

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



VICTOR BOYD is seated before a big cake prepared for him by Mrs. Glenn Murdoch, the occasion being his 79th birthday, which occurred last Saturday. He lives with Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch at their home at 428 South Pine.

A native of Kokomo, Ind., Victor came to Oregon in 1894 and to Douglas County four years later, settling in Driver Valley. While owning farms and operating them much of the time, he taught elementary schools in Douglas and Curry Counties for 20 years.

Union High School Plan up For Vote In South Douglas

A special election will be held in February on the question of forming a union high school district in the present Canyonville, Days Creek, Tiller and Upper Drew districts, according to James L. Zumwalt, Canyonville board chairman.

A tentative site on the Canyonville-Days Creek Highway of 16 acres on the South Umpqua River has been proposed for a union high school and has received the approval of J. L. Turnbull, consulting engineer to the State Board of Higher Education.

At the special election, the question of forming the district and buying the site will be submitted, Zumwalt said.

He said that an earlier proposal to unite Canyonville with Myrtle Creek and Riddle in a union high school district had met with disagreement and is not being carried through.

Ex-Bend City Manager Takes Job at Coos Bay

COOS BAY, Ore., Jan. 26.—(AP)—C. G. Reiter, former Bend city manager, has been hired in the same capacity here and will take office Feb. 1.

Reiter was selected from 11 applicants and will succeed Evan Peterson, who resigned after two years' service. The salary was set at \$6,500 annually.

The new manager has been in city management work for 24 years. He served four years at Hillsboro and 20 at Bend.

Glendale Link With Main Highway to be Talked

A meeting of the County Court at Glendale, to hear suggestions of business men there for improving or rerouting the city's connection with the Pacific Highway, has been scheduled at 1:15 Friday in the Glendale City Hall.

A meeting last week was postponed because icy conditions of the highway made travel to Glendale dangerous, County Judge D. N. Busenbark explained.

HUMANITY COMES FIRST

Mentally Ill Should Not Be Subjected to Ordeal Of Confusing Trial by Jury

By ESTHER GEDDES

SALEM, Ore.—If I learn only one thing from this experience with the Legislature, it will be the fact, frequently overlooked, that there really are two sides to every question. Having become aware of that, I will, perhaps, be a more tolerant, open-minded person.

Already several matters have come up on which, impulsively and definitely, I have taken a stand only to find later that I had completely neglected to familiarize myself with the other side.

Of course, as I am only a secretary, it isn't doing anyone any good or harm when I decide what my opinion is, but in whatever field we are occupied I feel that we should all be better people to live with if we would learn to respect the other fellow's viewpoint.

For example, we have received quite a bit of propaganda and some petitions urging that legislation be enacted providing jury trials for persons suspected of mental illnesses. A few weeks ago that seemed to me to be a very humane idea and it seemed only fair that people in such a situation be given every chance. Now I have reversed my opinion and feel that nothing could be more cruel than to compel every confused, mentally ill person to go through the grueling ordeal of a jury trial.

I have seen perfectly sane and healthy people become so confused and contradictory on a witness stand, when a clever lawyer was conducting a cross examination, that it would have been very easy

to have convinced an onlooker that the witnesses' mental processes were not what they should be. And I have seen one jury come in with a verdict only to have another jury later try the same case and come to an entirely different conclusion. What qualification does the average juror have to decide upon the sanity of another person? Would it not be just as reasonable to require a jury trial for an individual "accused" of having tuberculosis? This Legislature has already made an advance toward educating the public to regard mental illness as an illness and not a social disgrace by banning the word "insane" from certain state documents and substituting "mentally ill." Would we not be completely reversing this new attitude by attaching a court trial as a part of the diagnosis of mental illness as though the person were a criminal or were sus-

W. Roseburg Sanitary Area Plan Talk Slated

West Roseburg area residents are urged to attend a mass meeting scheduled at 7:30 tonight in the Circuit Court room of the Courthouse, to discuss the necessary procedure in forming a sanitary district.

