

COLUMBIA BASIN AUTHORITY PLAN BOWS

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



THE GROUP of high school girls pictured here, having enjoyed a half hour's skylarking, billy-goating and frolicking in newly fallen snow, settle down for a moment's comparative posing about a big snow man their earlier efforts had achieved on Finlay Field. Up to this time I had supposed a snow man was a sort of cold proposition; but a surprised glance at this particular specimen's enraptured expression at the attention he was receiving completely disabused me of this belief.

From the left the girls standing are: Margaret Tucker, Arlene Ramsell and Danese Doak; seated, Wanda Andrus and Lenora Markellie.

BY 'PUBLIC DEMAND'

Roseburg's High School Band Will Again Appear At Portland Rose Festival

The Roseburg High School Band, by "public demand" is to appear at the Portland Rose Festival in June.

C. A. Ricketts, instrumental music supervisor in the Roseburg schools, reports receipt of a letter of invitation from the Rose Festival committee inviting the Roseburg school band to the forthcoming annual rose show.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

At breakfast, the next morning, in the nice little last-chance motel described in these chronicles Saturday, (By the way, it has a swimming pool, more or less in the Hollywood manner, with stucco bath houses in the background. At the moment, it's a pure waste of money. A polar bear, taking a dip in it this morning, would freeze to the consistency of lemon sherbet in seven seconds flat.)

The establishment is run by a fortyish ex-GI and his somewhat younger wife. Between them, they work about an 18-hour day, taking the dog-watch till midnight on alternate days to wait up for late customers on the nights when they have the vacancy sign out. The other one rises at daylight to get breakfast for the early birds.

After breakfast is over, they team up to get the beds made, the floors vacuumed, the rooms

HUMOR, PATHOS AT PRISON

Inmates Display Talent In Stage Performance To Aid March of Dimes

By ESTHER GEDDES

Through the sinister iron gates, past the silent but watchful guards, down the long, long, drive, up more steps, through more gates, past more guards, down long corridors and finally we walked through the last narrow door into the auditorium of the state penitentiary.

It is the duty as well as the privilege of the legislators, representatives of the people who pay the taxes, to be acquainted with the state institutions which are so necessarily a part of our society, but it is not always made pleasant as was our visit to the state penal institution for that was truly a gala affair.

During this entire week a stage extravaganza was presented every evening at the penitentiary with the entire cast—and I think the stage hands and directors as well—composed of inmates. The performance, Stars in Stripes, was open to the public but the various collections taken were donated to the March of Dimes under the auspices of the Salem Shriners. Perhaps if the show had been viewed on a professional stage we

would have criticized a good many angles of it and found some of the performers lacking in finesse, but because we knew the circumstances, and the fact that some of the participants may never be members of a normal society again and certainly do not spend their hours rehearsing, we applauded heartily the various acts.

Crowd Jams Hall

Although our magic "legislative tickets" had gained us admittance after the gates were closed to the public, we did stand during the first half of the program for there must have been between 1,500 and 2,000 in the hall, which was only meant for a little over

The Weather

Fair and continued cold today and Tuesday. Low tonight 10 to 20 degrees.

Sunset today 5:15 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:55 a. m.

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Hike in Taxes For Highways Newby's Plan

Gasoline, Excises Listed In Proposal; Motor Truck Taxes Subject of Debate

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Secretary of State Newby proposed to the legislature today that Oregon's new highway building program be financed by a one-cent gasoline tax increase plus excise taxes.

These excise taxes would be levied on lubricating oils and grease, new automobiles, and automobile parts.

The legislative highway interim committee wants the one-cent gas tax increase plus doubling the annual \$5 auto license fee. Newby doesn't want the license fee increased.

Newby's proposed excise taxes are similar to those now levied by the federal government. He has proposed that the government cancel its excise taxes and leave that field to the state.

Truck Tax Debated

Changing Oregon's system of taxing motor trucks, is needed, almost everybody agrees. But a hot argument developed today on how it should be done.

The three-way disagreement involves Secretary of State Newby, State Highway Engineer R.

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Logging Trains Begin Operating At Sutherlin

Logging trains began operating over the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.'s logging railroad at Sutherlin last week. The 18-mile line taps a portion of the company's vast Calapooia Tree Farm, from which logs will be sent to the manufacturing plant at Springfield.

Joe R. Titcomb, manager of Weyerhaeuser's Springfield office, said the trains are to average about 30 cars a day. The first train Wednesday included 23 cars. Four such trains in continuous service will be required to maintain daily shipping between Sutherlin and Springfield.

Cars are furnished by the Southern Pacific, but the locomotive on the new railroad is operated by the timber company.

