

Charles Wolsk, Retired Railway Engineer, Dies

Charles Fredrick Wolsk, 61, retired Southern Pacific engineer and well-known resident of Roseburg, died at the Southern Pacific hospital, San Francisco, Feb. 13.

He was born at Oakwood, Ohio, Aug. 14, 1888 and came to Oregon from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1912. He was married at Coos Bay, Jan. 25, 1916, to Christina Mae Lake. He had made his home in Roseburg for the last 30 years, serving as an engineer for the SP company, until his retirement last year.

Mrs. Wolsk preceded him in death several years ago. He was a member of Laurel lodge, A.F. & A.M.; the Roseburg Elks lodge, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert M. (Ruth) Johnson, Portland, and Eugenia M. Wolsk, a student of X-ray and radiology at the University of Oregon medical school, Portland. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Cyrus Ritten, Coeur d'Alene, and two grandchildren.

His body is being brought to Roseburg and funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Long and Orr mortuary, Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p. m.

Concluding services will be conducted under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Truman Plans Tour To Help Demo Candidates

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to raise a new call for his whole legislative program.

The mammoth affair—described as the largest dinner ever held under one roof—will be staged at the National Guard armory. It has been a sell-out since Monday. More than 5,200 persons from all over the country and the territories will attend.

Each has pledged a \$100 contribution to party war chest for the privilege of hearing the President and dining on broiled filet mignon. This means that the Washington dinner alone will raise around \$530,000 for the 1950 campaign.

Other dinners for \$50 on down have been and will continue to be held over the next few weeks here and there. The cost of the dinners, of course, is only a small part of the contribution.

In sounding the keynote for the Democrats in this congressional election year, the President was described by National Chairman William Boyle as prepared to call for full speed ahead on his administration program.

The President will speak from 10:30 to 11 p. m., EST, and the speech will be broadcast over four networks. On a pool basis, CBS and NBC television networks will cover the event from the banquet floor and balcony, starting at 10:15 p. m.

Jump-off-Joe creek is the name of a southern Oregon stream into which a pioneer, Joe McLoughlin, is said to have jumped in 1839, apparently for the joy of it.

Floods Rout Thousands In Southern States

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sets. The snowfall in Boston was followed by sleet and drizzle, leaving five inches of slush.

The storm moved to northern New England during the night and snowfalls as much as 16 inches were forecast for some areas.

Planes were grounded, highway travel was impeded and shipping operations curtailed by the heavy seas and wind gusts up to a velocity of 60 miles an hour. Some schools were closed.

Outside the storm belt, fair weather was reported across the country. However, some snow fell in parts of the Great Lakes region and light rain was reported along the Pacific coast from northern California northward.

The only sub-zero readings were in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. The -13 at Pembina, N. D., was the lowest mark early today.

Temperatures were near the freezing mark in some parts of the southern flood areas. The National Guard, the Coast Guard and the Red Cross organized rescue and relief work in the east Louisiana district hit by the overflows.

Huge Area Flooded

In Catahoula and Concordia parishes (counties), Louisiana, 1,000 families had been evacuated and another 1,000 families were expected to be moved to higher ground.

Army engineers estimated 1,000,000 acres of land were flooded in east central Louisiana, on the west side of the Mississippi river. Another 190,000 acres of sparsely populated land, east of the big river in Mississippi, also were under water.

In Indiana, headwaters of the Wabash and White rivers spread out near Bluffton and Columbus in the winter season's worst floods. Several smaller streams in the Ohio valley were at high stage.

Red Cross Funds Drive To Be Launched March 1

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patients to offer them all possible aid and comfort requires the cooperation of the Junior Red Cross, many volunteer Red Cross workers as well as the field secretary. This is a large program and a very successful one, and we are hoping that our Fund requirements will be met so that we can carry on.

The drive, slated to get underway March 1, will be preceded by the advance gifts campaign, under the joint chairmanship of Miss Helen Casey and Bill Evans. Business division is in charge of George McIntosh, and V. V. Harpam will head the special groups division. Chairmen for the outlying areas have yet to be announced, with the exception of Keith Carter who will be assigned to the area north of Roseburg.

MARY DIEL DIES

Mary Diel, well-known resident of Myrtle Creek, died this morning at Mercy hospital following a short illness. Her body has been removed to Long and Orr mortuary. Funeral arrangements are to be arranged later.

Lewis To Hike Demands On Coal Industry

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eral court order from insisting that miners work only when "able and willing" and that they may take long "memorial period holidays." These clauses had been bitterly opposed by the industry.

Previously Lewis has indicated he would settle for a \$15 daily wage for miners, compared with the present \$14.05 rate, and a 35-cent tonnage royalty for the welfare fund for miners' pensions and other benefits in place of the present 20-cent royalty.

Now Lewis may insist on a pay increase to \$15.50 and a 40-cent royalty, with a seven-hour work day instead of an eight-hour day, along with assurances that older miners will retain their jobs if there is any firing.

Bargaining Resumed

The union shop, under which only union members may be hired, and other contract clauses Lewis had asked now have been declared probably illegal by federal Judge Richmond B. Keech. The same judge directed an end of the strike—an order the miners have so far ignored.

