

BRITISH DEVALUATION OF POUND ORDERED



MISS MARJORIE ZELLER poses here with the Oregon Bankers association perpetual trophy, which she won in 1948. The trophy is presented annually to an outstanding 4-H club member for leadership and achievement. Miss Zeller is returning to Oregon State college this year as a sophomore. This was the first time she has had the trophy in Roseburg since she won the award. A Roseburg high graduate, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Zeller, Brockway.—(Picture by Paul Jenkins).

The Weather
Fair and slightly warmer this afternoon. Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain Sunday.
Sunset today 6:20 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:54 a. m.

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The News-Review

Effects Felt By British, World Powers

Move Desperate Gamble To Save Empire From Threatened Bankruptcy

Nation's Coal Miners Refuse To Enter Pits

'No Pension, No Work' Is Diggers' Cry

Action Stemming From Refusal Of Companies For Royalty Payments

PITTSBURG, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Coal mines shut down across the nation today as John L. Lewis' diggers struck again on their own terms, crying "no pension, no work."

Actually, miners' pent-up feelings are aimed at southern coal operators who refused any more 20 cent per ton royalty payments into the welfare fund until a new contract is signed. The refusal prompted Lewis' suspension of welfare benefits.

Production of anthracite (hard coal) and bituminous (soft coal) is being choked off by anger of the United Mine Workers over President Lewis' suspension of pension and welfare fund payments.

Most of the UMW's 480,000 members are expected to be idle by tonight.

Seek Contract

They said the welfare pay stop is due to the fund running low on cash. But it's all part of the UMW fight for a new contract, he's deadlocked with operators after prolonged talks.

Walkouts started last midnight and headed westward over the coal fields today as come-to-work whistles blew in vain. UMW leaders said the only chance of sidestepping a strike scheduled next Sunday is to conclude a settlement here and now on the basis of the board's recommendations.

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CHAIN REACTION

British Pound Devaluation Sets Up Speculation In Markets Throughout World

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The chain reaction of British pound-devaluation—which cheapened numerous other currencies overnight—today was expected to sweep rapidly over Europe, the pound-using areas elsewhere and into Latin America.

There was every sign that the international monetary fund, with which 48 nations must clear any currency change, will have heavy work in coming days and weeks.

American officials welcomed the 30 per cent cut in the pound from \$4.03 to \$2.80, and the corresponding cuts by other countries.

For Britain—and for other nations—officials felt that other measures are necessary. They hinted that, as an early step, Britain must make some agreement on the so-called "sterling balances"—actually, war debts held by India, Egypt and others.

Cut Payment

Payments on these last year cost Britain \$400,000,000 worth of goods, with no goods received in return.

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Truth Serum Will Be Used For Victoria

Judge Wimberly Delays Sentencing While Test Is Made With New Drug

"Truth serum" will be used to learn if Victoria Sanders can remember anything more about the death of Ralph Mojonier, than she recalled during her murder trial last week.

Victoria was to have been sentenced this morning on a manslaughter conviction, but Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly granted a delay pending an experiment with sodium pentathol, the so-called "truth serum."

"In my own mind I sincerely believe in the innocence of this girl," said Defense Attorney Paul E. Geddes, in requesting the judge for a delay in imposition of sentence.

Geddes said he had talked the matter over with District Attorney Robert G. Davis, and that the latter had agreed to the use of the truth serum, if Victoria gives her consent.

Geddes pointed out that the truth serum has not been used extensively in Oregon courts, but that a certain staff member of the Roseburg Veterans hospital would be qualified to administer it. He said he also knew of one or two others in the state who could administer the drug.

He explained that sodium pentathol is a drug which renders persons almost unconscious, but permits them to answer truthfully questions put to them.

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ACTOR DIES

Frank Morgan Passes Sunday



HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Actor Frank Morgan—bearded, bearded, bearded—died Sunday in a hospital here after a long illness.

The veteran stage, movie and radio actor, who in real life took events so calmly he once slept through the victory of his own yacht in a hotly contested race to Honolulu, died yesterday during his sleep. He was 52.

