

BOSTON BANK BANDITS GRAB \$1,500,000



MATT CAMPBELL, left, Tuesday noon was presented a 25-year Kiwanis membership certificate by Rev. W. A. MacArthur. The presentation was made at the Kiwanis club's observance of the 35th anniversary of Kiwanis International. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

TRUMAN'S AIDE SCORED

Senate Group Declares Vaughan Helped Maragon In 5 Percent Operations

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, was reprimanded sharply today by the Senate committee which conducted last summer's spectacular five percent inquiry.

In a unanimous report on the investigation, the committee took Vaughan to task for accepting seven home freezers as gifts, and it criticized him on other counts.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I've just read a piece on the teletype that intrigues me. It's from Washington, and it says:

Government scientists have developed a synthetic or artificial mica, relieving U. S. dependence upon imports for that important electrical insulation material. . . . Commerce Secretary Sawyer announced it with a declaration that "this discovery is of immense importance to the United States." . . . he implied that the development is an addition to national security, since it promises an ample supply of a material that becomes critical in the pinches.

The dispatch adds: "Mica consists of transparent crystals. It is popularly termed 'islinglass'."

Ah me! How that takes us oldsters, especially those of us who came from the Mississippi.

Retired Minister Of Methodist Church Dies

OREGON CITY, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The Rev. Cary O. Heath, 66, retired Methodist pastor died here yesterday. Before coming to the Oregon conference in 1936, he had served in the Idaho conference for 20 years.

Survivors include the widow, Irma; his mother, Mrs. Mary Foster, and a sister, Mrs. Guy Pickens, both of Ashland; a daughter, Mrs. Lester Russell, Oregon City, and a son, Paul, Salem.

UNCLE SAM: PORK BUYER

Government To Purchase Smoked Products To Prop Producer Prices Of Hogs

By OVID A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The government, acting to strengthen producer prices of hogs, today became a competitor of the housewife for bacon and ham.

Announced by the agriculture department last night, the federal pork buying program is expected to have political reactions as well as effects on the cost of living.

Unannounced quantities of pork will be bought in a move to assure hog farmers prices which the government has promised them. Heavy marketings have pulled hog prices slightly below levels which, the department said, would guarantee a national farm average of \$14.90 for 100 pounds this month.

Government buying will be limited for the time being to bacon, smoked hams and smoked picnic shoulders. But it is expected to boost not only hog prices, but to push up prices which consumers pay for virtually all pork cuts and possibly prices of beef, lamb and mutton. The pork buying program was announced the same day the department disclosed it is ready to give away surplus potatoes to the school lunch program, the bu-

The Weather
Mostly cloudy with freezing rain today, tonight and Thursday. High today 30 to 35. Low tonight 28 degrees.
Sunset today 5:06 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:40 a. m.

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Community Hospital Job Awarded

Todd Company Gets Contract For \$392,900

Additional Funds Raised
Locally, Government
Increases Its Grant

Crowning an effort begun in 1944 to obtain additional hospital facilities for Roseburg, the directors of the Douglas Community hospital announced the signing Tuesday of a contract with Todd Building Co. for construction of the building.

The signing came immediately after receipt of notice from the State Board of Health that the revised hospital plans and additional federal funds had been approved by the United States Public Health Service in San Francisco.

The contract calls for an expenditure of \$392,900. The building will be constructed of cement, rather than pumice, which was an alternate bid provision. The deep therapy room will be lead lined, and an inter-communication service between patients and nurses will be included. These were also listed originally as alternate bids.

The overall cost of the Community hospital project, the directors announced, is present estimated at \$567,570, which will include all phases of the building program.

Besides the main hospital structure, this figure embraces kitchen and laundry facilities, purchase of the land, equipment for the hospital and other costs over and

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SHORT CIRCUIT; BLACKOUT

Sutherlin Substation Of Copco Hit By Flash Fire; Silver Thaw Brings Peril

A short circuit on power lines, caused by rapidly-forming ice, was blamed by California Oregon Power company officials for a fire at the Sutherlin substation which plunged that area into darkness at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Brittain Slack, News-Review correspondent for Sutherlin, said the entire area was lit up when wires short circuited near the North Douglas mill and a "ball of blue fire," accompanied by a loud roar, followed the lines into the substation and set the transformer superstructure afire.

Copco crews in the Oakland area, two miles north of Sutherlin, said the flash lit up the countryside for miles around, "like the light of day."

Copco officials had this to say about the incident, which frightened citizens with its savage suddenness:

Poer lines, heavily coated with ice, short circuited and burned, the flames following the hot wires to the substation, resulting in a "gigantic display of fireworks."

