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POLICE TO GET RADIOS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Bids for installation of two-way radio equipment to serve the Roseburg police and fire departments will be opened by the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday.

It is to be hoped that an acceptable bid is received and installation made promptly, for we have been altogether too long without this almost essential adjunct to good police and fire protection. In fact, Roseburg is one of the few cities of its size that does not have two-way radio equipment for its police department. Experience has shown that radio is one of the most used and most essential of police tools.

Roseburg's police department has been forced to expand in proportion to community growth. During the last year the city managed to get by with only three regularly employed officers—chiefly because the low rate of pay wouldn't attract good men for the job. In 1946 the department was increased to six men. We now have 12 officers regularly employed, and Chief of Police Calvin Baird is organizing a 12-man reserve force.

Keeping in contact with policemen on widely separated patrols is a difficult task. An officer in need of assistance is badly handicapped at present.

A policeman, for instance, is called to the scene of an automobile accident. He finds persons seriously injured. He must waste time locating a telephone, contacting headquarters, securing medical and ambulance service, and getting help to direct traffic, conduct investigations and prepare reports.

But, equipped with two-way radio, he could have help on the way even before he had brought his patrol car to a full stop.

City police report excellent cooperation from the state police radio station, now being used in emergencies. But it often happens that the state police equipment is in use on state business and local calls must be delayed for a few minutes. Too, the city police do not like to impose upon the state police station more than is absolutely necessary.

We probably are safe in saying that two-way radio will make it possible to do work that would require the services of at least four additional employees.

The equipment also will be of great value to the fire department from a protection standpoint. At present, two or more pieces of equipment frequently go to a fire when only one is required. With two-way radio installations, it will be necessary to send out only one truck. Help can be obtained quickly if needed.

Money to install the radio equipment was authorized in the last municipal budget. The cost is expected to amount to from \$3,000 to \$3,500. That the city will receive the lowest bid is evidenced by the fact that three proposals already have been submitted by major companies, indicating keen competition.

The equipment will include a central transmitter and short-wave tower, together with seven receiver-transmitter sets. Four mobile units will be used by the police—two in patrol cars and two on motorcycles—and three will be placed on fire department equipment.

It will be possible to add to the equipment from time to time and to include other city departments, if desired. The broadcast range is approximately 15 miles.

Only a few nights ago the city would have been saved \$500 had two-way radio communication been in operation, police officers point out. Youths were seen wrecking parking meters and a call was made by telephone to report the vandalism. By the time officers could be assembled to round up the culprits, the youths had vanished. Radio dispatching probably would have had cars on the spot in time to catch the offenders in the act.

Police work in a town the size of Roseburg offers many problems and dangers. Men engaged in that work are entitled to tools enabling them to produce results with the greatest measure of efficiency, safety and speed.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

NO MORE WOOD WASTE

(The Oregon Statesman)
The day when the lumber industry will be known as the forest products industry is not far off, Stewart H. Holbrook, widely known Oregon author, predicts in an article in Think, the IBM magazine.
Time was when trees were measured by how many board feet they would produce. That was when sawmills could hardly burn up the "waste"—sawdust and bark and splinters—fast enough to make room for new piles. But that benighted era, happily, is past, for science has discovered ways to use almost every part of every tree cut and there is no longer any excuse to consign to the scrap heap material which can become anything from a lipstick holder to 180-proof ethyl alcohol.
Lumber today is only one of an almost infinite variety of forest products. A plant in Longview uses Douglas fir bark to make a base for insecticides, a glue extender, a soil conditioner and several plastic powders. At Camas they are using (waste) lignin (one of the two compon-

ents of wood, the other is cellulose) to make highway surfacing. Insulators and fibre blankets and boards are made from whole balsam trees in Minnesota. In California, sawdust, phenolic resin and treated paper are combined to make tops for tables and counters. Rayon made from wood and wool made from wood are the forest's contribution to the textile industry. Stock feed, lubricating oil, cosmetics and other products from wood are in experimental stages. Presto-logs are profitably made in Salem from sawdust. Scientific logging, management and fire fighting are all helping to assure the Pacific Northwest a perpetual timber resource and utilization of wood wastes makes certain that every tree cut is put to use.
A steam engine was first used to operate the bellows in an English blast furnace in 1775. Into desired shapes was patented by Henry Cort of England in 1783.

The first blast furnace was built in 1792 in what was destined to become the steel center of Pittsburgh.

Just a More Substantial Perch, Mister!



Scoops from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Didn't catch my first salmon! Up at three in the morning, and bounding across the Umpqua bar a little after six. The skipper said we'd leave as soon as everybody was on board but the other four overslept because they didn't hear the alarm go off. Were they breathless as they hurried down the pier, each carrying a paper cup and a sandwich for breakfast? Four and a-half, really.