His wife, 34 years, Alma, noticed he had stopped breathing and called an inhalator squad. An hour's effort was futile.

Morgan had just finished a picture, "Keys To The City," with Clark Gable and Loretta Young, on Thursday, but he did not seem unduly tired. It was his 68th film.

His latest-released movie was "The Stratton Story," in which he portrayed a baseball scout. Among his top films were "The Great Ziegfeld," "Naughty Marietta" and "Green Dolphin Street." He also had his own radio show for a time.

FALL OPENING AWAITED

Bands To Donate Services; Western-Style Dancing In Streets To Follow Program

A western jamboree band with services donated by Local 539 of the A.F. of M., will provide four hours of free dancing to Roseburg residents downtown Wednesday night to help local merchants celebrate this year's grand Fall Opening.

Stockman Lists Eisenhower As GOP Candidate

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The Republicans have their pick of five good presidential candidates to throw at the Democrats in 1952, or at least the prospective candidates look good to Congressman Lowell Stockman.

The Oregon 2nd district representative, speaking before local Republicans here Saturday night, listed the five men he considers outstanding presidential timber as:

1—Senator Wherry of Nebraska. 2—Senator Taft of Ohio. 3—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. 4—Harold Stassen. 5—Dwight Eisenhower.

The last named is a shoe-in, Stockman said, if he chooses to run and leans more toward the Republican party than toward the Democrats.

Medford Airport Show Draws Crowd Of 15,000

MEDFORD, Sept. 19.—(AP)—An air show staged here yesterday by air forces and national guard air units from Oregon and California drew a crowd of 15,000 to the municipal airport.

Airmen of company B, Salem national guard, staged a mock battle in which they were credited with capturing the field, Jet fighters from California were a part of the spectacular maneuvers of military aircraft.

Speakers included Gov. Douglas McKay and Seely Hall, a vice president of United Airlines and the company's first Medford branch manager.

Chamber of commerce officials reported a plan to extend the airport and purchase acres in the Camp White grounds.

Three Roseburg Policemen Place Among Top Men In Officer's Shoot At Ashland

Three Roseburg city policemen gave an excellent account of themselves at Ashland Sunday, where they participated in the southern Oregon police officers' pistol shoot.

Of approximately 45 policemen who entered the shoot, three of Roseburg's four representatives placed among the top ten. Patrolman Everett Vincent placed third, behind two Klamath Falls pistol experts. Officers Brown and Adkins. Patrolman Don Starmer placed seventh and Sgt. William Burke ranked eighth.

Hopes that the Roseburg team would take top honors were dashed the day before the competition when Assistant Chief Al Hughes, the force's sharp shooter, cut his shooting hand on a power saw. He entered the competition, but had to shoot left handed.

Chief Calvin H. Baird, who accompanied the group, termed the Ashland pistol range "an excellent range in a beautiful setting."

He said the city of Ashland donated the range grounds and arranged for a bulldozer to level the required area at the base of the hill. The city also plans to sow grass on the range and maintain it as part of the city's beautiful park system. Lumber for the range stands and picnic tables was donated by the various lumber companies of the area. Sunday's pistol meet was topped by an open pit barbecue feed, provided by the Ashland Elks lodge.

Chief Baird said regular competition has been planned for the future, with tentative plans laid out.

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Murray Declares Pension Accord Is Strike Basis

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Philip Murray declared today that the only hope of averting a strike of 1,900,000 CIO-steelworkers is through settlement of their pensions dispute at government-arranged conciliation sessions.

Murray, president of the CIO, made his statement to Cyrus S. Ching, conciliation director, and 70 steel industry representatives summoned to peace talks by Ching.

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He referred to the recommendations of a presidential fact-finding board. The board recommended no four round wage increase but proposed a "package" of company-financed pensions and social insurance to cost up to 10 cents per hour per worker.

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NLRB Sets Order For Hanford Plant Union Bargaining

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Rejecting a contention that national security was involved, the National Labor Relations Board has ordered a collective bargaining election for guards at the Hanford, Wash., atomic plant.

