

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



BONNIE HARRISON, salesgirl at the Roseburg Book Store, is selling a copy of the works of O. Henry to a customer. If you don't wish to buy something, stay away from that girl. I know. She sold me the book while I was taking her picture holding it. Oh well, I'm glad she isn't in the diesel locomotive business. Bonnie is from Ogden, Utah, and is married to Bob Harrison, a native son of Roseburg. The two have just moved to a new home on the Keasey Road. Bob'd better look out or one of these days Bonnie will sell the house right out from over him.

SCOUTERS WILL BANQUET

Professor Dahlberg Booked As Speaker at District Scout Dinner Meet Monday Night

Professor W. A. Dahlberg of the University of Oregon speech and drama department will be the main speaker at the Douglas County Boy Scout district award meeting and banquet at 6:30 p. m. Monday in the Hotel Umpqua, announced Rollie Quam, district scout executive. Professor Dahlberg's general topic will be on youth.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE convention whose doings have provided grist for this mill for the past day or so breaks up and the newspaper folk head for home and the old grind. Everyone agrees it has been the best ever. (It's always that way with conventions. If you concede it had been a flop, you'd have to admit that you'd wasted your time going.) I head for L. A., by way of Bakersfield and the ridge route, to keep an appointment.

IN the wide, flat valley of the San Joaquin, the sun shines brightly, but it could be a lot warmer. The sunshine pouring through the windows and the car heater going full blast conspire to fool you. When you get out, the wind bites.

At a gas station, an attendant is tinkering with some equipment. Maybe it's habit in this normally warm country, maybe it's just lack of brain power; anyway, he works in the shade. The pump man looks him over scornfully. "Get out in the sun, jeez-head," he says. "What's the use freezing yourself?"

OVER the valley the skies are clear, but the summit of the Tehachapi is wrapped in fog. It is a white and murky fog. It looks like a child had torn up a batt of

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Historic Council of Europe Organized by Five Western Powers; France Headquarters

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A new and historic "council of Europe" with a fledgling cabinet and an advisory parliament emerged today as a major factor in the post-war world.

The foreign ministers of the five Western European Union democracies announced agreement yesterday to set up the council. Authoritative sources said headquarters will be in Strasbourg, France.

The five nations reaching the agreement, after months of discussion on some form of European unity, are Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

They said other European countries will be asked to help set up the council. One informed source said the first invitation will go to Italy. Indicating Italy will join, Italian Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza said "European union is born and Italy will be one of the founding states."

The "Council of Europe" will consist of a committee of ministers from the member nations which will meet in secret, and an advisory assembly composed of representatives from each country. The assembly, expected to pave the way ultimately for a

single Parliament to represent all the European Democracies, will meet in public.

Details are to be worked out by the permanent commission of the five powers of the Western European Union, set up under the Brussels Pact of March 17, 1948.

The "Council of Europe" is a step toward a long-time goal of some European statesman: A United Europe with member nations eventually erasing geographical boundaries and other existing barriers, something on the order of the United States.

However, an authoritative source in close touch with the ministers indicated that any surrendering of national sovereignty to the new council would have to be a gradual process.

Administration Asks New Labor Law Measure May Be Stripped Of Injunction

The Weather

Partly cloudy today and Sunday. Few scattered light showers Saturday.

Sunset today 5:21 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:32 a. m.

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Federal Funds Will Relieve Stricken Area

Human Suffering Adds To Emergency; Stock Losses to Run Heavy

(By the Associated Press)
More federal funds were on the way to the storm-stricken Western States today but new snow and cold weather delayed relief operations in some areas.

Nebraska, one of the states which suffered staggering blows from the early January blizzards, was in the path of the new cold wave that extended over the central section of the country. The below zero temperatures followed heavy falls of snow which have seriously disrupted relief operations.

However, there were no fresh snowbound western disaster areas where millions of cattle and sheep are stranded and facing starvation. Relief operations continued uninterrupted in most of the Rocky Mountain region.

Humans Suffer
But in Nebraska, Gov. Val Peterson told President Truman in a telegram human suffering is "increasing" deaths continuing losses of cattle are mounting and potential losses are staggering.

Mr. Truman allotted another \$500,000 for relief to the snow-stricken western states yesterday. That brought to \$800,000 in federal aid for relief operations. Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, federal works administrator, said in Miami, Fla., an additional \$250,000 in federal funds had been allocated to the states digging out of the blizzards. He said an additional \$85,000 each would go to South Dakota and Nebraska and \$40,000 each to Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. He said he told Mr. Truman \$1,000,000 was

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Senator Cordon Assigned to Six Committee Jobs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Senator Guy Cordon (R-Ore.) has been handed a tough job as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Republican colleagues named him yesterday as a member of six of the committee's sub-groups.

