

Coal Miners Get New Three-Day Job Week Order



WINTER'S GRIP—Pictures on this page and throughout the paper give evidence of the variety of weather experienced locally, from snow fall to rain and swollen rivers—even a few minutes of bright sunshine. Scene above, taken Saturday, was repeated during the night for the fourth time since New Year's day. Picture is of Oak street, looking west from rear of city hall. (Staff photo).

HIGHWAY JOBS CONTINUE

Douglas County Projects, When Completed, To Cost In Excess Of \$4 Million

The Oregon State Highway commission is continuing work begun last year on four Douglas county road projects, which will total well over the four-million dollar mark upon completion.

Federal road building will add another \$1,665,800 to the total spent in Douglas county during the year.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OUR President proposes to Congress in the fiscal year that will begin next July we shall spend about 42½ billion dollars. He thinks that amount of spending will run us in the hole a shade over five billion dollars. We can assume, therefore, that he anticipates we will take in during the year some 37½ billion dollars.

LET'S break that down a bit. Our President thinks we should spend about 13½ billion for military purposes—that is to say, FOR DEFENSE.

I'm inclined to agree with him. If we don't stay strong, the Russians will take us. That would be the worst thing that could happen.

Parents Charged With Son's Starvation Death

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—A young married couple was in jail today, charged with homicide in the starvation death of a son.

The father, Guy Scelzo, is a 37½-year-old salesman. Authorities said he and his wife, Mary, both 29, admitted neglecting a three-year-old son, Guy, and a daughter, Vincenza, 5, while two other children were well-fed and well-treated. The neglected daughter was narrowly saved from starvation when found by social workers, police said, but the rescue was too late to save the boy, who weighed only 14 pounds at his death.

No explanation was offered for the couple's alleged discrimination against the two children.

NEW RECORD SET

Post Office Receipts At Roseburg In 1949 Show 15 Pct. Hike Over '48 Sum

Another all-time record was posted in Roseburg during 1949 with an announcement from Postmaster L. L. Wimberly that postal receipts for the past year showed a 15 percent increase over 1948.

The total of \$161,485.18 recorded for 1949 is an increase of \$21,795.38 over the figure set in 1948 and is an increase of 400 percent over total postal receipts of ten years ago.

All departments of the local post office showed an increase in business. The cancellation stamp fell on nearly four-million outgoing letters during the year—384,000 more than in 1948. The number of money orders issued, including postal notes, totaled 68,154—a gain of approximately 13 percent over the previous year. Although postal receipts have climbed at a rapid pace, Wimberly said post office personnel has been augmented only about three times during the past decade.

The increase in local population and the rapid growth of the area served by the Roseburg post office have resulted in crowded conditions in the post office building. However, because of the increase in the number of customers served, the federal government recently authorized certain changes in the present building—changes which will facilitate the purchase of stamps and money orders and handling of registered mail.

Remodeling Stated
Wimberly said the contract has been let to remodel the post office lobby. The stamp and parcel post windows will be moved to the west end of the lobby and some of the post office boxes

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The Weather
Partly cloudy today, tonight and Thursday with occasional rain and snow showers. Continued cool.
Sunset today 4:58 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:44 a. m.

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Fresh Snowfall Covers Roseburg

Roads In Bad Shape; Some Schools Shut

Copco Busy Repairing Broken Lines; Traffic South May Be Halted

A continuation of Roseburg's fourth snow storm of the year put another blanket of white over the area this morning, bringing the total to well over four inches in many parts of town.

One by one, county schools were closing because of bad road conditions and power failures. Myrtle Creek and Dillard, south of here, and Sutherlin to the north announced classes would not be held. Announcement that other county schools would close was expected to come later in the day, should the snow continue to fall.

City School Supt. Paul S. Elliott today informed the various city school principals that Roseburg classes would not be dismissed unless unforeseen difficulties arise.

State police today suggested that home was the safest place for all motorists. Chains were termed "an absolute necessity" by Sgt. Holly Holcomb, who said road conditions south of Roseburg have stalled traffic in some places.

Bad Conditions South
Ten inches of new snow in the Siskiyou and Green Spring mountains has slowed highway travel almost to a standstill.

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2 Aspirants File For County Posts

Guy McGee, Days Creek, has filed a petition for nomination for county commissioner of Douglas county. County Clerk Roy Agee reported. Agee added that Ward C. Watson, Sutherlin, has filed a petition to be nominated for justice of the peace of Calapooia district. Both are Republicans.

McGee was a candidate for commissioner two years ago, but was defeated in the primaries. Watson is the incumbent in the office for which he has filed.

Agee said these are the first two petitions to have been filed locally for county offices, so far. Last date for filing of petitions is March 10, Agee said.

Oregon National Guard's Summer Camp Scheduled

SALEM, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Oregon National Guard's summer camp will be held in June so it won't conflict with summer harvest activities.

Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, who is in Washington, D. C., notified his headquarters here that the National Guard bureau in Washington had finally agreed with him that the camp should be held in June. The bureau had been insisting it be held in July or August.

