



CONGRESSMAN PAYS FINE—Rep. Fred Crawford (R-Mich.) counts out fine and costs amounting to \$28.50 in Prince Georges county, Md., police court after he pleaded guilty to an assault charge. He was released after spending two nights in jail at Upper Marlboro, Md., to protest Maryland's bail-fixing practices. With him is his secretary, William Hackett (right). Rep. Crawford was held on charges of striking a young prize fighter, Ray Hanbury, who worked for him.—(AP Wirephoto.)

Chamber Of Commerce Lays Plans For Industrial Survey

Stabilized 12-Month Income Major Objective Of Activity

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce board of directors last night made preliminary plans to determine how this area may be provided with a stabilized 12-month income.

A comprehensive, industrial survey is planned to determine:

1. What may be done to strengthen and expand our present industries.
2. How may we attract other industries to this area in an effort to provide a year-around income.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A DISPATCH from Washington this week says there is "increasing talk in Congress that the government may have to seize the mines in a new effort to end the coal strike."

It should be added that there has been considerable talk from the miners' side that if the government seizes the mines it must be a COMPLETE seizure—that government men must run them and the government must keep any profits arising out of their operation.

I THINK this is the time for us to remember that if, as and when socialism comes to our country that is how it will come. Our politicians will bungle along with some situation like the coal strike until it becomes EXPLOSIVE—as the coal strike already is.

Eventually things will get so bad that seizure of the affected industries will be necessary.

First Lamb's-Tongue To Herald Spring Found

Riddle community again takes honors for the first lamb's-tongue of the season.

The first bloom of the season was reported to The News-Review late Tuesday by Earl Burgey, who found the flower Sunday on a slope near Riddle.

The creamy-white spring flower is accepted in the Umpqua basin as a sure herald of spring—promise that winter is on its way out and that spring is at hand.

Trial Of High School Society Case Reaches Yawning Stage

Defense Counsel Falls Asleep; Judge King Orders Faster Pace

SALEM, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The high school secret society problem, which has plagued Oregon school boards for many years, is being thrashed out in an all-out legal battle in Marion county circuit court.

And from it might come a solution to the two main questions. These are what is a secret society, and how much power does a school board have to deal with them?

In 1909, the legislature made high school secret societies illegal, and gave school boards the power to expel all pupils who belong to them. Ever since then, the school boards have had one big headache trying to enforce this law.

The case here involves 18 boys who were expelled from Salem high school last October 14 for belonging to an organization variously called A. B. C. club, American Boys Club, Associated Boys club, or Alpha Beta Chi.

This organization was started in Portland two years ago, and a member came here to start the Salem group.

The school officials said this is a secret society which was organized for no good ends.

The boys deny it is secret. They say their purpose is merely social.

Top Lawyers Engaged

The boys and their parents hired three top lawyers, who charged that the school board acted arbitrarily. Their chief attorney is Ralph E. Moody of Salem, who was an assistant United States attorney general under President Harding, and who was chief prosecutor in Oregon's war on labor terrorism in 1938.

The school board has three top lawyers, too.

The trial, before Circuit Judge (Continued on page Two)

Telephone Strike Seems Inevitable

The Weather

Partly cloudy today and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Sunset today 5:53 p. m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:59 a. m.

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Atom Control Stand Taken By President

Success Demands All-Out Inspection, Truman Says; Communism Denounced

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 22.—(AP)—President Truman declared today that any system of atomic weapons control without the international inspection—which Russia has rejected—would be a "sham agreement."

Anything less would increase, not decrease, the dangers of the use of atomic energy for destructive purposes, he said. "We shall continue to examine every avenue, every possibility of reaching real agreement for effective control."

In what he called a "straight from the shoulder" foreign policy talk, Mr. Truman spoke at the unveiling of a statue to the first President at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Mr. Truman is a 33rd degree Mason and a former master of the Missouri lodge.

As he has often before, the President denounced "Communism's threat of force as a challenge to the free world and said:

"In many parts of the world, men are searching for a better social order. They demand a way of life that will provide greater freedom and more widespread opportunity."

"These ideals are under deadly attack from those who would de-

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Gov. McKay Urges More Civic Spirit

EUGENE, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Governor Douglas McKay denounced the desire for "security" from the cradle to the grave and urged all citizens to become more civic minded. He addressed members of the Eugene Rotary club Tuesday.

To get the most out of government, the governor said, requires that the citizens interest themselves in some political organization and be active in it at some level—precinct, ward, city, county, or state. In addition to this, the problem of education for all should be the primary concern of all people, he said.

