

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



STELLA SPENCER is observed here as she broadcast a program presented at 7 o'clock last night over KRNR, billed as "Woman of the Week."

Stella has owned and operated the Imperial Cleaners on North Jackson Street for 34 years; got tired paying rent and bought the building her establishment occupies; has twice been president of the Business and Professional Women's Club—in 1931 and again in 1941—and was a charter member of the organization, making the initial speech for the membership when the charter was granted, 24 years ago. She and her husband, Lyman Spencer, live at 1024 North Jackson Street.

Flier Missing Five Days On Redding-Eugene Trip Spotted Walking at Frozen Fish Lake

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—A lucky chance put help at the side of a crashed pilot today.

Presumably he was John L. Krause Jr., Antioch, Calif., flier who disappeared last Wednesday on a flight from Redding, Calif., to Eugene.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BACK in the East and the Middle West there is a new ruckus. Landlords, especially apartment house landlords, are threatening that if new and more rigid rent controls are enacted they will evict their tenants and let their properties stand vacant.

The federal government is muttering in its beard and threatening reprisals if the movement spreads. The reprisals will probably take the form of prosecutions for conspiracy to violate the rent control law.

It is quite possible, of course, that the landlords are talking tougher than they intend to act. They may decide that discretion is the better part of valor.

If you are a spindly small boy, it is seldom wise to lose your temper and wade into the over-muscled bully of your neighborhood, even though he may be doing you dirt. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you

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GAS LINE BREAKS

ORANGE, Tex., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Clark Barrett, official of the Du Pont Company plant here, said today a break in a 12½ inch gas line had been "isolated" and the flow of gas would be stopped within a short time.

The line broke early this morning, turning loose millions of cubic feet of gas a short distance from a heavily populated Orange suburb. The line supplies the multi-million dollar plant.

DISTAFF SIDE DEFENDED

Legislators' Wives Well Qualified For Service As Secretaries at Session

By ESTHER GEDDES

SALEM, Ore.—Life is becoming more complicated daily. I am busily engaged in making a survey of the employment of relatives as secretaries by the members of this legislature. I have become so thoroughly incensed by the implications of the press on various occasions, to the effect that the wives who are in the employ of legislators as secretaries are nothing but parasites on the public funds and are almost universally incompetent and incapable of performing satisfactorily the duties of a secretary, that I decided to make an actual survey of the situation. So I have been questioning wives universally, as to the reason why they are working and what their qualifications are.

I must say that I have been very reassured. Many of the women have been private secretaries to executives in large corporations or to men of high public position such as a clerk of the Supreme Court, or a dean in a well-known law school or other places of responsibility. With only one exception so far the women are qualified typists and by far the larger group are also able to take dictation and many are skilled book keepers and even accountants.

Most of the wives frankly say that they wanted the position very much because they felt it was the only way to be intelligently aware of the activities of the government and to be able to discuss with pertinence the questions which concern their husbands. True, most of them admit that it helps considerably to augment the very meagre pay of their legislator husbands and pay the rent and food bills which are rather staggering when living in a strange town away from home. A few of the wives who do not take dictation save their husbands a great deal of time by being so thoroughly familiar with the problems discussed, and the

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Six Persons Missing in Hotel Blaze

The Weather
Partly cloudy today and Wednesday with showers of rain or snow today. Clearing and colder tonight. Morning fog Wednesday.
Sunset today 5:25 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:28 a. m.

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Emergency Power Slash Bill Faces Fight

Authority To PUC to Cut Sales Opposed

Highway Committee Asks Increases in Gas Tax, Auto License Fee

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Peoples utility distributors and aluminum companies asked the legislature today to reconsider its passage of the bill giving Governor McKay authority to take emergency measures in a power shortage.

The bill, which would let Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg restrict use of power by any firm or person, passed the Senate unanimously, and the House 47 to 9.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland Democrat, said he would ask for reconsideration of the bill because the PUD's object to regulate their power sales during an emergency. The PUD's now are not subject to any state regulation.

