

# TWO OREGON TAX COMMISSIONERS FIRED

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### WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



ROY ALLEN, local realtor, is shown in animated conversation with JUANITA TOWNSEND, waitress at "Chuck's" restaurant at Trailways.

I'm not sure, but I think they were discussing five-cent coffee served there. In some places I could mention, but won't, the price of coffee is no laughing matter.

Juanita has been at "Chuck's" since it opened and before that she was employed at the Rose Hotel. She has a three-year-old son, Michael, who is the apple of her eye.

### The Weather

Cloudy this morning. Partly cloudy this afternoon and Tuesday. Sunset today 7:31 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:47 a.m.

## Texas Tornado Shatters Area Of Amarillo

### Four Persons Killed, About 65 Others Hurt

City Zone Mass of Ruins; Fist-Size Hailstones Level Outlying Crops

AMARILLO, Tex., May 16.—(AP)—A ripping, whipping tornado chewed up a four-square mile area in Southern Amarillo last night, killing four people. About 65 were injured.

It was the first destructive tornado in this Panhandle capital of 102,000 people. Dawn found Red Cross and volunteer workers still picking their way through acres of shambles. It looked as if a big kitchen mixer had dipped in, stirred everything up, and then spewed it around. Although many sections of Amarillo were hit, the tornado's most destructive blow fell on the southern area dotted largely with new homes of veterans. A near-cloud-burst—and hailstones as large as a man's fist—added to the damage.

Ambulances and highway patrol units funneled into Amarillo from a 200-mile radius, bringing injured to the crowded hospitals. Red Cross people flew in from St. Louis.

Hail Levels Crops To property damage here may be added heavy loss to crops in the wheat-rich Texas Panhandle—that part of the state which juts up to the north, bordered by New Mexico and Oklahoma. Hail such as fell here would destroy the near-ripe wheat—but smashed communication lines made it difficult to discover the extent of the hailstorm.

Three carloads of pigs, smashed free from their freight-car prison.

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NAVY SECRETARY—Francis P. Matthews (above), Omaha, Neb., lawyer and banker, has been selected by President Truman to be Secretary of the Navy. He will succeed John L. Sullivan, who resigned in protest against cancellation of Navy plans to build a 65,000-ton aircraft carrier. (NEA telephoto).

### Spending Cut Or Tax Boost Choice Faced

Congress Splits On Which Course to Adopt; Huge Debt May Mount

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—A weekend estimate that the government will go \$3,000,000,000 into the red next year stirred up conflicting cries today for more economy and more taxes.

The estimate was made for the Senate-House Tax Committee by its staff of experts. They forecast a "moderate" business slump. They figured that in the fiscal year starting July 1 it would result in cutting the government's income by \$2,100,000,000 and adding that much to the \$900,000,000 deficit predicted in President Truman's budget.

"That," said house Democratic Leader McCormack (Mass.), "is all the more reason for increasing taxes by \$4,000,000,000, as President Truman repeatedly has suggested."

In the Senate, however, Senator Russell (D-Ga.) announced that he and some other Democratic members of the Appropriations Committee are drafting a bill to

slice about \$3,000,000,000 off federal spending. Russell said their plan was started even before the report of the tax experts was issued. Senator Maybank (D-S.C.) suggested the \$5,580,000,000 European aid program as a good place to cut.

Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), chairman of the Appropriations Committee said he would "rather

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### Christian Church Dates District Meeting Here

Christian Churches of Coos and Douglas Counties will participate in a district convention at Roseburg Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Three churches in Coos County and nine from Douglas are expected to have representation at the meeting which will open with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the First Christian Church at Roseburg.

A youth banquet program on Thursday evening will be conducted by Earline Rogers, Medford.

Thursday's conference meetings will cover all departments of church organization, with special emphasis on missions, men's and youth's departments.

Among conference leaders will be Ray Smith, manager of the Beaverton home for the aged; Dr. R. G. Griffiths, president of Northwest Christian college; Charles Adelman, Portland, secretary of Oregon Christian churches; Kenneth Johnston, pastor at Dallas, and Howard Jarvis, pastor at Medford.

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Block Rezoning Plan Up to Council Tonight

Heading on the rezoning of Block 47 from Class 2 residential to Class 3 business is scheduled by the City Council tonight. The block is that bounded by E. Main and S. Kane Sts., between E. Cass and E. Lane.