Titcomb explained that the Calapooia Tree Farm contains a total of 155,000 acres. A quarter of the total acreage is served by the new railroad at Sutherlin. The whole area is managed as a sustained yield unit.

110 Men Employed

The Weyerhaeuser camp, 18 miles east of Sutherlin, employs 110 men, of whom about one quarter reside there. Bill Gaines is logging foreman; Ted Amundsen, construction foreman, and Lewis Bratton, "bull buck," in charge of fallers and buckers.

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Vets Hospital Program Cut Draws Legion Rap

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Oregon leaders of the American Legion were told yesterday that Congress has started to cut the veterans' hospital program and were asked to oppose the trend.

James Annin, national vice commander for the Western Division of the Legion, said the curtailment would lop 16,000 beds in 24 hospitals from the recommended list.

Annin, a Columbus, Mont., rancher, said the Veterans Administration is being "short changed." He said the money is going into rivers and harbors and reclamation work "ahead of the needs of the country at this time."

Oregon Low in Courtesy To Tourists, Assertion

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The tourist gets less courtesy in Oregon and Washington than in any state in the union, a hotelman said after interviewing 69 travelers from 34 states.

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Bounties Collected On Two Cougars, 3 Bobcats

Bounties for two cougars and three bobcats were paid at the county clerk's office Friday.

Dewey Parazoo of Oakland collected the \$10 bounty for one cougar and \$2.50 for one bobcat. W. L. Meyers of Milwaukie collected similar amounts for one cougar and two bobcats.

Each will receive \$50 for the cougars and \$2.50 for the bobcats from the state.

SEX UPHEAVAL

MAIDSTONE, Eng., Jan. 22.—(AP)—For 29 years a parrot named Harry enlivened the doings at the Bull Inn pub (tap room) squawking at all customers.

Yesterday, for the first time—Harry laid an egg.

Today the management announced that henceforth Harry will be known as Harriet.

Engineers on 15 Railroads Date Strike Jan. 31st

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers announced 25,000 engineers would strike against 15 western railroads a week from today.

The dispute involves the brotherhood's demands for a second engineer on diesel locomotives.

J. P. Shields, first assistant grand chief engineer of the brotherhood, said the strike is set for 6 a. m. Jan. 31 in all time zones.

"We have exhausted our efforts under provisions of the National Railway Labor Act," Shields said. "The railroads have declined arbitration."

He declared that negotiations ended Jan. 14 when the National (railway) Mediation Board offered to arbitrate the dispute. The railroads rejected arbitration.

Spokesman for the Association of Western Railroads issued a statement saying:

"They (the engineers) insist on additional engineers on all diesel engines. We told them no, as extra engineers are not necessary on diesel."

"Their purpose is to create a good, fat-paying job."

Shields listed the railroads involved in the dispute as including the Great Northern; Northern Pacific; the Union Pacific Central District (the old Oregon Short Line) and the Southern Pacific System.

Escapes Nabbed In Stolen Auto; Theft Loot Found

State Police from the Roseburg office Saturday night apprehended two 16-year-old escapees from the Woodburn Training School in possession of a stolen car, after they allegedly had burglarized the Snack Shack north of Roseburg, Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

The arrest came after a hot chase about 11 o'clock from Drain north to Pass Creek near the second overhead railroad crossing.

The car, an Oldsmobile stolen from Portland, the officer said, went into the ditch after the brush, but were easily tracked in the snow and gave up without a struggle, said the officer. In the car, he said, was loot taken earlier from the Snack Shack.

Sgt. Harrell said one of the boys was arrested in Roseburg late in December after he allegedly had stolen a car from Oakridge and had at that time been committed to the Woodburn School. He escaped a short time later.

Woman Walks Barefoot To Escape Captors

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A young housewife who escaped two male captors early yesterday morning had to walk barefoot for 24 blocks in the freezing temperature to reach home.

Police said Mrs. Gay Lee Young, 21, was pushed into an automobile in midtown as she waited for a bus. While one man drove, the other threatened her with a whiskey bottle and removed her shoes and short socks.

When the car stopped at a signal light, she jumped from the car and ran to a nearby doorway. She walked home after the car sped away.

Ex-Rep. May, Garssons Lose Their Appeal

Appellate Court Upholds Conviction of Wartime Fraud on Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The U. S. Court of Appeals today upheld the convictions of former Rep. Andrew J. May of Kentucky and Henry and Murray Garsson on charges of bribery and conspiracy to defraud the government during the war.

The Appellate Court decision was by a two-to-one vote. Judges E. Barrett Prettyman and Henry White Edgerton voted to uphold the District Court verdict. Chief Judge Harold M. Stephens dissented.

May, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee in wartime, and the Garsson brothers, operators of a \$78,000,000 munitions combine, were convicted by a federal jury July 3, 1947.

Each was sentenced to serve eight months to two years. They have been free on \$2,000 bonds each pending action on their appeal.

Charles J. Margiotti, counsel for the Garssons, said in Lewisburg, Pa., that he would appeal today's decision to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The trial jury found May guilty of taking \$53,634.07 in bribes from the Garsson brothers as payment for using his congressional influence to get favors for

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3 Red Professors Dismissed From U. of Washington

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—(AP)—In an action described by University of Washington President Raymond B. Allen as "unique in educational history," the University's Board of Regents has fired three professors accused of former Communist Party membership.

Three others were placed on two years' probation.

Dr. Allen, whose recommendations were borne out by the Regents' decision, said he would lay the case before the American Association of University Professors.

The dismissals are effective Feb. 1.

The decision was called "a blow to academic freedom and civil liberties" by the three discharged professors: Herbert J. Phillips, assistant professor of Philosophy; Joseph Butterworth, associate professor in the English department; and Ralph Gundlach, associate professor of Psychology.

Phillips and Butterworth said they had appealed to the AAUP.

The other three are Harold L. Eby, professor of English; Garland Ethel, assistant professor of English; and Melville Jacobs, associate professor of Anthropology. All have said they were once Communist Party members.

The board ruled they must sign affidavits that they are not party members now.

The accusations resulted from a hearing by the legislative U. S. American Activities Committee here last summer. All six were called before the committee.



JUDGE PARTS ELOPERS—Billie Don Adams, 18, and his 14-year-old bride, Jeannette Johnson Adams, hold hands in a Los Angeles court as Superior Judge Thomas Cunningham ordered them to part company. They eloped to Yuma, Ariz., and Jeannette's mother, Mrs. Mary Canter, asked the court to separate them. (AP Wirephoto)

Airplanes Will Drop Feed To Snowbound Cattle and Sheep In Rocky Mountain Regions

(By the Associated Press)

The weather threw another solid punch today at the western livestock industry.

An estimated 2,000,000 sheep and cattle were snowbound in the Rocky Mountain area. Shepherds said the heavy January storms, which have hampered and blocked efforts to get feed to the starving animals, poses a major threat to the industry. Cattlemen expected a heavy toll.

Traffic Charge Results From Cars' Collision

Robert Gordon Myers, Roseburg, was arrested and cited for failure to yield the right-of-way, after his car was involved in an accident five miles north of Roseburg at 5 p. m. Sunday, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

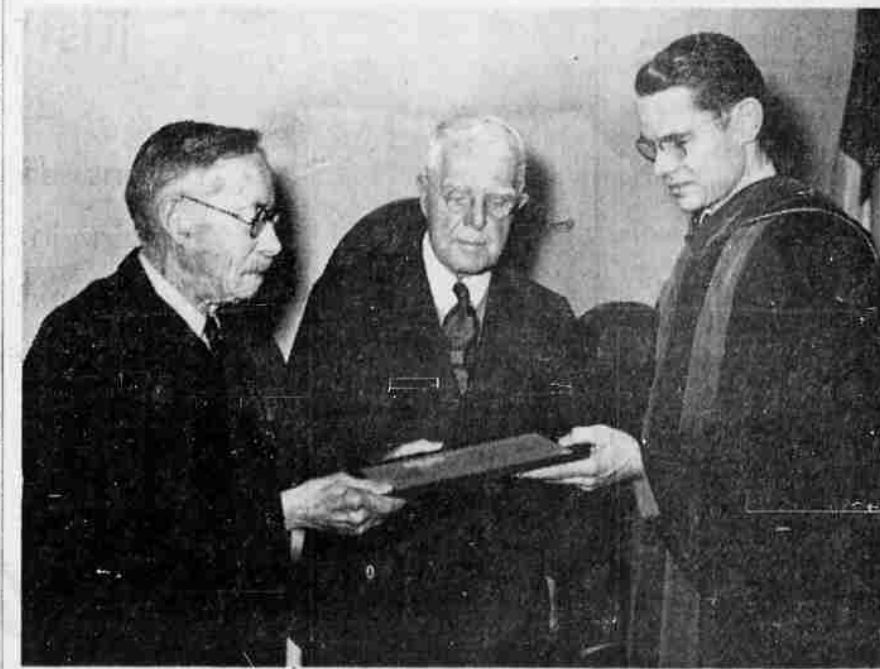
The officer said Myers had pulled onto the highway and was making a left hand turn into a driveway, when struck by another car driven by Jack Neil Woodridge, Central Point. Both cars were headed south.