Neuberger also said that the aluminum companies fear that Flagg might give their power to the private power companies.

But sponsors of the bill, some whom were angry about Neuberger's move, said they would fight any move to reconsider the bill.

Would Like Gas Tax
The House Highway Committee introduced its bill today to increase the 5-cent gas tax to 6 cents, and raise the \$5 auto license fee to \$10. The money would go to the state for highway construction.

The committee is sold on the gas tax increase idea, but it is split over boosting the auto license fee.

The Multnomah county delegation recommended that the county's circuit judges have their \$7.

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Roseburg Driver Faces Charge In Coos Bay Crash

COS BAY, Jan. 31.—(Special)—Coos Bay police filed a reckless driving charge against Donald Krogel, 207 Rice St., Roseburg, following a head-on auto-taxicab collision on North Broadway, Coos Bay, about 1 a. m. Sunday.

Krogel and his passengers, Lee Emery, Dale McFarland and Lyle Rice, all of Roseburg, were treated at McCauley Hospital. All but Emery were released.

Emery's condition is reported good by his physician. He suffered a severe scalp wound and shock. Another passenger, Bob Hagston, was not injured.

The group was here for a National Guard basketball game. The taxi was driven by Roy Place, Coos Bay, who was not injured. There was extensive damage to both vehicles. Krogel posted \$200 bail.

Oliver Boomed for Old Seat on Highway Board

PRINEVILLE, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Central Oregon support for Herman Oliver of John Day, to succeed Arthur W. Schaupp, Klamath Falls, on the State Highway Commission was reported here today.

A campaign for Oliver apparently was being organized in Prineville, Madras and other central Oregon communities.

Schaupp's term on the commission will expire March 31. Letters from John Day and Prineville in support of Oliver were sent to Governor McKay early this week.

Oliver, a rancher at John Day, formerly was a member of the commission.

Juveniles' Confessions Clear Series of Thefts

ONTARIO, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Admissions of juvenile delinquents have solved many of Ontario's burglaries of the last six months. Chief of Police Asie Gunderson disclosed today. Boys involved were 11 to 16 years old.

Burglaries cleared up were those at a service station, the Firpine Mill, a cafe, and a popcorn stand on the East Side.

Six or seven young Ontario lads have made the admissions.

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E. O. Bushnell's Hearing on Count Of Murder Dated

Preliminary hearing for Edmond Oliver Bushnell, 61, charged with the murder of William Rendon Smith, 41, at Myrtle Creek early Sunday morning, will be held Friday in the Justice Court, said Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes today.

Bushnell was arraigned before Geddes Monday morning on the murder charge and asked for the preliminary hearing. He had been arrested Sunday, shortly after he allegedly shot Smith to death at the door of his wife's home.

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell said that Bushnell had reportedly knocked on the door of his wife's home, two miles east of Myrtle Creek, at 2 a. m. Sunday. When Smith answered the knock, Bushnell allegedly fired a pistol point blank, killing Smith instantly.

Bushnell was apprehended by State Police 25 minutes later, from descriptions of his car given by his wife, Pearl Ella, on the Pacific Highway near Dillard. He was taken into custody and is being held in the county jail without bail.

Funeral services for Smith, arranged by the Roseburg Funeral Home, will be held in Schroeder's Funeral Home in Coquille Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment will follow in Sunset Cemetery at Coos Bay.

City Councilmen At Ashland Face Recall Attempt

ASHLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—A recall election to oust three city councilmen who have been at odds with Mayor Thomas Williams is sought by Feb. 24.

The petitions—which say the council has "flagrantly defied the wish and will of the people"—were filed yesterday by the Civic Betterment League. It is a new organization of 11 members.

The election would determine whether Councilmen John Daugherty, John Nesler and Herbert Fischborn would continue in office.