Al Rowe, chairman of an unofficial committee studying the feasibility of forming a district, said that Clarence Landis, chairman of the North Roseburg Sanitary District, would be present to answer questions.

A large scale map of the West Roseburg area has been prepared to show data collected by Rowe's committee, such as the population and the property valuation of the area to be served by the proposed sanitary district.

Rowe said the purpose of the meeting tonight would be to learn the desires of the community and, to discuss ways of cooperation with other districts in the disposal of sewage.

Bomb Explosion Hurts Three Postal Employees

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Jan. 26.—(AP)—A bomb in a parcel post package exploded in the post office here this morning, injuring three employees, one seriously.

Postal Inspector A. B. Cleveland said William Harry Osborne, 29, a clerk, suffered the loss of both hands and both eyes and is not expected to live.

Less seriously injured were Paul Goodrum, 46, and Ray Coffey, 27, mail carriers.

Cleveland said the package was addressed to Ulysses Jones, 14 Laurel Avenue. There is no such person or address, he added.

Postal inspectors said the package came from an eastern city. Nearly every window in the post office building was shattered by the blast.

LARCENY CHARGED

Arrested on a charge of larceny by baillee of personal property, Virginia Sandstrom, 32, of Idlewild Route, was arraigned in Justice Court Tuesday, Justice A. J. Geddes reported. She was released on \$500 bail and the case was continued, he said.

Moose Governor Slated At Roseburg Meeting

Walter F. Gibson, supreme governor of the Loyal Order of Moose, will be in Roseburg Thursday night, and will be entertained by the officers of local lodge 1037 at dinner in the Shinarump. Members of the degree team from the Eugene lodge will also be guests.

After the dinner a meeting will be held at the Armory, when a large class of candidates will be initiated in Gibson's honor.

The members of Roseburg lodge consider the visit of the supreme governor an especial honor, as the local order has just been organized and is a relatively small lodge. There are over 1700 lodges in the United States alone. Out of the four days allotted to Oregon Governor Gibson has chosen to spend one in Roseburg, local officers report.

Unlawful Sale of Liquor Draws Fine, Jail Term

Jack Harold Barton, 36, arrested in Roseburg by officers of the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor, in Justice Court Tuesday, Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes reported. Geddes said he sentenced Barton to 30 days in the county jail and imposed a fine of \$250.

Two other men arrested on John Doe warrants were arraigned in Justice Court Monday on the same charge, and released after posting \$500 bail. Geddes said the men were named as Ed Jaeger and Francis Martin. Set-

ter, Myrtle Creek.

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The Weather

Cloudy today, tonight and Thursday. Possible light snow or rain tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 25 to 32 degrees. Sunset today 5:17 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:34 a. m.

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Fair Employment Practices Bill Debated

Anti-Negro Barrier Target Of Criticism

Removal Urged at State Senate Hearing; Trade Loss Feared by Business

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The Senate Labor and Industries Committee started work today on the proposed Oregon Fair Employment Practices bill after hearing a score of church, labor, social and civic leaders endorse it at a hearing last night.

The hearing, largest ever held in the Senate, filled the Senate Chamber. It was the first time the Chamber had been used for a hearing.

The only organized opposition to the bill comes from employers. There were but two speakers against the bill.

The bill, which is the same as Governor Thomas E. Dewey gave to New York State, would make it illegal for any employer, labor union or employment agency to discriminate against any person because of his race or creed. The maximum penalty for violating the law would be \$1,000 fine and a year in jail.

Supporters of the bill said many Negroes can't get jobs, but the bill would guarantee them jobs and at the same time help the public forget its race prejudice.

The opponents argued that it would cause business houses to lose trade, break down morale of white employees, and result in endless lawsuits.

Spokesmen for the Roman Catholic Church, Methodist Church, and the Oregon Council of Churches said the bill would give Oregon Negroes their right to live. And they said it would check the vast amount of ill will that Negroes have against the white race.