He pointed out that there were 94,000 out of work in the state a few weeks ago, and that the situation calls for "further processing of the crops we grow, agricultural and timber." He urged that methods be extended whereby crops are taken from the farmers' field and sent from the state as canned products.

At the same time, he insisted that we need proper grading of all crops, standard markings so that the public knows what's in the can, and marketing and promotional campaigns to sell local products.

He praised the successful sales program that now sees Tillamook cheese being sold in all parts of the country.

Henry Clay, Resident Of Riddle, Passes Away

Henry Clay, 75, resident of Riddle, died at his home Tuesday following a short illness. He was born April 8, 1874, in Jefferson county Wis., and was married Sept. 19, 1906, at Nowata, Okla., to Lettie Turley. He came to Douglas county from Oklahoma about four years ago. Mr. Clay was a member of the Christian church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lettie Clay; a daughter, Mrs. Bianca Perdue, and a granddaughter, Judith Perdue, all of Riddle.

Funeral services in charge of the Long & Orr mortuary will be held Friday, Feb. 24, at 2 p. m., at the Baptist church in Riddle, with interment following in Riddle cemetery.

Takes Dolls To Europe, Gets German Husband

SOMERSET, Pa., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Peggy Reiley, Somerset newspaper-woman who went to Europe last summer with dolls for needy children, married a German composer there on Valentine's day.

A brief announcement of the marriage was carried by the Somerset American, published by her father, Henry Baker Reiley.

The announcement said the 29-year-old newspaper woman was married on Feb. 14 to Johann Walter Stumpf of Heiligenstadt in Stuttgart, Germany.

The paper said the couple would return to U. S. in April.

Miss Reiley made headlines when she tangled with the U. S. customs officer over paying duty on shipment of dolls from Canada.

UNFAIRNESS CHARGED

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers have filed an unfair labor practice charge against the U. S. Lumber company at Ashland, the National Labor Relations board of office said today.

The union accused the firm of firing five employees because of their union activity.

The NLRB will hear the charges at Medford March 14.

Compromise On Oleomargarine Tax Is Effected

Repeal Of Certain Levies Stated, With State Bans Holding

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—A bill to repeal the federal taxes on oleomargarine is ready for final congressional action.

A conference committee agreed late yesterday on a compromise version of the separate measures passed by the Senate and the House.

Ratification by both branches is expected but the vote may not come until next week.

Approval of the bill by President Truman is being taken for granted in Congress.

Repeal of the taxes was not an issue in the conference committee since both bills provided for junking these levies:

On colored oleomargarine sold to consumers, 10 cents a pound; on uncolored, 4 cents a pound; on manufacturers of either colored or uncolored, \$600 a year; on wholesalers of colored, \$480 a year; on wholesalers of uncolored, \$200 a year; on retailers of colored, \$48 a year; on retailers of uncolored, \$6 a year.

The legislation will have no effect on the laws of 21 states which ban the manufacture or sale of colored oleomargarine.

The main agreement in the conference committee was to knock out a Senate provision which would have required colored oleomargarine sold at retail to be put up in triangular forms.

The committee substituted for that a requirement that:

1. The labeling of the outer carton carry the words "oleomargarine" or "Margarine" in type at least as large as any other lettering on the package, and that the ingredients be listed.

2. The labeling of the inside wrappers carry the words "oleomargarine" or "Margarine" in at least 20-point type—about a quarter of an inch high.

The final bill retains a requirement that oleomargarine served in public eating places be in triangular patties and be identified clearly as oleo.

Air Raid Warning Chain To Expand

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—(AP)—A civil air raid warning system will be operating in all states west of the Rockies within a matter of weeks, Major General Hugo P. Rush, commanding general of the Western Air Defense command, said yesterday.

Reaction of the wartime program already has been announced in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California.

Operation of the program will be coordinated by the air force which will provide reserve officers to train civilian personnel and finance twice-a-year weeklong exercises.

LT. Col. T. R. Clinkscales, WADC director of civil defense, said tentative plans call for establishment of three filter centers in the northwest and four in California to receive and pass on the air force reports of unidentified planes in the area. Location of the filter posts will be announced later.

Strategic areas, generally those with the heaviest population, will be ringed by observation posts. These posts, he said, will be eight miles apart and manned by 20 to 25 civilian volunteers on a 24-hour schedule.

All-Male Jury Chosen In Mercy Killing Case

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 22.—(AP)—An all-male jury was completed today for the "mercy killing" trial of Dr. Hermann Nelson Sander on charges that, to cut short her suffering, he murdered a woman patient doomed by cancer.