The trouble started when Williams took office the first of the year and named new men for city attorney and police chief. The council refused to confirm him.

One of the council sessions was held in the armory to accommodate the crowd. There was booing and shouting from the spectators.

The council passed an ordinance requiring the mayor's appointment and there is pending a court test on the respective powers of the mayor and the council. The case in which City Attorney William M. Briggs has amended the complaint to clarify the issue is before Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard of Medford, but no decision is expected for several weeks.

Infant Born in Snow As Father Supports Mother

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Young William Scott Stafford cried his first cry in four inches of snow.

He and his mother, Mrs. William A. Stafford Jr., are getting along well in a hospital despite the unusual circumstances of the birth, out by the family garage while the father held the mother and young William Scott's grandfather fumbled in the dark for the garage keys.

It all happened very suddenly yesterday. When Mrs. Stafford decided she'd better get to hospital quickly, her husband and her father-in-law carried her to the garage. Then, while the senior Stafford tried to open the garage doors and the junior Stafford supported his wife, the baby was born.

China Warns Commies To Cease Excess Demands

NANKING, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Li Tsung-jen's government, showing new life, sharply warned the Communists today to lay off irrelevant demands if they want peace.

A statement attributed to the acting president's office told the Reds the government was still able to fight but that continuation of hostilities was undesirable "because the people can no longer bear civil war."

The statement indicted the government and the Communists were still far from a position where they would be able to seat delegations around a conference table.

Pay Boost Demanded By Portland Teachers

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Portland school teachers want the starting wage for college-graduate teachers boosted to \$2600 a year and the maximum salary moved up to \$4500.

Those figures represent increases of \$200 to \$500. The school directors will consider the request—which would add \$904,000 to the annual budget—at their Thursday meeting.

Texas Blizzard Spreads Ruin Among Crops

Wintry Blast Worst In State's History; New Wave Hits Other Regions

(By the Associated Press)
Texas' most bitter and destructive blizzard on record gave up most of its frosty sting today.

Low clouds and an early morning drizzle warmed up the lower Rio Grande Valley where millions of dollars in damage was done to fruit groves and vegetable gardens by yesterday's 23-degree weather.

Warmer temperatures also were recorded along the coast. Texas' most bitter and destructive blizzard on record gave up most of its frosty sting today.

Central and North Texas had another bitter night. A light snow fell in parts of the Panhandle early today, but temperatures were rising. It was 10 degrees at Amarillo at 12:30 a. m.

Skies were mostly clear but temperatures were on the chilly side over virtually all the rest of the country.

The fair weather was welcome in the western blizzard area where relief operations were increased as military and civilian forces continued their efforts to aid the snowbound and hungry.

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Roseburg Snow Turns to Slush

Two inches of snow fell in Roseburg early today, an official report from the U. S. Weather Bureau stated. This measurement was taken at 6 a. m., but the snow may have settled some by that time, according to the report.

Residents in the higher altitudes, however, reported a considerably greater depth where the lower temperatures prevented the snow from melting.

Trees and bushes were heavy with the damp, clinging snow, which was fast turning to slush by the time most people were on the streets around 8 o'clock.

(By the Associated Press)
Snow fell throughout most of Oregon early today, but it was scanty and brought little additional hardship in the state's long cold spell.

Temperatures again dipped below freezing, but not to the extreme levels of recent weeks. Only two cities reported sub-zero marks—Ontario at 7 below and Lakeview at 5 below.

J. O. Conville to be First City Manager of Corvallis

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—James O. Conville will be Corvallis' first city manager.

Selection of Conville, who has been city manager of Astoria since 1934, was confirmed by the city council here last night, culminating nearly two months of conferences with a number of candidates for the position.

Conville will step into a brand new job, the city managership post having been created as the result of an election in November.

He will take over on March 1, when a new city charter goes into effect.



