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Creation of a permanent security police force to see that Germany remains disarmed was announced today by the United States, Great Britain and France.

The tri-power force, called a military security board, is designed to take over the demilitarization functions of the inactive Allied Control Council, which the Russians wrecked by withdrawal.

It consists of inspectors and enforcement boards which will see to it that Germany does not rearm in the military, industrial or scientific fields.



WOMAN, 90, WEDS NEGRO CHAUFFEUR—Turned down three times by judges and once by a minister, 90-year-old Mrs. Eugenie Nicholson and her Negro chauffeur, Allan Lee Woods, 28, were finally married in Los Angeles by a Negro minister. The minister performed the ceremony when the bride explained "this is a contract rather than a romance. I want to be sure my property goes to this kind man who has saved my life three times." (NEA Telephoto)

Four-State Woodworkers Will Ask Wage Increase

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—(AP)—AFL Lumber Workers have announced they will ask Pacific Northwest employers for 17 1/2 an hour wage increase in forthcoming contract negotiations.

The workers' hourly minimum now is \$1.45 in the fir belt and generally two and a half cents less in the pine belt. Involved are workers in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

This year's demand is for the remainder of the 25-cent boost originally sought for the current contract. It provided a 7 1/2 cent boost. Other benefits to be asked include paid holidays, a six-hour day, a three-week paid vacation, a health-welfare and retirement program and a premium pay of 15 cents for graveyard and 10 cents an hour for night shifts.

School at Huntington Destroyed by Fire

HUNTINGTON, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Fire destroyed this community's \$200,000 two-story brick grade and high school building Saturday night, leaving 200 pupils out of class until temporary quarters are arranged.

Joseph T. Hyden, school superintendent, said cause of the fire was not known. He had checked the boiler room an hour before the rear wall was blown out. The building was heated over the weekend by an automatically stocked coal furnace.

Bonds to finance the school, built in 1936 at a cost of \$70,000, had been paid off but three months ago. Insurance of \$118,000 was carried.



STATE POSSES ELECT—Officers were elected by the State Association of Poses at their meeting in Roseburg Friday. Left to right, above, they are Thurman Hart, Yamhill County Sheriff's Posse, publicity chairman; Mat Vetch, Portland Mounted Posse, secretary-treasurer; A. W. Rhodes, Clackamas County Sheriff's Posse, president; W. D. Hazel, Portland Mounted Posse, second vice president; Keith Moon, Klamath County Sheriff's Posse, first vice president; Stan Morgan, Jackson County Sheriff's Posse, third vice president. Plans were discussed for the annual trail ride of the State Association of Poses this summer on the Santiam River. Posse members also told of the rodeos and horse shows they will sponsor this year.