A three-man NLRB panel has directed that an election be held within 30 days from Sept. 14. It will determine whether plant and Richland Village patrolmen wish to be represented by the Hanford Guards Union, Local 21, International Guard Union of America.

The General Electric Company, which operates the atomic plant for the government, was said by the NLRB to have opposed the guard union "on the ground that to permit collective bargaining by a union for the plant patrolmen would not be conducive to national security."

The NLRB said it found "no conflict between self-organization of the guards for purposes of collective bargaining and the faithful performance of their duty."

It also rejected an employer contention that the Richland Village patrolmen should not be included in a bargaining unit with plant guards.

Dreams Do Come True; \$1000 Is Found In Shoe

WENONA, Ill., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Dreams do come true, insists George Brunski—his did to the tune of \$1,000.

The money has been forwarded, he said, to Mrs. Pauline Shope of Central Point, Ore., sole beneficiary of the estate of a coal miner named Matt Valerich.

Brunski said Mrs. Shope had visited the home of the coal miner in hope of finding money that folks here believed Valerich kept hidden. She returned home without money.

Brunski said he dreamed of finding some money in the toes of an old pair of brown shoes. His friends scoffed at his story, he said, but he kept looking and finally found some brown shoes that Valerich owned.

Out of the toes he dug a wadded money belt containing nine \$100 bills and five \$20s.

Drivers Are Uninjured In Myrtle Creek Crash

Attempting to pass another vehicle on the Pacific highway, three miles south of Roseburg Saturday afternoon, a car operated by Lesyn C. Evener of Roseburg struck a third automobile, then went off the highway. State Police Sgt. Lyle H. Harrell reported.

The automobile struck by Evener's machine was driven by Raymond Glen Newcomb, Myrtle Creek. There were no injuries. Sgt. Harrell said Evener was cited for driving without an operator's license.

GIDEONS NAME EUGENE

PORTLAND, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The Gideon society of Oregon has named Eugene as the site for its 1950 convention. Thomas Dryden, Portland, was named president at the conclusion of this year's session.

Stafford Cripps Says British Must Redouble Efforts

LONDON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps said today the British must redouble all our efforts to export goods now that the pound has been cheapened.

Reviewing the results of the Washington dollar talks, the chancellor of the exchequer told a news conference:

"We must create appropriate incentives to export to the dollar area and make a vigorous attack on production. Well, we have created the incentive, all right."

"The pound is now officially worth only \$2.80, compared with the previous \$4.03. The British hope this will stimulate exports by lowering the selling price of British goods."

"If we are to succeed in reaching a long term solution of the dollar-sterling problem," Cripps said, "we must regard it as a joint one requiring joint action."

And that, he added, was the object of the Washington conference.

Cripps tossed out what could be interpreted as a hint that the labor government intends to soften its attitude toward private industry.

Officers Arrest Two Youths On Robbery Charge

Cooperation between Reedsport Police Chief Harry McCabe of Reedsport and Roseburg state police officers Sunday resulted in the apprehension of two Oregon youths, charged with commission of two felonies, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell said today.

According to Sgt. Harrell, the two men, Edward Lincoln Burkholder and Hans Albert Seltors, were arrested Sunday at 10:47 p. m. as they were allegedly speeding away from the scene of an armed robbery, committed less than an hour and a half before. They were arrested by state police on highway 38 near the Elkton tunnel.

Harrell said the two are thought to have robbed the Echo road robbery, committed at Scottsburg, of \$29 in cash. He said the two men used a .22 automatic rifle in the holdup.

They were cited to appear before Reedsport Justice of Peace Fred M. Wright today on charges of armed robbery, committed less than an hour and a half before. They were arrested by state police on highway 38 near the Elkton tunnel.

Roseburg's Gas Rate Is Ordered Cut By Utilities Commissioner

SALEM, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Six Oregon cities got a 9 percent cut in their gas rates today.

They are served by the California-Pacific Utilities company, which reduced its rates because prices of liquefied petroleum gas dropped. This gas is the base for the gas used by the six cities.

Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg, who ordered the reduction, said it amounts to \$113,600 a year.

The cities, and the amount of reduction in each, are: Klamath Falls \$25,000, Roseburg \$18,900, Grants Pass \$13,500, Medford \$34,000, Ashland \$12,600, La-Grande \$9,600.

Drunk Driving Charge Brought Against Two

Two persons were jailed over the weekend on charges of drunken driving and were to be arraigned in justice court this morning, State Police Sgt. Lyle H. Harrell reported. He named them as:

Raymond Leo Helton, 45, of Myrtle Creek, arrested near Canyonville driving while allegedly intoxicated, and Edward Samara Dillard, arrested 11 miles south of Roseburg, also driving while allegedly intoxicated.

Sgt. Harrell said Samara's wife, Ann, was arrested at the same time and charged with drunkenness upon a public highway. She also was lodged in the county jail pending arraignment today.

Elliott Recall Campaign To Wind Up This Week

PORTLAND, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Officials of the campaign for a recall election against Sheriff M. L. Elliott planned today to wind up their petition work this week.

Chairman Thomas L. Gatch said 29,284 signatures had been obtained by Sunday. He was confident the petitions still outstanding would bring the total to the required 30,565 before the Oct. 11 deadline.

Missing Convict Believed Same As Idaho Fugitive

SPOKANE, Sept. 19.—(AP)—An answer was sought today to the case of a convicted murderer, reported buried in two places but believed by police to be alive and sought for an armed robbery in Idaho.

The puzzle is John O. Pinson, who escaped from the Oregon State prison at Salem May 30. A Spokane detective, D. E. Lamphier, said Saturday his office has "positive proof" that Pinson and Joseph Anthony Dorian, the Idaho fugitive, are one and the same.

Pinson's death was reported by William Benson, who accompanied Pinson on his escape. He told police when captured at Columbus, Ohio, that Pinson was shot in the escape and later died. Benson said he buried his companion, but his stories varied. One time he said he buried Pinson in North Idaho; later he said it was near Salem.

Benson arrived here last night with a police escort. He probably will be asked to prove his story by showing the grave.

Lamphier said a picture of Dorian has been identified "positively" as that of Pinson.

Dorian is sought for an armed robbery committed at Gooding, Idaho. He was cornered last Wednesday at Coeur d'Alene but escaped into the woods.

Pinson was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1947 for slaying a state patrol officer who sought to question him at Hood River, Ore.

Emergency Board Denies Rail Claim

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—A Presidential Emergency board today rejected a union demand that railroads assign a second fireman on diesel locomotives.

Saying there is no need for an extra fireman on any type of diesel locomotive now in use, the board turned down the request made by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

The board also rejected union demands for:

1. A fireman on rail motor cars; and
2. Equalization of pay for firemen on oilburning and electric locomotives with pay scales on coal-burning and diesel locomotives.

Recently the same board had denied a plea of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for a second engineer on diesels.

Medford Pear Growers Await Government Word

MEDFORD, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Pear growers in the Rogue valley are waiting word expected this week on whether the government will be purchasing their fruit this winter.

Shipments so far this season have totaled 1,156 cartloads. Of these, the government has taken 30 cartloads. The federal buying is scheduled to halt Thursday.

Members Of Family Make Coney Island Swim

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Three members of a family swam 14 miles from lower Manhattan to Coney Island yesterday as a tune-up for a try at the English channel next year.

Six members of the Mercer family of Fall River, Mass., plunged into the chilly East River at 5:48 a. m. The three who made it to Coney Island are John Mercer, 33; his 18-year-old son, John Jr., and a pretty blonde daughter, Althea, 21. They emerged from the surf at 11:20 a. m.

Two other daughters, 11-year-old twin, and another son dropped out along the route.

The mother followed her family aboard one of the two yachts accompanying them. The swimmer's family made the swim to "bone up" for a try at the English channel next year.

Flying Ambassadors Plan Another Air Trip

PORTLAND, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Those flying goodwill ambassadors of Oregon plan another transcontinental plane flight.

