

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



MIKE LINDGREN is parts manager at big Interstate Tractor at Jackson St. and East Second Ave. S. and is pictured at the parts counter listing some of the innumerable orders which pour in there.

With heavy duty equipment in operation—some of it day and night—in the forests, mills and fields of the county, parts are in demand at all hours, and Mike, trying to meet the insistent demands, works plenty of overtime. "I had seven different calls for parts last Sunday," he moaned. Personally I think it's a hard life.

Young GOP Raps Ouster Of Tax Commissioners

EUGENE, Ore., May 23.—(AP)—Dismissal of two State Tax Commissioners by two members of the State Board of Control has drawn a protest from the Oregon Young Republican Federation.

A resolution on the subject was adopted here Saturday night after a federation picnic with University of Oregon party members. Miss Vivian McMurtrey, Portland, federation president, said the resolution referred to the vote of Secretary of State Newberry and State Treasurer Pearson. The resolutions said the "Young Republicans believe a person holding public office occupies a position of trust and confidence, and that appointments based on political considerations alone are betrayals of such confidence."

Newberry, a Republican, and Pearson, a Democrat, had joined in ousting Earl Fisher and Wallace Wharton, two experienced members of the Tax Commission. The move was opposed by Governor McKay. Named by Newberry and Pearson to fill the vacancies were Ray E. Smith, Portland, and Robert MacLean of Waldport, a Lincoln County commissioner.

New S. P. Streamliner To Begin Operation July 10

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23.—(AP)—The Southern Pacific Railroad's \$5,000,000 Shasta daylight streamliner will be placed in daily operation July 10, the railroad's president announced today.

A. T. Mercer said the coach streamliners would make the 718-mile run between Portland and San Francisco in 15 1/2 hours—three hours faster than the best present schedule.

In the Day's News

BERLIN dispatch starts off: "America, Britain and France will go into the Paris foreign ministers conference in their strongest positions since Yalta."

The west goes to Paris with a Western Germany economy headed toward recovery; a stable, democratically elected government and with as much support from West Germany's 46 millions as any occupation power could expect.

Russia goes to Paris with a decimated Eastern German economy with a falling living standard, a government hand-picked but lacking popular German support and a German population

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Air Battle Against Budworm In Two Oregon Counties Put On Speed Basis

EUGENE, Ore., May 23.—(AP)—Foresters have taken to the air in a last ditch stand against the tiny budworm which is threatening to destroy \$20,000,000 worth of second growth fir in Linn and Lane Counties. Officials said this morning that the larvae are hatching faster than anticipated and the operation will have to be speeded up.

Over the weekend, four planes sprayed 8,000 acres of the 125,000 infested and before the end of the week 13 planes and three helicopters will be pitted against the deadly worm. While a staff of 20 foresters plan the campaign, from five bases in Oregon the planes will spray DDT in an attempt to kill pests before they emerge as larvae.

The brown, inch-long spruce budworm was first discovered in Oregon last year. They can destroy a forest within three years if not completely controlled. Most

46 Killed As Storms Rake 10 States

The Weather Fair to partly cloudy with few showers over the mountains today and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Sunset today 7:38 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:41 a. m.

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Suicide Of James Forrestal Set For Naval Investigation

West Berlin Denied Rail Seizure Right

Allied Military Heads Respect Soviet Control Following Bloody Riots

BERLIN, May 23.—(AP)—The three Western military commanders rejected today a petition from the West Berlin city government to seize strikebound elevated railway stations in the city.

The strike against the Soviet-appointed management of the railways, now in its third day, was marked by a weekend of bloody rioting in which Soviet-controlled police used guns against mobs of strikers and their sympathizers.

The decision of the military commanders of the United States, Britain and France in effect reaffirmed the property rights of the Russian-controlled railway system. The rights were established in 1945 by four-power agreement.

The anti-Communist city government had asked Western authorities for the right to send their own police into railway installations and stations in Western sectors, with the backing of American, British and French authorities. The strikers—numbering about 12,000—had been

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Constitution Signed By 11 West German States

BONN, Germany, May 23.—(AP)—The west German constitution was proclaimed the basic law for 45,000,000 Germans today.