As a member of the armed services subcommittee he will hear the testimony for all funds for the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Al Henninger is in charge of the program and ticket sales. Tickets are available from him, Todd, Scofield and Quam. Over 100 scoutmasters, cubmasters, committeemen, district officers and others interested in scouting are expected. There will also be representatives from all service clubs in the city.

This meeting is strictly for scouts and those interested in scouting and is not for Boy Scouts, Quam emphasized.

Musical entertainment will be provided as part of the program.

Seaman Kills Stepmother Then Takes Own Life

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Police said today a 25-year-old merchant seaman killed his stepmother last night, then turned the gun on himself. Both were found dead shortly before midnight.

The seaman was Floyd John Laukait. There was one bullet hole from an 8-mm rifle in his head. The stepmother, Mrs. Mary Esther Laukait, had been shot twice.

Youthful Murderer, 15, Draws Long Prison Term

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Sobbing 15-year-old Fred Smigelski, who admitted strangling an 11-year-old playmate to prove he was "no sissy," was sentenced yesterday to 25 years in prison.

The youthful defendant, supported by his attorney, heard himself described as a vicious and premeditated murderer by Assistant Prosecutor John A. Grossi.

The boy collapsed and had to be carried out by court attendants.

Smigelski, one of the youngest murderers in New Jersey court history, had admitted slaying frail, 11-year-old Jackie Preston in September, 1947.

Thaw Closes County Roads To Heavy Trucking

With thawing weather, all Douglas County roads will be closed to heavy trucking, announced the County Court. The season has been very unpropitious, with thaws followed by freezing weather. Roads, members of the court point out, will go to pieces quickly if used by heavy trucks during thaws, but are not harmed when the roads are frozen. Above the valley fog, the temperature gets quite warm in the outlying districts during the day, and the roads thaw considerably. Closures will be necessary where such conditions exist, the court points out.

RUSSIA ISSUES CHARGE Soviets Say North Atlantic Pact British-American Plan To Split United Nations

MOSCOW, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Russia issued a white paper today to tell the world the projected North Atlantic Pact is part of a British-American plan for a new war.

It is a plot against the United Nations and has as its object the establishment of British-American domination of the world by force, said the Soviet foreign minister.

'Mile o Dimes' Scout Undertaking On City Streets

It takes quite a few dimes to make a mile—\$9,760, to be exact. That's the goal Boy Scouts of Troop 133, Edenbrow, have set for themselves to collect in today's "Mile o Dimes" on the sidewalks of N. Jackson St.

The "Mile o Dimes" each year is one of the major activities of the infantile paralysis fund raising campaign. The Boy Scouts started at 9:30 this morning and expect to be collecting dimes still, late this afternoon.

Every passerby will be asked for his contribution, said Clair Pettit, assistant scoutmaster of the troop.

Another feature of the day, said Del McKay, city campaign chairman for the annual "March of Dimes," will be the "Mile o Dollars," to be conducted by members of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Jaycees will be asking for contributions in the form of dollar bills, which they will staple end to end to make a mile-long chain of money for the polio fund.

McKay announced that a large crowd attended the annual "March of Dimes Ball" last night in the Armory, the proceeds of which are to go to the infantile paralysis fund.

Employee Retirement Act Amendments are Endorsed

Amendments to the State Public Employees Retirement Act advocated by state employees and teacher groups were endorsed by the Oregon finance officers at a meeting in Salem Friday, said City Recorder William D. Bollman.

The amendments would guarantee minimum \$50-a-month disability pensions, increase the basis on which salary contributions are made to the retirement fund to \$3,600, and increase the contributions by the city (or other taxing body) for service of employees prior to effective date of the act.

Bollman said that public employees who retire for reasons of disability before their pensions are due, now receive only their own contributions to the retirement fund. Amendments advocated would provide that the city, school district, or other public employers' contributions would be used also for disability pensions.

Those in attendance at the meeting, besides Bollman, were Russell Morgan, state supervisor of the division of audits and a member of the Public Employees Retirement System Board; City Recorder Henry F. Beitel of Eugene; City Recorder Richard Singleton of St. Helens, and Guy Buford, school district treasurer at Toledo.

Band Parents Discuss Fund Raising Activities

Fund raising activities of the Band Parents Association were discussed at a meeting of the ways and means committee of the group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nolte last night. Ideas will be presented to the regular meeting of the association at 7:45 Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the band building at Roseburg High.