Young Bobby Ager, eight years old, was an expert fisherman. He told how many perch and whatnot he had caught the previous afternoon, and how many he had caught down in California. This particular morning his mind was set on acquiring jellyfish. The Skipper and his six adult passengers saw to it that Bobby didn't fall overboard or get fingers in gear in his eagerness to get his jellyfish. Bobby's advice on how to fish was to the point; and maybe we should have followed it. But we thought the skippers might fetch the salmon!

Bobby's daddy uses cameras at M.G.M. I'm sure he knew how to 'shoot' the big chinook his wife carried off the boat, and did so before they iced it and sent down to Hollywood. And they were going to have another try the next day!

I think the skipper of a boat feels worse than his passengers do when the fish refuse the invitation to come aboard. Ours certainly did everything he could to give us a good trip! I had my money's worth in the boat-ride and in the bits of fishing lore and sea experiences the cap'n included in his casual words. That bar must be really something! How small boats ever dare putt-putt through it is more than I can understand! There have been drownings... but does that stop the others? No, when we came back in the bar was fairly smooth and there seemed a hundred small boats outside.

Our Captain was held outside the bar four days one time. Another time he and his grandson were locked in the cabin for sixteen hours while waves washed over the forty-foot "June," then they ran the bar, and made it in. Whales? Saw so many things—thought he had seen a whale a couple of weeks ago.

Congress Sidelights

By Harris Ellsworth
Congressman, 4th District of Oregon

Old-timers on Capitol Hill, those who have been around here twenty years and more, all seem to agree that no previous Congress has ever gotten itself into the mess this one is in. Nor is this a partisan viewpoint. I have heard the same thought expressed as freely by Democrats as Republicans.

In addition to other troubles, the situation has developed some pretty bitter feeling between the House and the Senate. This became clearly evident recently when the Senate refused to give its consent for the House to take a recess while the Senate caught up with its work. I am told such a refusal is almost unheard of. It is always the custom for each House of Congress to politely agree to what the other wishes to do for itself.

The details of what has happened in Congress recently are too complicated and technical to relate here in detail. However, two or three things about the House recess resolution are interesting, to say the least. In the first place, the Senate properly, I think, objected to the resolution because it proposed that the House be in recess until September 21st completely ignoring the fact that appropriations for the Interior department, Defense department and the Army Engineers would expire on the 15th, under a continuing resolution previously enacted. This date error was later corrected by continuing the temporary basis to October 1st. Meanwhile, the Senate, by a vote of 58 to 25, rejected the House recess resolution. Ac-cidentally, that action made very little difference to the members of the House. We will recess as planned, but will keep in session technically by meeting and adjourning each three days. The practical difference is that the employees of the House of Representatives will get no vacation and must stay on duty. Thus, the peeve of the Senate is taken out on a couple of dozen weary clerks, reporters, pages, reading clerks and door-keepers. Seems to me that was a little beneath what is usually referred to as the dignity of the Senate.

So the car was unpacked and my plans for a short vacation in Oregon were canceled. Other than for the slight personal inconvenience involved (and of course the family is not happy about it) I do not regret this change in plans.
As a matter of fact, I feel highly honored that I was chosen as one of the members of the committee to participate in a first-hand study of socialized medicine as it is operating in England. This subject is a hotly controversial one in this Congress. Thus far, we have been showered with printed matter and blasted with oratory—but actual first-hand knowledge has been sadly lacking. Clear cold facts also are obscured by the heat that has been generated around this subject. I believe our committee can obtain information that will really throw some light on the problem so that future decisions can be made on the basis of facts.

PINE PRICES SLUMP

PORTLAND, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The bureau of land management reported a drop in pine stumpage prices today.
Daniel L. Goldy, regional administrator, said appraisals have gone down 15 per cent on bureau

In the Day's News

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gangster really means business, he is apt to shoot quick and talk little.

I'd say that the most likely development is that Tito will meet up with an accident in which the verdict of the coroner's jury will be that he came to his death at the hands of parties unknown.

IN St. Louis the other day an animal lover (name of Leonard D. Putney and described as a roofing company executive) died and it develops that in his will he left \$100,000 to PROMOTE THE STERILIZATION OF HOUSEHOLD PETS.

F. Forster Buckley, secretary of the Humane Society of Missouri, describes the will as "the silliest thing I ever heard of."

WELL I should say so! It wouldn't be so silly if it stood alone. Somewhere in California the other day (I forget the place and the exact circumstances) somebody died and left a fair-sized house and some other property to a dog and five cats. What are we coming to?

SUPPOSE that at this point somebody will arise to remark with considerable heat that if the time comes in America when a man (or a WOMAN; let's not forget that in this country more than half of all our wealth is in the hands of women) can't bequeath his property for ANY purpose he chooses to bequeath it to it won't be America any more.

I reckon that's right. Still, when people can think of no better use for their money after they die than promoting the sterilization of household pets and setting up dogs and cats as the owners and occupiers of houses that I'm sure would be better used to raise human families in, it indicates that a lot of people are taking a narrow and biased view of our civilization and the purposes for which it has been developed.

As a recall my history, things like that are signs of a DECAYING civilization.