The main switch was thrown immediately and the fire was

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Toketee Unit At Slide Creek Struck By Fire

Warehouse, Equipment
Of Copco Burn; Damage
Estimated At \$75,000

Fire, causing damage estimated at upwards of \$75,000, destroyed the warehouse and all stored equipment at the Slide Creek unit of California Oregon Power company's Toketee camp Wednesday night of last week.

Information on the fire was brought here by Karl W. Smith, camp supply man, upon his return to Roseburg Sunday. Radio communications with Toketee through the local Copco office had been cut off.

The 30 by 75-foot warehouse contained the compressor room, blacksmith shop and garage, and much stored equipment, including a new jeep, which had been driven inside the building for the night. All were destroyed.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Shook of Portland, compressor man on duty. Shook, himself, was burned about the face when he went back into the compressor room to shut it off. His injuries were not serious.

An estimated 75 men fought the blaze, which had gained such headway that the fire fighting ef-

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Second Banking Group Bids For PP&L Co. Control

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Entry of a second investment banking group into the running for control of Pacific Power & Light Co. appeared today to be on the verge of writing another chapter in the battle of public vs. private power.

The newest offer was made yesterday by a group of eight firms, headed by Allen & Co., New York. The group offered \$15,000,000 cash for Pacific's common stock and put up \$1,000,000 in "good faith" deposit.

Spokesmen said the group would keep Pacific operating in its entirety as a private enterprise and sell shares to the public.

The Allen group offer is contingent upon the Securities and Exchange commission refusing to approve the earlier offer made by another syndicate headed by B. J. Van Ingen & Co., New York.

The latter group is reported, without confirmation, to plan breaking up the utility into parcels and selling them to various public utility districts in Northern Oregon and Southern Washington.

One report making the rounds of New York financial circles has an overall plan involving the sale of Pacific, of Washington Water Power Co. of Spokane, also controlled by American and Puget Sound Power & Light Co., an independent, for piecemeal resale to a number of public utility districts in the two northwest states.

Portland Broker Found Guilty Of Embezzlement

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Investment broker Arnold E. Johnson was found guilty of embezzlement charges by a circuit court jury last night.

He was accused of misusing over \$300,000 of clients' funds in the business operated with his late brother.

Oleo Tax Repeal Victory Looms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A long fight to repeal federal oleomargarine taxes, some of them dating back to 1886, drew toward an apparently victorious climax today.

One of the leading opponents, Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) left the city, an aide conceding "the fight's over."

Advocates of the repeal measure said they expected it to be passed and sent to the House by their dating back to 1886, drew toward an apparently victorious climax today.

A hurdle still to be cleared was a trio of civil rights amendments offered by Senator Langer (R-Ind.), but the outlook was that they would be brushed aside without a prolonged scrap.

A motion will be made to table (defer indefinitely) his anti-poll tax, anti-lynching and fair employment practices amendments.

Wiley was one of the chief sponsors of a proposed dairy state substitute for the house-passed bill to erase the oleomargarine taxes. It went down to defeat yesterday 48 to 37.

The substitute, while also wiping out the taxes, would have banned interstate shipments of yellow colored oleomargarine.

The legislation would eliminate present taxes of 10-cents-a-pound on yellow oleomargarine and of one-quarter cent a pound in the uncolored variety.

Also repealed would be taxes on manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of colored and uncolored oleomargarine.

TWO AIRMEN KILLED

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 18.—(AP)—An F-82 fighter plane crash killed two Ladd base airmen Monday. Wreckage was strewn over an 80-yard area 10 miles south of here. Names of the victims were withheld.

Hands Full, Gang Leaves Extra Million Behind At Brink's, Inc.; Getaway Auto Outraces Police

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Crack FBI agents joined today in a manhunt for a bandit gang that got away with \$1,500,000—a million dollars of it in cash—in one of the biggest robberies in the nation's history.

A spokesman for Brink's Inc., operators of the money transportation firm robbed, said a \$100,000 reward would be offered for capture of the bandits.

Working smoothly, the robbers escaped last night without leaving a single clue. Hours later, Police Supt. Edward J. Fallon said "we have little or nothing to work on."

The seven soft-shoed gunmen—all wearing Halloween-type masks and Navy pea-jackets—left behind another million dollars in cash only because their hands were full.

Like a movie thriller, they sneaked through six locked doors to reach the vaults of a money transportation firm surprising five cashiers and guards before they could reach for their own shotguns. All five were trussed and gagged.

An alarm giving descriptions of the desperadoes was sounded along the entire Eastern seaboard while this city's police began one of the biggest roundups of underworld characters ever undertaken.