Well weighed with maturity, the jury reflects the complexion of this industrial center—both in their jobs and religion.

The average age of the 12 who will hear the case is 54. At least seven are Roman Catholics.

A 13th juror was named as an alternate to serve in case one of the others is forced to retire from the trial.

While the religious issue was not raised in the selection of the jury, the stand of some sects against so-called "mercy killings" hung over the trial.

Catholic church doctrine particularly opposes mercy death.

Texans Urge Ouster Of Acheson, Backer Of Hiss

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The Texas legislature is on record today in demanding that Secretary of State Acheson be fired for "giving personal comfort" to Alger Hiss.

The Texas senate passed a house resolution, 20-3.

The measure suggests to President Truman that he request Acheson's resignation for his attitude toward Hiss, recently convicted of perjury. Acheson said recently he would not turn his back on Hiss.

The resolution says Acheson gave "personal comfort to one proven beyond doubt to have betrayed a public trust."

Terror, Death System Used In Bulgaria

U. S. State Department Explains Severance Of Diplomatic Relations

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—State department officials expressed hope today that the American diplomatic break with Bulgaria will bring improvement in the treatment of U. S. diplomats and their local employees in other Russian satellite countries.

A tragic tale of police terror and death lay behind the Bulgarian break. It was not clear here that American officials and their native aides have been victimized to the same extent in other Communist nations. There was no immediate indication of a further break with any of those nations.

There was, however, speculation on the possibility of rupture in American relations with Hungary eventually, as a result of the conviction there of Robert A. Vogeler, an American businessman accused of being a spy against the Red regime in Budapest. Vogeler was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Within a few hours after the action against Bulgaria yesterday, the State department attacked Hungary's handling of the Vogeler trial. The department said the trial was "devoid of justice, inadequate as to evidence and replete with falsehood." Vogeler's conviction, the department said, is the beginning

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Suburban Areas' Residents Talk On Annexation

Discussion of legality of petition circulating and related items were discussed last night at a meeting of Cloverdale park and Todd-addition residents who gathered with city officials to discuss possibilities of annexation.

A newly formed committee, called the North Roseburg Improvement committee, will work with City Manager M. W. Slankard in preliminary stages of annexation. City officials were advised that petitions are now being circulated and will be presented to the city council at its next regular meeting, March 5. Also discussed was the possibility of persons in affected areas withdrawing from the North Roseburg Sanitary district in the event annexation attempts are successful.

Representing the North Roseburg Improvement committee were the following officers: Sid Fredrickson, chairman; Pat Manning, secretary; and directors Walter Brittle, Earl I. Royer, Jerry Harkins, Ed Hydron and Bill Garvick.

Larceny Charge Faced By Canyonville Man

Lloyd Lee Shelley, 25, Canyonville, arrested Friday on charges of larceny over \$35 and operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license, was lodged in the county jail upon failure to post \$500 bail on the larceny charge and fined \$10 on the latter charge, said Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter.

The larceny involved alleged theft of tools from Pearson's mill, north of Canyonville, Thursday, Feb. 16.

Result Of British Election Tomorrow Rated As Tossup

Attlee Laborites And Churchill Conservatives Both Confident

LONDON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Labor and Conservative leaders issued final appeals today to Britain's 34,000,000 voters, and political soothsayers said it was a tossup which would come out on top in tomorrow's election.

With the whole world awaiting the outcome, campaign chiefs of both major parties expressed confidence.

The Gallup poll gave the Labor party a slight edge. Its final figures listed Labor with 45 percent of the votes of those who have made up their minds, the Conservatives with 43.5 percent, others one percent. But the final figures did not take the "undecideds" nine percent of the votes—into consideration.

A poll by the Conservative London Daily Express, on the other hand, published final figures of a poll whose findings on Labor and Conservatives were just the opposite.

London's leading bookmaker, Douglas (Duggie) always pays Stewart, gave Labor a slight edge. You would have to put up six pounds to win four on a Labor victory; five pounds to win on the Conservatives.

Leaders of the two major political parties in this critical fight for power—the Laborites of Prime

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State Treasurer Pearson Files For Governor Post

Latourette Out For U. S. Senate; Congress Aspirant Announces

(By The Associated Press)

State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson today was in the race for the Democratic nomination for governor.

A native of Bluefield, W. Va., he was reared in Portland and is a university of Oregon alumnus. He served in the legislature as a representative in 1942 and a state senator in 1944. His father, the late Walter E. Pearson, was state treasurer from 1938 to 1941.