Eating Places Forsee Loss
Ransom Meike, Portland, attorney for the Oregon Restaurant

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EDUCATORS DISMISSED AS COMMIES—Associate Professors Joseph L. Butterworth and Ralph Gundlach of the University of Washington were dismissed from the faculty by the Board of Regents for Communist activity. Three other professors were placed on two years' probation. The professors have challenged the university's action, claiming that the action violates academic freedom. (NEA Telephoto)

Possession Of Venison Sends Four Men To Jail

Fines of \$250 each and jail sentences of 30 days were imposed upon four men who pleaded guilty in Justice Court Tuesday to charges of possession of venison during closed season.

Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes gave their names as Jesse Biekle, Roy and Roland Cox, all of Roseburg rural, and Robert E. Rice, Oakland. The men began serving their sentences immediately.

However, the judge reported, Roy Cox's jail sentence was reduced to 10 days after he had paid his fine.

Complaints against the men were filed by State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell, who said the men were arrested by Patrolman Robert Keefe, when the latter stopped their car which he observed to have no tail-light. The officer, Harrell said, smelled fresh deer blood and discovered the carcasses of a doe and fawn in the trunk of their automobile.

Oregon Milk Control Law May be Revised

SALEM, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The Oregon milk control law and its enforcement may be in for some changes in the 1949 Legislature. Opposition to milk control is centered in Multnomah County, and two bills to repeal the law have been introduced by Portland legislators.

But Governor Douglas McKay wants milk control retained. He just wants the State Agriculture Department relieved from having to enforce it. Governor McKay thinks Oregon should go back to the former system of having a separate milk control board.

The original milk control law was passed in 1933. In those days, there was a milk war with milk selling as low as a nickel a quart. The first milk law was intended to stabilize the market by fixing minimum prices.

Douglas County's Annual Liquor Revenue Shown

Douglas County's liquor bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, was \$1,231,444.90, according to figures released by the State Liquor Control Commission.

Total expenditures for liquor in Oregon during the last fiscal year were \$29,521,000.50—less by \$425,000 than the fiscal year 1946-47. A breakdown of Douglas County's figure by sales at various stores, shows the volume of business at Store No. 15 of the State Liquor Control Commission, in Roseburg, was \$611,394.60.

Other agency stores did the following business: Reedsport, \$189,859.60; Myrtle Creek, \$183,672.80; Sutherlin, \$133,306.40; Drain, \$90,514.35; Canyonville, \$22,897.15.

Bread Price Reduced By Portland Chain Stores

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Three chain store operators have lowered the price of 11-pound loaves of bread one cent. They announced no change for the one-pound loaf.

The reduction is on the chains' own brands.

Previously, neighborhood bakers here had dropped the price as much as three cents on their product. The revision followed a drop in flour and shortening prices.

A spokesman for the large wholesale bakeries that distribute their product under brand names said no announcement was planned at this time.



Parents Choose Blindness To Death For Two Tots
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A young couple, asked to choose between probable death or blindness for their two children, have decided blindness is better.

As a result, surgeons yesterday removed both eyes of 11-months-old Michael Goldstein and one eye of his 24-year-old sister, Karen. Both were reported doing "very nicely" today.

Surgeons of the Presbyterian Hospital's Institute of Ophthalmology said Michael was afflicted with a cancerous eye condition called retinoblastoma. They hope x-ray treatment will prevent spread of the same disease to Karen's other eye.

The decision was all the more difficult for the children's father, Abe Goldstein, 30, a veteran of three and one-half years war service in the Pacific.

The hospital said he was afflicted with the same condition as a child and had lost one eye.

Penicillin, Transfusion Of Blood Fail To Save Dog

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Boy, a mongrel dog that lived on borrowed breath for four hours, is dead.

The animal died last night despite four-hour operation, a million units of penicillin and a blood transfusion.

He was struck by an automobile Monday. His master, Robert Jackson, took him to a veterinarian who performed the four-hour operation.

Because Boy's lungs were exposed, Jackson forced air through a tube into the animal's lungs all during the operation.

Later Boy was given penicillin and the blood transfusion.

The dog was a pet of Jackson's 9-year-old son.