The formal signing by 11 states was completed just as the Four-Power council of foreign ministers was convening in Paris in an attempt to work out a German settlement. The constitution is expected to strengthen the hand of the West in the Paris talks.

The signing sets the stage for establishment of a west German government by mid-July.

Ford Co. Inspector Mysteriously Slain

WINDSOR, Ont., May 23.—(AP)—Provincial police sought today to turn up a clue in the mysterious shotgun slaying of a Ford Motor Co. inspector.

The victim, William D. Allen, 37, was killed by a shotgun blast at midnight Saturday as he ate a sandwich and worked a crossword puzzle in the kitchen of his home.

Officers said the assassin stood on the porch of Allen's home, riddled the shotgun through a window and fired from about seven feet.

Oakridge Man Killed In Automobile Plunge

EUGENE, May 23.—(AP)—Lewis V. Brown, 46, of Oakridge was killed Sunday when the car which he was driving left the highway, one half mile west of Kitson Springs. A companion, Margaret Abernathy, was uninjured. Brown was an employee of Pope Talbot Co. at Oakridge.

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Former Secretary Of Defense, Ex-Cabinet Member Leaps From 16th Floor Of Bethesda Hospital

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—A naval board of inquiry was ordered today to inquire into the suicide of 57-year-old James Forrestal but his friends among the nation's great wrote their own verdict: He died because he worked so hard for his country.

Forrestal, cabinet member under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, ended his own life early Sunday morning by leaping from the 16th floor of the Navy's towering hospital at Bethesda, Md. He left as his farewell only an ancient Greek poem of despair and death.

He was the first Secretary of Defense—a wearing job that he gave up as a sick man in March. Before that, he had been Secretary of the mightiest Navy the world has ever seen, and before that he had served as an assistant to Franklin D. Roosevelt in the White House.

This spring, his health broken by more than nine years of nerve-racking service, he decided to seek release from the strain. A few days in Florida after his resignation, and then he entered the hospital April 2.

His death and the manner of it shocked the capital. President Truman said "this able and devoted public servant was as truly a casualty of the war as if he had died on the firing line."

He issued a proclamation ordering that flags fly at half staff from all public buildings, forts and warships.

So far as was known, the former secretary left no note. Tragic Poem Near Bed

But on a radiator, near his hospital bed, was found a book "An Anthology of World Poetry." A ribbon lay between the pages opened to Sophocles' "Chorus From Ajax." That poem tells of profound and hopeless tragedy.

In the back of the book was a piece of hospital memorandum (Continued on Page Two)

Queenie Hamilton Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Queenie Hamilton, 75, resident of Roseburg for 59 years, and early-day teacher in the city's public schools, died suddenly yesterday, May 22, at her home on E. Cass Street. She was born Jan. 14, 1874, in Terrace, Utah.

She was the widow of the late Dr. Walter S. Hamilton, pioneer Roseburg druggist, one-time county judge and ex-mayor of Roseburg. He preceded her in death in 1945.

Mrs. Hamilton was a member of the original Mental Culture Club of 1895, of Roseburg and of the Garden Club, of which she had been a very active member. She was well versed in the floral studies of this community. She was married to Dr. Hamilton April 28, 1897.

Surviving are a brother, Stanley L. Kidder, of Roseburg, and a sister, Mrs. Bessie MacDaniels, of Portland. Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, Wednesday, May 25, at 2 p. m. with Dr. Morris H. Roach officiating. Vault interment will follow in the Masonic Cemetery.

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Full Probe Of Atomic Board Is Demanded

Educational Award To Red Irks; Senator Asks Lillenthal To Resign

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R.-Mich.) called today for "a complete inquiry" into the attitude of the Atomic Energy Commission and Chairman David E. Lillenthal on all security problems.

A congressional committee already is looking into the commission's operations and one investigator—Senator Hickenlooper (R.-Iowa)—has demanded that Lillenthal resign.

The investigation has revolved about the award of atomic educational grants to an admitted Communist and to others who failed to receive security clearance for work on secret matters.

Vandenberg said in a statement that "it is unthinkable to me that Communists should be educated at public expense."