Occupants of the cars were shaken but not seriously injured, but both cars were badly damaged, Sgt. Harrell said.

U. S. Tire Store Near Roseburg Burglarized

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported the burglarizing sometime Saturday night of the U. S. Tire Store, operated by Clyde Adair on the Dixonville Road.

Investigation showed approximately \$500 missing as well as four tires.



CHURCH SERVICE RECOGNIZED—Testimonial plaques in recognition of their years of service with the Methodist Church were presented recently to the Rev. C. E. Trueblood, left, and Dr. Charles A. Edwards, center, retired ministers, by the Rev. Walter A. MacArthur, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The plaques were presented at Veterans Day services at the local church. Verbal recognition was given also to Mrs. J. B. Needham, widow of the late Rev. John B. Needham, pastor of the former Methodist Church, South, here; Mrs. Louis Albert Banks, widow of another former Methodist minister, and Mrs. Trueblood, wife of the Rev. Mr. Trueblood.

Truman Gives Order to Draw Project Plans

Legislators Split Over Project; Grange, Labor Favor, Business Opposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—President Truman today directed government agencies to begin work immediately on legislation for a Columbia Valley Authority.

The White House announced that the President intends to send a special message to Congress calling for such an authority as soon as the agencies can get a draft of proposed legislation ready.

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Republican legislators prepared to wage a vigorous fight today against President Truman's plan to set up a Columbia Valley Authority, as announced in Washington today.

And Democrats—who introduced a legislative memorial asking Congress to create a CVA—were just as determined to help the President.

Governor Douglas McKay strongly opposed the CVA.

"What's the matter with the way we're doing it now?" McKay said. "That's the American system. We don't need to delegate authority to a board or commission to regulate the economy of the Northwestern States."

Comments of Republican legislators—who hold a huge majority in the legislature—was generally that the state could cooperate among themselves to run the valley.

The Democrats think that only the government can do an efficient job in interstate power, flood control and navigation affairs.

Some legislators declined to comment. They said they were

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Funds Allotted To Douglas County School Districts

School Treasurer Oliver Johnson today announced a tax turnover totaling \$240,578.09 to school districts, cities and special taxing units of Douglas County.

Schools received the bulk of the money, in the sum of \$178,849.68. The allotments are divided as follows: Oakland, \$4,165.69; Roseburg, \$64,387.75; Canyonville, \$5,108.71; Gardiner, \$2,421.80; Glide, \$14,585.54; Days Creek, \$3,160.70; Myrtle Creek, \$5,498.80; Sutherlin, \$16,496.24; Camas Valley, \$3,631.18; Elkton, \$7,260.65; Riddle, \$4,048.63; Glendale, \$5,739; Winchester, \$2,576.55; Dillard, \$3,439.59.

Cities received a total of \$38,062.20, divided as follows: Oakland, \$2,144.11; Roseburg, \$23,461.56; Canyonville, \$983.76; Myrtle Creek, \$1,949.77; Drain, \$1,717.28; Yoncalla, \$204.63; Riddle, \$1,088.75; Glendale, \$3,147.47; Reedport, \$947.64; Sutherlin, \$5,247.23.

Union High Schools, total, \$12,063.76; Yoncalla, \$3,518.49; Drain, \$1,658.41; Reedport, \$6,886.86.

Special levies: Port of Umpqua, \$432.09; Forest Patrol, \$4,437.89; Oregon Game Commission, \$325; Roseburg Creek Water District, \$6,357.47; drunken driving fine, \$50.

Teen-Age Pair Die In Car of Monoxide Fumes

SWEET HOME, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Teen-age sweethearts were found dead in a parked automobile near their homes yesterday.

Linn County Coroner Glenn Huston reported the victims.

Robert Harrison Beck, 17, and Pauline May Reck, 14—apparently died accidentally from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The two had attended a dance Saturday night and were found seated in the car just four blocks from where they live on opposite sides of the same street.

Beck is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Beck, Wright City, Okla. He has been living with two married sisters here and attending Sweet Home high school. The girl is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Reck. The Beck family moved here five months ago from Woodburn, Ore.

'Courtesy Nickel' In Meter Plan Revived

NORTH BEND, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Chamber of Commerce here is now feeding nickels into parking meters for forgetful motorists—but only once a day per shopper.

Officials said they had to revise the "courtesy nickel" plan when it was discovered that some local merchants were getting free parking under the plan.

Police now insert one nickel per car. If it is still overparked an hour later, the regular ticket carrying a fine is attached and the motorist pays up.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. ReAnastala

The voice of the Communist leader in China is the voice of a Chinaman, but his words display a Moscow technique.