Court-ordered bargaining between Lewis' United mine workers union and the operators resumed today in spite of the continuing strike.

A presidential adviser, John D. Clark, warned of "terrible" demoralization in industry if the strike continues two or three more months, with "serious unemployment."

Steel plants and railroads have suffered most so far. Most other plants depending upon electric energy were getting by.

Controls in Effect

In New York State tight controls on sale and use of coal were being readied for probable application Friday. A voluntary control system was invoked here in Washington. In some areas curfews on using electricity made from coal were in effect. Some schools were ordered closed for lack of heat.

In Virginia, the Legislature completed action on a measure permitting the governor to seize and operate coal mines in an emergency if the welfare of the people so requires. Gov. John S. Battle, saying he will sign the bill, planned no immediate action under its terms.

In Congress today Senator Robertson (D-Va) called today for speedy enactment of a bill which would curb the "monopolistic powers" of John L. Lewis.

The measure would make labor unions subject to the Anti-Trust laws if they restrained trade unreasonably in industries affecting the national health and safety.

Portland Council Votes Rent Control Retention

PORTLAND, Feb. 16. — (AP) — Portland will retain rent control, the city council decided in a 3-2 vote.

The action followed a long series of public hearings.

Mayor Dorothy Lee and Commissioners Kenneth Cooper and Orman Bean voted to keep the lid on rents. Commissioners William A. Bowes and Fred L. Peterson voted for decontrol.

The Oregon Apartment House association issued an immediate protest.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon

Mostly cloudy with showers today. Increasing cloudiness with rain Friday.

Highest temp. any Feb. 79
Lowest temp. for any Feb. 3
Highest temp. yesterday 47
Lowest temp. for last 24 hrs. 45
Precipitation last 24 hrs. .05
Precipitation from Feb. 1 2.04
Precipitation from Sept. 1 24.59
Deficiency from Feb. 1 .49

Drunks Rapped By Court After Resisting Arrest

Police Chief Calvin H. Baird reported today the arrest of two men on drunk charges, following a brief battle Wednesday afternoon between officers and the two offenders.

Arnold Cecil Groves, 35, Idlewild route, was sentenced to serve 15 days in lieu of a \$30 fine, following his appearance before municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle.

Eldor Henning Anderson, 34, Grants Pass, who had to be subdued before being brought in, pleaded guilty to charges of drunk and disorderly conduct, the latter involving resisting of arrest. Fines of \$20 and \$40 were levied by Judge Riddle. Anderson was committed to serve a total of 30 days in lieu of payment of the two fines.

Also sentenced this morning by Judge Riddle was Leo Hamm, 46, Roseburg, charged with being drunk on a public street. He was committed for 20 days in lieu of payment of a \$40 fine.

Six Men Still Missing From Ill-Fated Bomber

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men were whisked out of the plane inside 10 or 15 seconds, he said. He was the last to hit the silk.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 16. — (AP) — Pilots of 11 private aircraft prepared to take off in a light rain early today to search for two men and a light plane missing in Northern Idaho.

Tom Peterson, 26, and Ray C. Howard, 27, took off from the Hillcrest airfield near Lewiston at 1 p. m. yesterday with a three-hour gas supply in the light plane they had rented.

Officials at the field said the men, both licensed pilots, had indicated they would fly into the Waha district south of Lewiston. They had intended to take aerial pictures of a large herd of deer in the area. Peterson and Howard are partners in a photography shop here.

Penalty Suspended In Parental Blame Case

EUGENE, Feb. 16. — (AP) — In the first court case of the new law on parental responsibility for delinquent children, municipal Judge John L. Barber Jr. complied with the jury's recommendations Wednesday night by suspending any penalties against K. J. Stover for 90 days.

The suspension is dependent upon the progress of improvement in the behavior of Stover's son, Calvin.

Stover was found guilty Feb. 10 by a municipal court jury of causing his son to become and remain a delinquent. It was the first case tried under a city ordinance which makes parent and guardians responsible for the delinquencies of their children or wards.

Judge Barber also recommended that Stover consult with circuit Judge William G. East and Louis Sherman, Lane county probation officer, in counseling the youth.

The oldest existing maps are clay tablets dating from about 2,500 B. C.

Committee Votes To Drop Potato Price Supports

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — (AP) — The Senate Agriculture committee voted 4 to 2 today to remove all government price supports from Irish potatoes until rigid planting and marketing controls are put into operation.

Senator Lucas (D-Ill) won approval of this move as a preliminary to an effort to establish a tight system of government controls over potatoes. The aim is to

hold down production and avoid costly surpluses.

The controls would apply to this year's and all future crops, even though an estimated 10 percent of the 1950 potato crop already is planted.

A tiny insect built the great California fig industry, according to the Encyclopedia Americana. Domestic fig growing began when the U. S. D. A. induced the small Mediterranean fig-wasp, needed for fertilization, to settle in a Fresno orchard 50 years ago.

PUD To Boost Rates To Repair Winter Damage

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 16. — (AP) — The January ice and snow hit Clark county power lines so badly that electric rates will have to be increased to finance the repairs.

The Clark county PUD voted to borrow \$500,000 from a bank, and repay the loan through increased rates. The new rate schedules are now being worked out.

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