Dulles To Decide Soon On N. Y. Senate Race

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Senator Dulles (R-N.Y.) will decide next week whether to square off against Herbert H. Lehman in New York's special senate race this fall.

Lehman, former New York Governor, has announced his intention of running. President Truman, disclosed that he wrote Lehman a week ago saying he would be pleased if Lehman made the race. He predicted that Lehman will win, and indicated that he might campaign in New York state in Lehman's behalf.

The contest is for the seat Dulles took over last July following the resignation of Senator Robert F. Wagner, a democrat. Dulles, sent to the senate by Dewey, has been under heavy pressure from republican leaders to enter the race. He told a reporter he will make his decision known sometime around Labor Day, Sept. 5.

tracts in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, following the national price trend of lumber.

State Fair's Gates To Open On Labor Day

Exhibits And Program Alluring, Premiums And Prizes Total \$75,000

Oregon's biggest agricultural show—the 84th annual state fair in Salem—will swing open its gates Labor day with more emphasis than ever on Oregon farms and their products.

Nearly 5,000 purebred animals are entered in competition for the approximately \$75,000 in prizes and premiums offered at this year's exposition. Judging will begin early Monday morning and is expected to be completely finished in the open classes late Tuesday afternoon.

A modern emphasis will come Tuesday morning with the arrival of 150 "Flying Farmers" who will land on the fair's huge parking area as a part from their annual conclave at McMinnville and will take off from the fair grounds late Tuesday afternoon. The largest number of junior exhibitors in fair history will be at the fair all week to vie in the various junior classes. High point of the 4-H and Future Farmer activity will come Friday morning Sept. 9, with the annual junior fat stock auction. Over 2,300 youngsters are expected to participate in the week-long competition.

The high school teams of Future Farmer livestock judges will vie Saturday morning of the fair, the winning team to go to Kansas City for the national trials in late October. Although the costs have risen since the war, the 4-H girls will hold their daily "dollar dinner" contests in the junior exhibition building. Meanwhile, entries closed over the weekend in the combined culinary and textile divisions which will again be housed in the fair's main agricultural building. Floral entries have already topped any previous exposition record with a large number of garden clubs from all sections of Oregon participating.

The annual land products show is packed to capacity with entries and fourteen Oregon counties will display the wealth of their units in separate booths in the agricultural pavilion. All commercial display space has been sold out, both inside and on the fair's several blocks of mid-way, for over a month.

The exposition's entertainment roster is as extensive as any in years. Free midway acts will be held three times daily. Advance ticket sales to the evening horse show-ropes, the afternoon horse races, and the night Helene Hughes stage revue have far exceeded past years.

Sure to be a favorite of the state's younger gentry is the new, \$150,000 "Kidland." This new juvenile area will feature smaller amusement rides, a newly constructed railroad route for the youngsters, and a multitude of nursery rhyme characters including Humpty Dumpty on a precarious perch. Tired parents will also find relief within the enclosed area as the fair has provided dozens of awning covered benches for exhausted elders.

Two new entrance gates have been built to the grounds. Visitors from the north on the Pacific Highway will be directed by state policemen on to Lancaster drive, four miles north of Salem. Lancaster drive will bring northern motorists direct to the northside parking lot of the fair. Those from the lower easily accessible from the Pacific highway.

General admission is to the grounds will again be at the pre-war level of fifty cents, including tax. Children 12 and under are to be admitted free.

Choral Society Discusses Plans

Preliminary plans for the forthcoming year were discussed by approximately 75 Roseburg Choral society members and guests at a picnic meeting held at Umpqua park this week, according to Roy Barnhart, society president.

An invitation was extended to all residents of the Roseburg area to participate in this year's choral performances. In stressing the idea that this is a civic organization, Barnhart said the only requirement for membership is that "a person must love to sing."

The initial practice session for the group will be held in the junior high school music room Sept. 12 at 7:30. The civic singers plan to meet every Monday night thereafter, under the direction of Charles A. Ricketts.

Misspelled Word Puts Check Thief In Prison

DETROIT, Sept. 2.—(AP)—William Murray, 22, will have three to 14 years in prison to learn how to spell "ninety." A clerk became suspicious when Murray wrote a "ninety" on a \$80-check made out to himself. Murray admitted stealing blank checks from auto companies and filling them in to suit himself. He was sentenced by Recorder's Judge Gerald W. Groat.

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Sea Water Distillation Urged To Meet Power Needs

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Oscar L. Chapman, under secretary of the Department of the Interior, Thursday called for a stepped-up water and power program in the western United States.

Speaking at the convention of the California Federation of Labor, Chapman advocated large scale distillation of sea water to supplant the state's dwindling water supply. He warned that natural resources in the west—California in particular—are being depleted to the danger point. The solution, he said, lies with government controlled developments such as the Tennessee and Columbia valley reclamation programs and the

Central valley water project. He admitted that distilling ocean water would be costly, but suggested that research might develop more economical methods.

Now you know!

The answer to everyday insurance problems
By KEN BAILEY

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