Hottest clue to the swiftly moving, well-rehearsed bandit gang was a five-passenger black Cadillac sedan, stolen in Boston last week. Police unsuccessfully chased it through the West Roxbury section of Boston shortly after the robbery.

Included in the cash loot was \$400,000 from the Federal Reserve bank of Boston. The serial numbers, police said, are on record.

The robbers wore rubbers to avoid leaving footprints. All wore gloves.

Along with a million in cash the gangsters grabbed \$500,000 in checks.

Cruiser cars raced through the city and outlying districts during the night running down a number of tips that proved worthless. "It's very obvious," Police Superintendent Fallon said, "that these men used a master key to open those six locked doors" before reaching the vault where they cowed five employees.

"This job was definitely pulled by somebody who knew every inch of the company's layout," Fallon said.

"It's a tough job to pin down

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Justice Page Quits Bench; Latourette In

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justice M. M. Page resigned today because of ill health. Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette of Oregon City was named to succeed him.

Page, who was elevated to the high court only seven months ago from the Marion county circuit bench, was found by a board of three doctors to be unable to discharge his duties on the supreme bench.

Judge Latourette has been a circuit judge for 19 years.

To succeed Latourette as circuit judge for Clackamas county, the governor appointed Ralph Holman, Oregon City attorney.

Both Latourette and Holman will have to stand for election in May if they want to keep their jobs.

Governor McKay said Latourette is a favorite among attorneys. He pointed out that in a recent poll among lawyers on who should be the new federal judge for Oregon, Latourette won by more than a 3 to 1 margin.

(By The Associated Press)

The army ordered heavy earth moving equipment to critical "fuse plug" sections of the big Mississippi today in the biggest flood threat since 1937.

The mayor of Vincennes, Ind., issued a special second call for volunteer flood fighters in his endangered city on the banks of the Wabash.

The army sent the bulldozers and earth movers to the levee tops of the Birds Point-New Madrid floodway.

The big Ohio and other rain-swollen streams in the lower Mississippi and Ohio river valleys—as well as the old Miss itself—continued to rise at other points.

There was a mass exodus—some 8,000 farmers and sharecroppers—in southeast Missouri, as the nation's mighty father of waters welled up to its highest mark in 13 years.

Formosa Impregnable

Now, Chinese Claim

TOEPEI, Formosa, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The Nationalist Chinese commander of Hainan island reported tonight that Chiang Kai-shek's airforce and navy had made the impending red invasion of the big island impossible.

The Hainan ground commander said the two Nationalist services had sunk more than 2,000 invasion craft (mostly junks) massed by the Reds on Luchow peninsula opposite Hainan.

He claimed his own forces were mopping up the remainder of some 17,000 Communist guerrillas who have been in control of central and the western portion of the big South China island.

Bridge Collapse Sends

Man Into Icy Calapooia

Walter Hunt, Sutherlin farmer, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily this week from a plunge into the icy Calapooia river Friday when a private bridge collapsed, sending Hunt and his team of horses into the river.

Mrs. Brittain Slack, News-Review correspondent for Sutherlin, said the bridge gave way while Hunt was hauling feed to his sheep. He managed to reach shore and was picked up an hour later by a passing motorist and taken to his home.

Only one of the two horses was saved.

Jail Term, Fine Meted

For Drunken Driving

Victor Gurley Smith, 39, Roseburg, charged with driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was fined \$200 and sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail, when he appeared before Judge A. J. Geddes Tuesday.

3,500,000 Americans

Without Cash Income

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The census bureau reported today that 3,500,000 Americans over 65 years old have no cash income at all.

This group makes up nearly one-third of the 11,000,000 persons in that age group, not counting inmates of institutions.

The bureau said the remaining 7,500,000 had a median cash income of \$808—that is, half of the 7,500,000 had less than \$808 income and half had more.

Acting census director Philip M. Hauser said the data were released today "in response to interest stimulated by the beginning of congressional hearings on legislation to extend social security benefits."



HOSPITAL CONTRACT SIGNED—John Todd of Todd Building Company, seated center, Tuesday signed the \$392,900 contract for construction of the new Douglas Community hospital. Immediate action on the contract was taken by the hospital directors after they had earlier in the day received word that the hospital plans and additional federal funds had been approved by the U. S. Health Service in San Francisco. In the picture, left to right, are Dick Gilman, hospital Director A. Knauss, Gordon Todd, Harold Hickerson, Dr. Roy Hanford, Daniel R. Dimmick, Buckley Bell and Frank Ashley (seated). (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Renew your greetings to the season's most important words: Postponed. Canceled.