Japanese General Freed Of War Crimes Charges

SHANGHAI, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Gen. Yasutsugu Okamura, who commanded Japanese armed forces in China for the last eight months of the war, was acquitted of war crimes charges today.

A Chinese high military tribunal held that all war crimes charges by Japanese against Chinese citizens and soldiers occurred before Okamura assumed command.

GIRL LEADERS TO MEET

The Girl Scout Leadership Association will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, 1933 Beacon Way. Persons desiring transportation are asked to contact Mrs. James Joyce or Mrs. Roy Byrd.

PUBLIC SUPPORT URGED

March of Dimes Benefit Dance Being Readied By Active Club, Junior C. C.

Plans for the March of Dimes dance, which is being sponsored by the Roseburg Active Club at the Armory Friday night, are shaping up well, chairman Arlo Jacklin reported at the club's meeting Wednesday morning.

Steve Fowler, National Guard captain in charge of the Armory, reported most of the repair work now underway will be sufficiently taken care of to have the building in excellent condition for the dance. The floors have all been cleaned and remain only to be waxed for dancing.

Tickets are on sale at a number of places about town and from Active Club members. They will also be available at the door. Admission price, said Jacklin, is \$1.00 per couple. Dancing to Lou Franco and his Happy Valley Cowboys will be from 9 p. m. until midnight.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will decorate the Armory on Friday.

An appeal to the public to support the dance in order to bring the city's contributions to a maximum was made by the club members.

State Housing Investigation Is Ordered

Legislature Also Votes Continuance of Bonus To Employees of State

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The Oregon Legislature ordered an immediate investigation of housing and assured state employees against an immediate pay cut.

The Senate approved, 22 to 8, a House resolution for a five-man legislative committee to investigate the housing shortage over the state, but especially in Portland.

Democrats, who supported the measure, objected because it was not tough enough. Since it does not carry an appropriation to support the committee, the resolution was considered almost useless by the Democrats.

The resolution goes back to the House for consideration of Senate amendments. Then the committee will be appointed and come back to the present legislature with ideas on how to get more housing.

To Continue Bonus
Both houses gave quick approval to a bill appropriating \$282,566 to continue the \$20 monthly cost of living increase for state employees. This bonus expired January 1, and the bill continues it until July 1. The Legislature is thinking about raising it to \$30 after next July 1.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill raising the price of the state's blue book from 25 to 50 cents. This book is a man-

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Dedication Of City Swimming Pool Discussed

General discussion relative to the opening of the Roseburg municipal swimming pool and the Red Cross life saving program was held by the Roseburg Park Commission at its meeting Tuesday night.

Upon motion of Wayne Crooch, the board agreed to ask each civic organization to appoint a member to a general committee to arrange for a formal dedication or grand opening early in the summer.

The Commission approved the Junior Chamber of Commerce's request to stage a pageant or carnival during the summer at a date to be selected. Crooch, who presented the Junior Chamber request, said this would be an official AAU meet, that the Jaycees would defray all expenses, and if any proceeds remained the money would go to that organization.

The Commission discussed the securing of a life guard and over-see for the pool for the summer months. The person hired would be under the direction of the Park Commission.

Chairman Percy Croft outlined general policies previously discussed pertaining to the operation of the pool. City Manager Matt Slankard, secretary of the Board, reported he is securing information for a heating unit.

Load Limit Halved On Northern Oregon Roads

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A 50 percent load limit reduction will be effective Thursday for eight Oregon highways.

The reduction was ordered by the State Highway Commission in an effort to avert damage to ice-roughened highways. The reduction cuts maximum loads to 36,000 pounds and single axle loads to 8,000 pounds.

These are the highways affected: Wilson River from Forest Grove to Balma Grove, 10 miles; Nehalem from Jewell to Junction near Buxton, 60 miles; Yamhill-Newberg, 11 miles; Farmington, 10 miles; Schools, 10 miles; Cascade from Oregon City to Silverton, 27 miles; Woodlawn-Estacada from Kahler Junction to Estacada, 23 miles; Eagle Creek-Sandy, 6 miles.

The House of Lords is expected to reject it, but it will become law when re-passed by Commons.