General Rilea also said the National Guard bureau has increased the strength of the Oregon guard to 4,319 officers and men. Two weeks ago it had been fixed at 3,947.

The actual strength of the Oregon National Guard is 4,407. General Rilea asked for an increase in authorized strength to avoid having to discharge 360 guardsmen.

Aged Couple Hacked To Death In Apartment

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—An aged business man and his wife were hacked to death in their Brooklyn apartment yesterday as the husband put up a fierce struggle. Police worked today on the theory that the murders were committed by robbers who fled panic-stricken and empty handed.

The bodies of Camillo Levra, 74, and his wife, Catherine, 80, were found late yesterday. Their skulls were crushed, with an ax or cleaver.

Police theorized that the husband was slain while attempting to rescue his wife, or when he surprised the intruders after they had killed her as she worked at the kitchen sink.

TRUMAN KIN ASPIRES
LONG BEACH, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Attorney Roland Truman, cousin of President Truman, says he is considering becoming a candidate for the 18th Congressional district seat now held by Rep. Clyde Doyle, Democrat. Truman is a Democrat also.

STAYS IN FAMILY

Divorced Man Weds Daughter Of His Ex-Wife

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The law told Mrs. Helen Bishop today there isn't much she can do about the marriage of her divorced husband and her 16-year-old daughter.

There was nothing illegal in Victor Bishop's action last Friday when he took young Jean Lorenz to South Bend, Ind., and made her his wife. So said the Kent county prosecutor's office and Mrs. Bishop's attorney agreed.

Although the 35-year-old mother tearfully explained that "Jean didn't know what she was doing," she admitted she had been advised there was "little hope" of forcing an annulment.

Bishop, 35, married Jean just 21 days after his divorce from her mother became final.

"I gave him a divorce when he told me he was in love with a younger woman," the mother said. "But I didn't know the other woman was my own daughter."

Jean is her daughter by a previous marriage which ended in divorce.

Truman Secrecy On Tax Program Displeases Aides

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Some of President Truman's Capitol Hill lieutenants appeared somewhat discouraged today because the President has not taken them into his confidence on taxes.

There was some private speculation that the White House attitude might cause more trouble for Mr. Truman's prospects of getting even a "moderate" tax boost, as he has suggested.

The president's friends in Congress are having to guess like everybody else at what he means by a "moderate" increase. These speculations, purely guesses and unofficial, ran around \$1,000,000,000 and upward.

Mr. Truman has promised a special tax message, unloading the details of his tax plans, very soon.

With solid information missing, most guesses now seem to be that the president will ask Congress for:

1. A reduction in a selective list of excise levies deemed to be hurting business or oppressing consumers, and 2. increase perhaps in corporation levies. Some guesses have it also that he may ask for some boosts in the rates on individuals in the middle and upper income brackets.

There may be some very definite suggestions, some members believe, for closing any loopholes in the tax law, and for a crack-down on tax-dodgers who are not reporting all of their taxable income.

Mr. Truman asked for a \$4,000,000,000 tax boost last year, but Congress ignored him.

Dispute Over Price Of Milk Being Aired

Producers, Distributors Present Opposing Claims Before State Official

Local milk distributors and dairy farmers were scheduled to meet this morning with representatives of the State Milk Marketing administration to determine why milk is priced higher in Roseburg than elsewhere in the state.

The hearing came as a result of the farmers' bid for higher milk prices—an increase they claim the distributors can bear without raising price of milk to the consuming public. The farmers, speaking through Carl Binder of Elkton, president of the Umpqua Valley Milk Producers' association, claim production costs are higher here than in other parts of the state, thus accounting for the bid for comparatively higher prices.

Ormond Feldkamp, co-owner of the Umpqua dairy and spokesman for distributors, said milk cannot be processed profitably at the price which farmers are asking, \$6 per hundredweight. Feldkamp claims milk suppliers in this area should be able to produce milk just as profitably as farmers in other parts of Western Oregon.

Expected to come out during the meeting today are milk producers' charges that distributors have been lining their pockets since the minimum paid farmers was lowered to \$5.50 per hundredweight. Producers claim any

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White Actress Marries Negro

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Billy Daniels, Negro nightclub singer, and Martha Braun, white actress and only daughter of a wealthy Lowell, Mass., family, were on a Caribbean honeymoon cruise today.

They were married Monday by Judge A. Lieberman in Weehawken, N. J.

Weehawken township clerk Leo Carroll said Daniels gave his bride a \$4 on the marriage license application. His first wife died four years ago. He met Martha more than two years ago.

The bride, 21, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Braun Sr., who knew of her engagement to Daniels, but had offered her a round-the-world trip to think it over.

Martha is a graduate of Belvidere and Rogers hall, exclusive private schools in Lowell, and later trained as a model in Boston.

Postman-Biting Dog Faces Life Sentence

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Kaiser, a big mongrel dog which bit a Dallas postman last Dec. 12, began serving a life sentence today.