The rezoning is being sought by Umpqua Post No. 16, American Legion, and the First Methodist Church in order to permit these organizations to go ahead with building plans.

The Council meeting is at 7:30 in the City Hall. Other business to come before the Council will include the reports of Council committees and the reading of correspondence.

SLAYER LOSES AGAIN WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today refused for the second time to review the trial of Jake Bird, Tacoma, Wash., Negro condemned to hang for the axe-slaying of Mrs. Bertha Klutz.

Non-Union Painter On Truman Job Stirs Protest INDEPENDENCE, Mo., May 16.—(AP)—The summer White House has less than half its spring coat of paint today and President Truman has a protest over the non-union painter.

The protest is a registered letter mailed to the president by Painters District Council No. 3, A. F. L.

John H. Moler, 67, who started a one-man job on the president's home May 3, says he's not a union man, never been one and doesn't intend to be one, but doesn't have any grudge against the union.

Moler, who says he's painted for the Truman boys, says he can't understand "why the union is so upset."

Jack Cooke, union business representative who announced the mailing said "after all, Truman has championed himself as the man of the hour in labor and you can't serve but one master—if you serve him right."

Cooke said the president "notification" to the president that Moler is doing the job.

There was no comment from the White House.

### 2 Convicts Flee Prison at Salem

SALEM, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—Two state prison trustees—one of them ready for parole—sawed dormitory window bars and escaped over an unguarded wall yesterday.

Prison Warden George Alexander said Ralph E. Neyman, 26, and Henry Bradley, 27, used blankets to lower themselves from their window. They then used a rope to scale a 10-foot uncompleted wall. The dormitory was outside the main prison break-out yard.

They were missed at breakfast yesterday.

Bradley was originally convicted in Lane County for larceny by bailie in 1945. He was later paroled but was returned as a violator in March, 1948. Neyman was convicted in Washington County in 1948 for obtaining money under false pretenses. The warden said he had been ordered paroled April 9 but had not been released.

Boy Smothers to Death In Wheat Elevator IONE, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—A 15-year-old Oklahoma boy smothered to death in wheat at a ranch elevator Saturday before he could be dug out by workmen.

Morrow County Sheriff T. J. Bauman identified the boy as Sylvan Wentle Caldwell, Tulsa, Okla., who, with another Tulsa boy, Donald Hess, had been charged with burglary in the grain.

The sheriff said the Caldwell boy sank into the wheat and beyond young Hess' grasp. It took rescuers three hours to find the body.

Both boys had arrived at the ranch the night before and applied for work.

Flood Situation Eased In Northwest Region (By the Associated Press)

A welcome temperature drop eased the Pacific Northwest flood situation today, just after one of the snow-swollen rivers claimed a highway bridge.

The Peck bridge, a 750-foot span across the river at Peck, Idaho, collapsed yesterday morning into the swollen waters. The high water of a year ago, plus the pounding of this year, was blamed.

Cooler weather, that slowed the snow melt, slowed the rise of several rivers today. Some were even beginning to fall. Nearly all streams in the Yakima River watershed were dropping.

Youth Bags Cougar With Automobile Technique SALEM, May 16.—(AP)—Marion Towery, 17, has a nice cougar skin which he killed with his automobile.

Marion, who lives in the North Santiam country east of here, saw the cougar Friday night while he was driving on a country road. He chased the animal and ran over it. He had to back up several times and run over it repeatedly before the cougar died.

The cougar weighed 140 pounds, and was 7 feet 2 inches long.



RODEO QUEEN—Blonde, 17-year-old Nadine Sparks, student at Roseburg High School, will be queen of this year's Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo. She and her court were chosen at the Fairgrounds Sunday afternoon. For a picture of the rodeo princesses, turn to Page 9. (Picture by Master Photo Shop).

### Nadine Sparks Selected to Reign As Queen of Annual Rodeo Here in June

Five pretty horsewomen were chosen at the Fairgrounds Sunday to rule over this year's Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo. The queen and her princesses were chosen by a secret committee of the Posse, as they rode their mounts in the arena before a large crowd of spectators.

This year's queen will be Nadine Sparks, blonde and 17, a student at Roseburg High School.