All band parents are urged to attend the meeting. Everyone is asked to bring as many "white elephants" to the meeting as possible and their use will be explained at the gathering.

A added attraction will be participation of fifth and sixth grade students representing the five Roseburg schools.

Portland Building Ban Hits Suburban Areas

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A ban on building in a new Portland suburb was under consideration here today. City Commissioner Fred L. Peterson favored the ban until the Bertha district, which joined the city at the last election, installs a sewer system.

He said the apte tanks in that area were creating a sanitary problem.

DRAW FINE, JAIL TERM

Richard J. Schubert, 52, of Winston, arrested by state police on a drunk driving charge, pleaded guilty when arraigned in Justice Court Friday, Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes reported. Schubert, Geddes said, was fined \$100 and sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail. He was released and will start serving his sentence Jan. 30.

Commies Plant Artillery On Yangtze Banks

Nationalist Leaders Flee Nanking; Peace Hopes Said Vanishing

NANKING, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Communist gunners planted artillery on the north bank of the Yangtze, east of Nanking, and ominously warned this chaotic capital today: If the government wants to show its sincerity for peace, it will not move.

But it was too late. A careful check failed to locate a single Nationalist government cabinet member in Nanking. All were admittedly gone except a few whose skeletonized offices reported them "out." But their offices refused to say where they had gone.

Hopes for peace within the predictable future faded almost to the vanishing point.

Offer Agreement
However, in a later voice broadcast the Red radio offered to apply to Nanking and Shanghai the localized agreement by which Peiping surrendered.

The broadcast, as monitored here, stipulated that Nanking peace delegates be held in readiness. (Nanking municipal officials decided several days ago to seek a settlement patterned after that in Peiping. A campaign for a similar move was under way in Shanghai.)

The latest Communist demand, that the government remain in

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Mill Working Overtime to Give Fuel Deliveries

Roseburg Lumber Company, which supplies 95 per cent of all wood fuel to Roseburg users, has been able to keep up with most of its orders despite the cold weather and the closure of some of the other fuel-supplying mills.

Frank Ashley, in charge of the fuel department, reported. Although considerable overtime has been required at a much greater expense, homes, business houses and schools have been kept supplied without any noticeable inconvenience to the consumers and no one has been without, said Ashley.

The mill has been turning out 50 units of sawdust and wood daily and keeps eight trucks running full time. The task has been one of delivery rather than supply during the extreme cold weather of the last few weeks.

When the log pond was frozen recently it was necessary to blast logs loose to make them available for the mill. Operations have kept going during the cold weather largely to supply the fuel customers.

The burden, said Ashley, was made greater because of increased fuel demand with the cold weather as well as the fact many other mills were closed down, which threw a greater load upon Roseburg Lumber.

Reopening of some of the other mills is lightening the load, and barring another extreme cold spell, the situation should be well taken care of, he said.

Pan American Airways Movie Chamber Program

"Wings Over Ireland" is the title of a motion picture to be presented by the Pan American Airways at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday noon. It was announced by George Luoma, forum chairman.

Information on the progress of air passenger service will be told by John A. Moller of Pan American Airways.

Other forum programs announced by Luoma include: "Tax Legislation," discussed by F. H. Young, of the Oregon Business and Research Inc., Feb. 7, and "Buttons and Bows," a discussion of the lumber industry by H. J. Cox, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Association, Feb. 14.

Fred Lund Leaving Here As Manager of Miller's; Rod Nevue Is Assigned



FRED LUND



ROD NEVUE

Fred Lund, manager of Miller's Mercantile Store, is leaving this weekend with his family for Yakima, Wash., where he is entering business for himself. He is being succeeded as manager here by Rod Nevue, assistant manager the last several months.

Lund, formerly with the Miller store at Yakima, came to Roseburg as manager 31 months ago, when the former Fisher Department Store was purchased by Miller's. His new business in Yakima, to be known as Fredrick's, is a ladies' ready-to-wear store. He has purchased the business which has been established a number of years.

Nevue, also from Yakima, came here shortly after his discharge from the service. He also was formerly employed at Miller's in the Washington city. He has been here 29 months.

In commenting on his stay in Roseburg, Lund said he regretted very much that he was leaving here, and that he has found this city a very enjoyable place in which to live. He has, however, been interested for some time in establishing his own place of business, and is leaving to take advantage of this opportunity, he said.