Next Feb. 25, Oregon's "flying businessmen" expect to take off for Havana, Cuba. Stops are planned in Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana and Florida.

The group has logged 23,000 miles in seven main flights in recent years. The longest were to Mexico, the Arctic circle and to Portland, Me.

Kellogg District Gives \$59 Toward Pella Fund

With local participation in the national emergency fund drive to combat polio going into its second week, Roseburg Chairman Al Henninger reported today Mrs. Ross Hutchinson of the Kellogg district brought in their \$59 contribution yesterday.

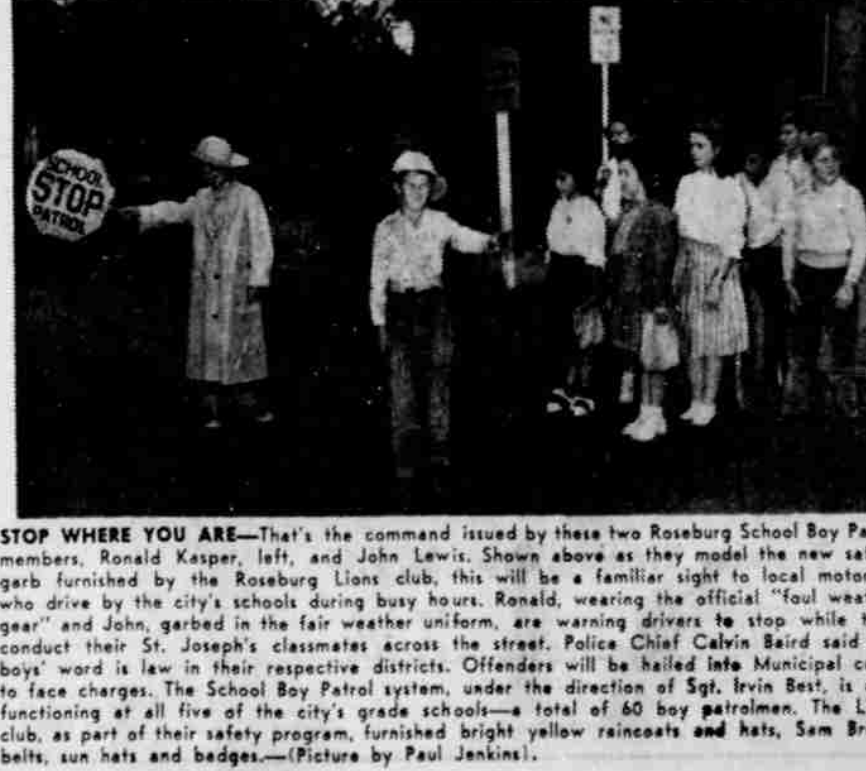
Henninger reminded all Douglas county residents to send their contributions, representing either individuals or groups, to their postoffice for forwarding to the national fund drive headquarters.

Opening Selling Burst Hits New York Exchange

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(AP)—An opening burst of selling, over in a few minutes, hit the stock market today in the first reaction to British devaluation.

Prices dropped a few cents to around \$1 a share but leveled off almost immediately. A few leading stocks showed a tendency to rally.

Gold issues struck out on their own with gains running to \$1 a share.



STOP WHERE YOU ARE—That's the command issued by these two Roseburg School Boy Patrol members, Ronald Kasper, left, and John Lewis. Shown above as they model the new safety gear furnished by the Roseburg Lions club, this will be a familiar sight to local motorists who drive by the city's schools during busy hours. Ronald, wearing the official "foul weather gear" and John, garbed in the fair weather uniform, are warning drivers to stop while they conduct their St. Joseph's classmates across the street. Police Chief Calvin Baird said the boys' word is law in their respective districts. Offenders will be hailed into Municipal court to face charges. The School Boy Patrol system, under the direction of Sgt. Irvin Best, is now functioning at all five of the city's grade schools—a total of 60 boy patrolmen. The Lions club, as part of their safety program, furnished bright yellow raincoats and hats, Sam Brown belts, sun hats and badges.—(Picture by Paul Jenkins).