Her rodeo court will include Mildred Christensen, 18, and Wanda Andrus, 17, both of Roseburg, and Pat Ronk, 18, and Gwen Pitts, 17, both of Myrtle Creek. They were selected from a field of 10 entrants on the basis of their ability to ride, their beauty, and on their horses and riding equipment.

Nadine's older sister, Valerie, was queen of the Trail Dust Saddle Club's Stampede last year and also was a Rodeo princess.

This year's Rodeo queen will ride her horse, "Red," in the Rodeo parade in Roseburg and at the head of the grand entry into the arena each day at the Rodeo. The horse is an American saddle-bred gaited horse.

Other contestants who tried out at the Fairgrounds Sunday included Donna Sutton, Roseburg; Louise Merk, Yoncalla; Marian Boale, Glide; Francis Stone, Roseburg; and Dorothy Rathkey, Roseburg.

Girl Assaulted Near Spot of Similar Crime TACOMA, May 16.—(AP)—A 16-year-old girl was raped Saturday evening within a few miles of the area in which another girl was assaulted and slain a few months ago, Sheriff Lee Croft reported today.

The girl said that she was pushing her bicycle up a hill on a Brookside road, southeast of Tacoma, when a man offered her a ride in an automobile. She declined but was pulled into the car and assaulted.

The scene of the incident was approximately three miles from where pretty 17-year-old Noreen McNicholas was slain last November.

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## Control Board Drops Fisher And Wharton

Governor McKay Votes Against Ouster, Crying "Partisan Politics"

SALEM, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—The State Board of Control, splitting 2 to 1, threw State Tax Commissioners Earl L. Fisher and Wallace S. Wharton out of office today.

Governor Douglas McKay, charging Secretary of State Earl T. Newby and State Treasurer Walter Pearson with playing "partisan politics," voted to keep Wharton and Fisher.

But Newby and Pearson, who had the final say, voted to put Ray Smith, 41, manager of the Eagles Lodge in Portland, into Fisher's place in charge of income taxes on the Commission.

Col Robert McLean, 48, Lincoln County Commissioner, was named to take Wharton's place as head of the assessments division.

Both appointments are effective June 4. Smith and Fisher are Republicans. McLean and Wharton are Democrats.

The third member of the Commission is Carl Chambers, Pendleton, a Republican, who heads the utilities division.

McKay Voted Pearson, Governor Douglas McKay told Pearson, Governor McKay told Pearson, the only Democratic member of the Board of Control, and Newby that "you just have gone out to fix me up, but the public is going to be the final judge."

Newby denied that he and Pearson "have made any deal. Governor, I'm surprised that you haven't taken a more active interest in this matter."

Fisher has served 30 years on the Tax Commission, and Wharton has served 10 years, except for his service during the war as a navy captain.

Governor McKay said: "This is no occasion for partisan politics. You want to throw out two competent, experienced men. It's wrong to put in two people who are not experienced just because of personal preference. There is no need to change just to change."

"Reasons" Expressed Pearson explained he always has been against Wharton. The Governor asked him why, and Pearson said "I just don't want him in there."

Newby said "Fisher is competent, but improvements could be made. He could be kept on as an assistant or as an advisor until he reaches his retirement age (65) next March 18. There is some basis for criticism of Fisher every session of the Legislature."

If Fisher leaves the state service now, he will get \$63 a month retirement pay, Pearson said. If he stays on the payroll until he is 65 years old, then he would get \$65 a month.

Airplane Crash Kills Two Grants Pass Men CAVE JUNCTION, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—A private airplane crashed at the Siskiyou National Forest Airport near here yesterday, killing two Grants Pass men.

Joseph County Coroner Virgil Hull said John M. Scott, a machinery operator and the plane pilot, and owner, and Thomas Boland, formerly of Cave Junction, died soon after the plane crashed up.

Witnesses said the plane appeared to stall in taking off and nosed into the ground. They had flown here from Grants Pass.

Scott was employed by the Grants Pass Provision Co. Fred Hale, manager of the Grants Pass Air Service, reported Boland was preparing to take an examination for a private pilot license.