Yesterday Justice of the Peace W. E. (Bill) Richburg ordered Kaiser's owner, a 66-year-old woman, to keep the big dog chained or securely fenced in the rest of his life. If she doesn't she must pay a total of \$183 in suspended fines and court costs—and Kaiser may lose his life.

SEWER BONDS SOLD

Portland Firms Unite In Buying \$225,000 Issue Of North Roseburg District

North Roseburg Sanitary district was successful last night in selling \$225,000 in bonds for the construction of a sewer system. The bonds were sold in a consolidated bid submitted by Pacific Northwest Co., Fordyce & Co., and Charles N. Tripp & Co., all of Portland.

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The area bounded by the business district on Harvard on the south, Umpqua avenue on the west, Umpqua avenue east on the north, and the old city limits, shall be residential No. 2. Also that area bounded by the business district on Harvard on the north, Umpqua avenue on the

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Lewis Keeps Up Harassing Of Operators

Plan To Force Victory For Demands, Dodge T-H Statute Held Evident

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—John L. Lewis today ordered 66,000 striking coal miners to go back to a three-day work week Monday.

These miners had quit their jobs in seven states—refusing to work even the three days weekly permitted by Lewis in his "cold war" with mine operators.

Lewis sent the following message to presidents of the United Mine Workers' districts where miners had quit all work:

"Will you please transmit to our members who are idle this week my suggestion that they resume production next Monday."

Some 32,650 miners have been on full strike in Pennsylvania, 17,500 in West Virginia, 6,000 in Alabama, 5,000 in Kentucky, 4,000 in Ohio, 990 in Utah and 250 in Virginia.

Lewis' Aim Apparent
Operators have taken the view that this checker-board strike pattern is part of the harassing tactics Lewis is using in his battle for higher wages and welfare benefits for the miners.

They look on the three-day work week as a piece of the same. As they see it, Lewis is trying to cause the operators all the difficulty he can without bringing things to the point where the government would be impelled to intervene.

Today's back-to-work order may have resulted from Lewis' apprehension about the growing clamor from coal operators and

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Cafe Thief Kills Chief Of Police, Woman Patron

MENDON, Mass., Jan. 11.—(AP)—A liquor-crazed gunman shot and killed the Mendon police chief and a young woman after robbing the Red Rooster cafe and holding customers at bay for 3 hours early today.

Two other patrons and the gunman himself were wounded as terrified customers covered behind the bar and booths during the gun battle.

Chief Matthew Mantoni, 39, and Miss Katherine Brady, 22, of Mendon, walked into the cafe about midnight—just before closing time. Police said the gunman, identified as Harold Ward, 32, of Mendon, walked into the cafe about midnight—just before closing time.

He seized \$100 from the owner, Aubrey Hensel, at gunpoint. Then he remained for three hours threatening the owner and customers at pistol point, while he consumed quantities of liquor.

The daughter of the owner finally got to a telephone and summoned Mantoni. As Mantoni and a fellow officer, Clarence Grant, entered the establishment, Ward opened fire.

In the exchange Mantoni and the Brady girl were killed, apparently instantly. They were dead on arrival at Milford hospital.

Grant brought the gunman down with a bullet in the hip and then slugged him into submission as he attempted to crawl to an exit.

The Brady girl's escort, Laurence Griffin, 24, of West Upton, went down in the exchange with bullets in both thighs.

The cafe is a popular roadside resort on route 16, about 20 miles southeast of Worcester.

Russian Kidnap Racket In Austria Smashed

VIENNA, Jan. 11.—(AP)—A ring which kidnaped renegade Soviet citizens in exchange for Russian permission to run a cigaret black market has been smashed, according to American authorities.

Twelve men are in jail, and two high-ranking Russian officers have been implicated in the fantastic intrigue.

American officials reported that "trickery, drugs and force had been used to abduct Russians living in the American zone of Austria."

In exchange, said the American authorities, the ring received Soviet protection in a cigaret turned over to the Russians the ring was permitted to operate for one month.

HENRY HESS NAMED
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—President Truman today nominated Henry L. Hess to be U.S. District Attorney for Oregon. Hess now is serving under an appointment which expired Nov. 29.

Bequest Of \$110,000 Left To Oregon's Blind Persons

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Oregon's blind persons are to benefit from \$110,000 left to them in the will of an elderly Portland woman who died in 1948. The fund will be turned over to the state commission for the blind tomorrow.

Carl Smith, secretary of the commission, said no decision had been reached on how to use the money left by Mrs. Ella R. Burdick. Her only stipulation was that the funds could not be used for salaries.

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SOUTH UMPQUA RIVER, swollen by rain and melting snow, rose five feet in less than 20 hours Tuesday. Picture above, taken from the former Elks island, shows a part of the island awash with flood waters which are gradually subsiding following a drop in temperature which checked snow melting in the mountains. Access to the island was gained across a foot bridge at the end of W. Douglas street. (Staff photo).

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
Congress should immediately sidetrack its multiplicity of minor matters and get busy on the most important item in President Truman's budget: \$55,400 for flood control on the Umpqua river.