Juliette Low Memorial Tea Plan of Scouters

Plans for the annual Juliette Low Memorial Tea to be held March 12, were discussed at the regular meeting of the Girl Scout Leaders Association at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Neilson on Beacon Way Thursday night.

Guests of the group were Mrs. Taylor, president of the Benson School P.T.A., and Mrs. Robert A. Legat, of the Jay-Cettes of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In attendance at the meeting were Mrs. James P. Joyce, Mrs. Mary F. Smith, Mrs. Roy Burr, Mrs. W. E. Ott, Mrs. James Lomb, Mrs. C. A. Thomas, and Mrs. Erma Sanders.

No Gas—No Heat Brings No Church Services

No services will be held Sunday at St. George's Episcopal church.

The Rev. Fr. Wm. L. Blaker, rector, announced today that because of "no gas—no heat" it has been found necessary to cancel all usual Sunday services.

Both the church and Parish house are heated with gas and the two structures are included in the classification of customers to which service has been discontinued by the California Pacific Utilities Co. for the period of the gas shortage emergency.

Gun Discharges; Man Killed in Dog Chase

EUGENE, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Vincent Hilbert Davis, 49, grabbed a shotgun, and went out to chase a pack of dogs from his cattle yesterday. It cost him his life.

As he crawled through a fence, he slipped the gun fired, and he fell, fatally wounded.

Controversial Issue Illmination Seen As Solution; Bill Itemized

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The administration today asked Congress to wipe out provisions for court orders in labor disputes except where employers and unions are held guilty of "unfair labor practices."

Under the new labor law sent to Congress, the government no longer would have the right to ask the courts to bar strikes causing national emergencies.

The "one-package" labor bill sent to the Senate Labor Committee would repeal the controversial Taft-Hartley Law and restore the old Wagner Labor Relations Act with "improvements" asked by President Truman.

Secretary of Labor Tobin is due to go before the Committee Monday to explain provisions of the new measure, which was released to reporters by the Committee today without comment.

Under the Taft-Hartley Law, the government has had authority to obtain court orders to bar strikes for an 80-day period after other means of settlement had failed. These orders can be sought where the national welfare is involved.

Provisions Opposed
This provision was vigorously opposed by labor groups which demanded Taft-Hartley repeal as an issue in the election campaign last fall.

Among other controversial provisions which would be wiped out with repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law would be the requirement that union officials file affidavits swearing they are not Communists. Under the present act unions are not able to use National Labor Relations Board machinery unless such affidavits are on file.

If the administration bill becomes law, all court injunctions in labor disputes would be barred except orders which the NLRB might seek from federal courts to enforce its "unfair labor practice" decisions.

Employees Only Affected
The courts were authorized to issue such injunctions even under the Wagner Act. Under that law, however, only employers were prosecuted for unfair practices—not unions.

Under the proposed bill, if a union were found guilty by the NLRB of an "unfair labor practice" and refused to accept the NLRB decision, it could be forced to comply by means of a court order. But no such order could be issued before the NLRB issued its decision.

Under the new law proposed by the administration, a 30-day "cooling-off" period would be provided. This is designed to avert

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Meeting Is Slated By Retail Trades

The Retail Trades Association of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce will hold a dinner meeting next Wednesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua when a membership drive will be launched and plans discussed for a spring opening. Roland West, president, succeeding Fred Lund, announced.

A meeting of the officers and board of directors was held Friday, when plans were discussed and the membership meeting called.

Named to a special events committee for the spring opening were John Hardiman, Sid Fredrickson, Rod Nevue, Paul Kleth, Jean Starkey, Irvin Brunn and Edward B. Row. The opening will be similar to the fall opening last September.

This same group, headed by George West and including the nine members of the board of directors, have tentatively launched a drive for membership in order to have a large turnout next Wednesday. All retail merchants eligible to join the association are urged to be present.

Camp Fire Sponsors Urged to Attend Meet

Organizations sponsoring Camp Fire, Bluebird and Horizon Clubs are requested to send representatives to the second annual Camp Fire Council meeting at the First Methodist Church Monday night, Jan. 31.

Officers of the council stated today that the meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and that the program will contain interesting features for the public, sponsors and parents. Purpose of the meeting, in addition to hearing progress made by the Camp Fire organization in the county during the past year, is to acquaint sponsor and sponsored group leaders.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reismanstein

Bonquo's ghost that plagued Macbeth has a modern counterpart in the sales tax apparatus. Despite repeated rejections at the polls, demands for the plan are recurring with obstinate persistence. It may take a seven-figure state budget to erase the prejudice against the idea.