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### Stamp Dispensing Machine in Post Office Lobby New Service to Public

An automatic stamp vending machine to dispense postage stamps at face value has been placed in operation in the lobby of the Roseburg post office. It inaugurates a new convenience which is part of the Post Office Department's plan to continually improve and expand its service to patrons, said Postmaster L. L. Wimberly.

The machines are being installed in post office lobbies throughout the country to dispense commonly used denominations of postage stamps. Post office patrons will be spared the delay of standing in line during rush hours, and stamps may be purchased at any hour when the lobby is open and on Sundays and holidays, whether or not the stamp window is open.

Automatically operated by the insertion of a coin, the machine issues five one-cent stamps for a nickel, five two-cent stamps for a dime, and five three-cent stamps for a nickel and a dime. Postage for airmail letters at six cents per ounce is secured by use of sufficient three-cent stamps and proper endorsement as air mail.

Wimberly pointed out that the stamp vending machine is equipped with a sensitive detector mechanism which rejects spurious coins and is rendered inoperative when the supply of stamps is exhausted. Development and perfection of the machine to meet specifications set up by the department and the exacting requirements of the National Bureau of Standards were accomplished by Commercial Controls Corp., Rochester, N. Y.

Initially the machines will be placed in post offices, but since they will also be available commercially, it can be expected they will soon be used everywhere—in department stores, hotels, apartment houses, business offices, banks, insurance companies, and wherever else stamps are commonly sold as a service to patrons or employees.

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### James Lamb To Head Boys State Training School

SALEM, May 16.—(AP)—James Lamb, 38, probation officer for the Multnomah County Court of Domestic Relations for the last five years, was named by the State Board of Control today to be superintendent of the Boys Training School at Woodburn.

Lamb, the advisory committee of the State and county schools, succeeds M. D. Woolley, who resigned April 1 to manage the Harney County Chamber of Commerce.

Lamb will take over the \$5,400-a-year job about July 1.

Lamb received his training in physical education at Washington State college. Then he took social service work at the University of Chicago, as well as working in Chicago's tenement district.

He then went to work for the Washington State Department of Public Welfare, and during the war he did recreation work for the War Relocation Authority.

Working for Judge Donald E. Long in the court of domestic relations in Portland, Lamb handled the cases of 3,500 boys in the past five years.

Lamb told the board that the boys school has "plenty of money in its budget to do an adequate job, and I might even get along with fewer employees."

Governor Douglas McKay said experts of the children's division of the federal government inspected the school last week and gave it a good rating.

### Forest Fire On Beaver Creek Now Within Bounds

Close to 150 men are fighting the forest fire in the old Beaver Creek burn in the South Umpqua area. The Forest Service said today. The fire is contained within about 500 acres and is not spreading.

An additional 50 men were recruited for fire fighting work Sunday. The entire force is divided into five camps, located along the outer edge of the fire.

The men are using 30 power saws to cut down snags in the old burn. Also at the fire are several thousand feet of hose, being used to play streams of water on the flames. Water is obtained from streams in the forest.

The fire was believed set by electrical storms last week. It was reported by a United Airlines pilot flying over the area Thursday afternoon. Fire fighting operations were set in motion immediately.

Open House Accords Visitors At Vets Hospital Views Of Operating Routine, Exhibits (See Pictures on Page 5)

An estimated 500 persons visited the Roseburg Veterans Hospital Sunday, at an open house held in observance of National Hospital Day. Visitors were taken on guided tours through the wards and laboratories and viewed exhibits of the hospital's work arranged for display in the recreation hall.

The exhibits depicted the work of each department at the hospital in the administrative and medical divisions. First place award went to the display arranged by the hospital laundry. Other ribbons were awarded the occupational therapy display, second place, and the electrical shop, third place.

Judges of the displays were Dr. John L. Haskins, representing hospital management; Hubert Graham, representing hospital employees, and Charles V. Stanton, editor of The News-Review.

Appreciation was expressed by the hospital today to the members of volunteer organizations who served as guides, talking parties of visitors through the hos-

pital, and serving refreshments in the recreation hall.

A tour at the hospital took visitors through the ward on an upper floor of the administration building, and through clinical laboratories and offices on the main floor. Staff members were on duty to explain the use of the equipment.

In the recreation hall exhibits were entered by the engineering division, with individual displays arranged by the maintenance shops, boiler house, laundry, garage, orchard and grounds, and farm.

There were also displays of

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