American Aid Goods In China Fall To Commies

SHANGHAI, Jan. 26.—(AP)—About \$4,000,000 worth of American aid goods were in Peiping and Tientsin when the two cities were captured by the Communists, ECA officials said.

ECA officials there have been instructed tentatively to try to continue their program, the officials said. Rationing of the existing stocks of food and cotton piece goods is to proceed as long as they are "used in the interests of the Chinese people."

More Snow Falls, Floods Hit Illinois

Varied Weather Strikes From Atlantic Coast To Southern California

(By the Associated Press)
There was lots of bad and damaging weather across the nation today.

Snow, sleet and rain pelted wide areas from the Atlantic Coastal areas to Southern California's mountain and desert country.

Sub-zero temperatures continued in the western plains and Rocky Mountain regions but the bitter cold did not cause any let-up in the fight to save the thousands of snowbound livestock.

Some stockmen said the pinpoint dropping of feed to starving herds will save Nevada's eastern livestock industry. But losses are bound to be severe in the worst winter in 60 years, they said.

The big freeze brought temperatures near 30 degrees below zero in the Fallon area and colder at some of the snowbound ranches.

After yesterday's successful feed bombardments, the hay lift hit high gear, but the glamour has left it.

Floods Add to Woes
Hundreds of persons in Southern Illinois were driven from their homes by flood waters. Further evacuations were indicated as rain fell throughout the Mississippi River valley. Many highways were closed.

Winds of near gale velocity and driving snow in the mountain and desert regions of Southern California and in Arizona and Nevada today. Scores of persons were marooned at winter resorts.

Temperatures dropped to freezing in the coastal lowlands and citrus orchards. Four inches of snow fell in Las Vegas, Nev., in 12 hours.

The Los Angeles weather bureau forecast another cold spell tonight, with continued snow at higher elevations.

Sixty to 70-mile-an-hour gusts accompanied the snow in the mountains where depths ranged up to 102 inches. A snow blanket two to three feet deep lay on the Mojave Desert.

Extending to Arizona, the blizzard forced the closing last night of Highway 66, main East-West

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No Chest Funds Asked For Scouts

No request for funds was made by the Boy Scouts to the Douglas County Community Chest this year, said Leo F. Young, county chest chairman, who pointed out that a recent report by the Boy Scout fund drive had stated "another \$1,000 had been asked from the county."

The Oregon Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, is short \$5,800 of its \$36,000 goal, with more than half the shortage being in Douglas County's quota. It was explained by Rolland Quam, district scout executive. The Roseburg Community Chest collected \$3,000 of a \$4,500 goal for the city.

Quam today confirmed Young's statement that the Boy Scouts did not participate in the Douglas County Community Chest this year, in order to conduct a separate fund campaign in the communities outside of Roseburg.

He announced that the Boy Scout fund drive has been scheduled for the second week in February, opening with a one-day "dawn-to-dusk" campaign in each community. Campaign chairmen appointed to date include Bill Griswold, Drain; Mr. Price, Yoncalla; John Edwards, Oakland; Mr. Binder, Canyonville, and Jack Markham, Riddle.

Committee Vote Victory For Truman's Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Supporters of President Truman's anti-inflation program won an initial test today. The Senate Banking Committee approved a seven-month extension of voluntary allocations of steel and other scarce commodities.

On a straight party line vote, the committee first rejected 8 to 2 a Republican-sponsored plan to extend the voluntary controls for 13 months beyond March 1 next.

Beaten on that, the Republicans supported the seven-month plan and it was approved unanimously.

Nationalization Delay In British Steel Rejected

LONDON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The Labor Government beat down today a Conservative motion to delay nationalizing Britain's steel industry until after the 1950 general elections.

The bill already has received its decisive second reading—approval in principle—in the House of Commons.

The House of Lords is expected to reject it, but it will become law when re-passed by Commons.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

President Truman has proclaimed Feb. 1 as permanent "National Freedom Day." Perhaps it will jointly establish a fifth freedom: The right to dine in a restricted swank cafe attended in something besides formal.