THE TABLES ARE TURNED—With food prices dropping, market proprietors are forced to resort to those almost forgotten arts—salesmanship and merchandising—to lure customers. At a meat market in New York, hostess Renee Kleiman, left, passes out free coffee and sandwiches to shoppers. Police had been stationed outside to keep order but the expected mobs didn't materialize.

Ex-Grid Star Wasserbach One Victim

Guests Flee Night Fire At Ripon, Wis., by Various Means, Including Jumps

RIPON, Wis., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Six persons, including a former college and professional football player, were missing and presumed dead in a fire which destroyed the Grand View Hotel here early today.

Police Chief Ira Dunham listed these missing: Lloyd Wasserbach, Madison, Wis., former member of the University of Wisconsin and Chicago Rockets football squads.

Albert Bleich, Madison, Wis., Charles Wendland, 80, a permanent guest and part-time employee of the hotel.

Miss Alice Callan, 52, grade school principal.

Miss Clara Solverson, 62, a bookkeeper.

Robert Wingler, Iowa City, Ia. (age unavailable).

Wasserbach was a tackle on Wisconsin's varsity squads of 1940, '41 and '42, and was a member of the Chicago Rockets of the All America Football Conference in 1946. With Bleich and Wingler he was employed in the construction of a power transmission line in the Ripon area.

Guests Seen Fleeing
There were approximately 48 guests in the hotel when the fire broke out. Its origin was undetermined. Firemen from Ripon and three nearby cities still were pouring water into the ruins at noon today.

The alarm as the entire Ripon Fire Department turned out electrified this college town of some 4,000 residents.

One of the eye-witnesses, Mrs. C. W. Umbreit, whose home is two doors away, saw the flames leap from the roof near the chimney at 1:20 a. m. when the first alarm sounded. She saw guests

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R. Nyberg Fined On Assault Count; Others on Docket

Indicted by the Grand Jury on a charge of assault and battery, Richard Nyberg, Monday entered a plea of guilty before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, who fined him \$300. Nyberg had been accused of assaulting one Helen Swall last Sept. 2. Five other cases also were brought before the judge.

Dell O. Barker, indicted on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, entered a plea of guilty. Judge Wimberly fixed time of sentencing for today. Barker allegedly cashed a \$24 check at a Marsters Drug Store last Aug. 13, receiving \$15 in cash and \$5 worth of merchandise.

William Earl Cook entered a plea of innocence to a charge of receiving and having possession of stolen property. He had been accused in a Grand Jury indictment of taking automobile parts belonging to Darrell Paris last May 2. Time for a trial will be fixed later.

Walter Grove and Delbert L. Holloper each forfeited \$200 bail for non-appearance on charges of stealing automobile wheels last Sept. 1. They had been indicted by the Grand Jury.

The case against Lando Earl Ramsey, indicted for passing a fictitious check, was dismissed by Judge Wimberly, when it was determined that he was not the same "L. E. Ramsey" who passed such a check last July 3.

Slot Machines' Exit Cuts St. Helens' Revenue

ST. HELENS, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—The campaign against slot machines has spread to Columbia county.

Club patrons said that for the first time in nearly two years there is not a slot machine or a punch board operating within the county.

Sheriff M. R. Calhoun said he was following the trend of other Oregon counties in ordering the punchboards and slot machines out.

With the clamp-down went \$18,500 of St. Helens' revenue expected to reap from a \$25 monthly tax it had been assessing for each slot machine. In addition the city had charged for a "master license" for owners of locally placed machines and smaller charges for punchboards.

This was nearly a fourth of the city's annual budget. The city council will take up the question of the lost revenue at a Feb. 7 meeting.

Ellsworth Gets Seat On GOP Policy Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Two members of the Republican House steering committee, which directs policy—are from the West Coast.

Reps. Ellsworth (Ore.) and Anderson (Calif.) were chosen by their fellow members from the West to serve on the committee.

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