He added that he must withhold "final judgment" on Lillenthal's work as AEC head until the security issue is cleared up.

Vandenberg, a member with Hickenlooper of the Senate House Atomic committee, said the importance of the security matter "cannot be ignored in view of Senator Hickenlooper's statement, because he is in my opinion, one of our best informed experts on this whole matter."

Hickenlooper accuses Lillenthal (Continued on Page Two)

Columbia Basin Carpenters Quit In Wage Dispute

COULEE DAM, Wash., May 23.—(AP)—Carpenters on the huge Columbia Basin irrigation project walked off today in a wage dispute.

AFL carpenters union officials said 700 men on basin projects failed to report for work today. Negotiations broke down in Ephrata, Friday.

The basin carpenters are seeking a wage boost from \$2.06 to \$2.25 an hour—five cents more than demanded by other Eastern Washington carpenters now on strike.

The carpenters walking out today are employed by private contractors building the government projects. About a dozen union carpenters employed directly by the Federal Bureau of Reclamation at Coulee Dam remained on the job at the old wage scale.

S. A. Bartels, business representative for Carpenters' Local 1332, said the contractors' final offer during negotiations was \$2 an hour, or less money than the men have been making.

Bureau of Reclamation officials said a prolonged walkout would affect the completion date of many contracts on basin projects. Projects involved include the \$2,700,000 job of building a control bay and cable tunnel in the east powerhouse at Grand Coulee dam and a \$13,348,000 contract for pumping plant construction. Other projects scattered through the Basin also may be affected.

POTENT PRAYER

WISBOROUGH GREEN, Eng., May 23.—(AP)—The Bishop of Chichester led the congregation of this village to the banks of the River Arun and offered prayers for rain to end the drought. Then he hustled the parishioners back inside the village church. Just in time to beat the rain.

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Beaver Creek Fire Is Said Subdued

Close to 350 fire fighters at Beaver Creek, near Tillamook, were paid on Sunday by a Forest Service paymaster from Portland. The fire has been subdued and will be watched by a standby crew, said M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest.

At its peak, the fire covered 1,000 acres. Fire fighters used 36 power saw sets to fall snags around the outer perimeter. Some crews cut as many as 55 snags in a single day. Mop-up crews followed with hose lines. Nelson said more than five miles of hose were laid from streams in the forest.

The fire was believed to have been set by electrical storms in the vicinity a week and a half ago. The fire was sighted by a United Airlines pilot, who radioed Forest Service headquarters.

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229 Persons Injured, 900 Houses Razed

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Is Hardest Hit; Damage To Property Enormous

(By The Associated Press) A rapid succession of tornadoes and other weather fury killed 46 persons and caused millions of dollars in property damage over the weekend in widely scattered areas.

The storms raked ten states, injured at least 229 persons and smashed 900 houses. In Washington, Basil O'Connor, president of the American Red Cross, said the organization had set aside \$300,000 for relief of the many hundreds left homeless.

Hardest hit were Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, where a total of 44 persons were killed. Other deaths were reported in Kentucky and Pennsylvania while West Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, Iowa and Maryland reported heavy property damage.

Missouri Toll Heaviest

Cape Girardeau, in southeastern Missouri with 21 dead and property damage estimated at between three and four million dollars, suffered the most. A survey of that hard-hit city showed 202 houses totally destroyed, 231 damaged, 18 business buildings and a church destroyed, and 12 business buildings and another church damaged in the city of 20,000 population. More than 200 persons were injured and hundreds left homeless.

Three other Missouri towns, not directly in the path of the twister, each reported one dead. They are Clarksville, Bessville and Cabool.

Indiana's 11 dead and 47 injured are at Shelburn, Terre Haute and Clay City. Ralph C. Werner, a Red Cross spokesman, said the state's damage would run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Eight persons were killed at Shelburn, two near the outskirts of Terre Haute and one near Clay City. The twister missed the business districts of the two cities. In the west side of Shelburn, a town of 1,000, the tornado demolished 65 houses, and damaged 95, 60 of them severely. Illinois had a total of nine dead, five at Wood River and four at Palestine.

At Wood River, up the Mississippi from St. Louis, 325 homes (Continued on Page Two)

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee today ordered a 15 per cent cut in the Marshall Plan spending for the year starting July 1.

Overriding a subcommittee recommendation, the full committee voted to cut \$628,750,000 from the \$1,198,200,000 President Truman had asked for the European recovery program's second year of operations.

The subcommittee had recommended a cut of only \$182,300,000 but Republicans claimed this wasn't enough.

The full committee also voted to cut \$150,000,000 from the \$1,000,000,000 President Truman sought for government and relief in occupied areas. The subcommittee had chopped this item only \$50,400,000.

The full \$50,000,000 asked for aid to Greece and Turkey was approved by the committee, as was a fund of \$1,074,000,000 sought for Marshall Plan operations for the April-June quarter of this year.

The overall amount recommended for all operations in the bill was \$5,542,470,000. The President had asked \$6,322,200,000.

The actual amount of money to be made available depends on what the full House and Senate vote when the bill comes before them.

The cuts the committee made are on top of a \$157,800,000 reduction that Mr. Truman himself suggested because of the decline in price since he sent his budget to Congress in January.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—Dr. Irvin E. Hill, superintendent of Oregon Fairview Home for feeble-minded persons, asked the State Board of Control today for permission to build a new \$300,000 30-bed hospital for his institution.

It would replace the present hospital, which was partly destroyed by fire last Wednesday. The board instructed Dr. Hill to prepare plans and estimates. If the board approves, the State Emergency Board would be asked June 17 for the money to build it.

Dr. Hill said the loss to the present hospital was \$127,000, compared with his previous \$300,000 estimate. He suggested the present building could be fixed up for use as a school for the institution.

PORTLAND, May 23.—(AP)—A Council Crest streetcar caught on fire again today, and several passengers were taken to a hospital.

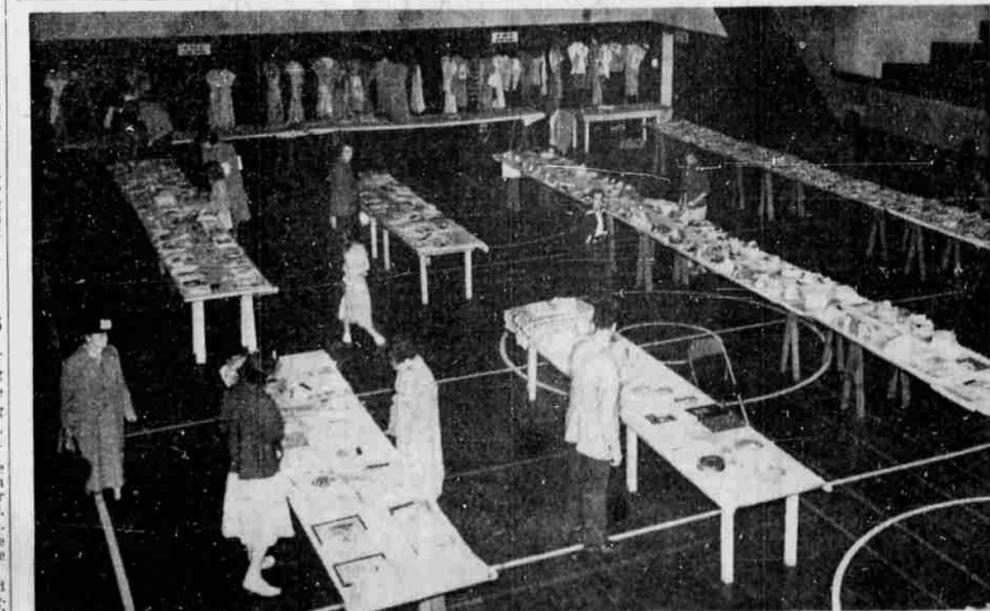
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4-H ACHIEVEMENTS ON DISPLAY—This was the scene in the Roseburg Junior High School gymnasium Friday and Saturday, at the annual Spring Achievement Day of Douglas County 4-H Clubs. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

Levity Fact Rant By L. F. Reizenstein

Two heads are better than one—especially on the same man in this seaway type of weather; one head for a straw hat, the other for a felt.