Pearson became the second party leader to jump into the governorship campaign. Lew Wallace, the party's nominee in 1942 and 1948, announced his bid the past weekend. They include state chairman W. L. Joslin and State Senators Austin Flegel Jr., and Richard L. Neuberger.

Candidates also appeared for the U. S. senatorial and fourth congressional district.

Portland Attorney Howard F. Latourette, 66, a former Democratic national committeeman, said he would seek the Senate. He is the first to announce for the upper House seat occupied by Republican Wayne L. Morse.

Latourette, a native of Oregon City, was a member of the 1935 state legislature and a speaker of the House in its special session. He lost to Wallace a bid for the party's nomination for governor in 1942.

Walter A. Swanson, 39, a Glenwood merchant, has announced he filed for the Democratic nomination to the House of representatives in the Fourth Congressional district. He is now in Washington, D. C., on vacation and reported to Oregon friends he had mailed his petition.

Hotel Burns On 78th Anniversary

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Fire raced through the four-story 100-room Towers hotel early today. Nine persons were injured.

The fire, of undetermined origin, broke out about 5 a. m. and within a few moments enveloped the brick structure in the center of the city. 30 miles north of Albany.

There were 45 registered guests. Many of them leaped from the windows of their rooms. At least 18 were carried down ladders to safety by city firemen.

The hotel opened 78 years ago today on the site of the biggest fire in the history of the city. That occurred in 1864 and virtually wiped out the business section.

The hotel was modernized last year at a cost of \$250,000.

Pewee Banquet Ticket Purchases Urged Today

Persons planning to attend the Pewee benefit baseball banquet at the junior high school Thursday night are urged to purchase tickets today for the affair. Tickets are on sale at the city hall, Wally's Pastime and J-V Sporting Goods store.

Tickets are \$5 each, and the tickets include admission to all local Junior Legion baseball games the Thursday night banquet, and a sports program consisting of world series movies and featuring an address by L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian, dean of Northwest sportswriters.

Lewis May Be Drawn Into Contempt Act

Justice Dept. Planning New Coal Strike Move As Hardships Increase

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Thwarted thus far in its effort to produce coal by court order, the government today was reported considering contempt action directly against John L. Lewis and his top lieutenants.

A federal contempt of court citation—which named the striking United Mine Workers as a union but not the officers—has brought no results in two days except further fuel famine, more plant shut-downs, and scattered violence.

Negotiations here droned on. The bargaining sessions grew shorter and the recesses longer. No progress was visible; demands grew for federal seizure of the mines.

But a responsible government official said the Justice department first may try "filing some more papers" to broaden the contempt case.

He suggested that Federal Judge Richmond B. Keeney may be asked to add the names of Lewis and some of UMW's 24 district presidents in the soft coal areas to the contempt citation.

This official said the government, when it obtained the contempt citation Monday, lacked evidence to do more than make a blanket com-

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Slashing, Robbing Expectant Mother Charged To Trio

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—(AP)—A purse was snatched from a 15-year-old expectant mother last night, she was slashed by a knife, and police nabbed three men after an 80-mile-an-hour chase.

This is the story told by the young woman, Mrs. Shirley Ann Verbeck. She was walking alone in the northwest district when a man approached, slowed, and a man got out and ran toward her. She swung her purse at him and he grabbed it away and struck at her with a knife. He ran back to the car and she made her way to a nearby apartment house.

The occupants gave her first aid for throat and side cuts, then called police. She later was treated at emergency hospital for the cuts, and released.

Meanwhile, patrolmen John McKeown and Adam Blazak, unaware of the attack, saw a car speeding on N. W. Thurman avenue. Giving chase, they reached 80 miles an hour at times before their quarry took a dead-end street and came to a stop.

The patrolmen said they retrieved two objects thrown from the car. Mrs. Verbeck identified one as her purse. The other was a knife.

Jailed on charges of assault and armed robbery were Benjamin F. Baker, 29; Eugene Johnson, 22; and Rufus D. Adams, 18.

Golf Professional At Grants Pass Club Dies

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Merrill Scott Maisack, 54, generally known as "Scotty", golf professional at the Grants Pass Golf and Country club, died in Josephine General hospital this morning from a heart attack.

Maisack was stricken Saturday on the golf course. He was a veteran of both world wars as a member of the Royal Air Force and with the Royal Canadian Air Force for a brief time at the start of World War II. He made 48 transoceanic trips as a member of the ferry command in the last war. He was discharged following injuries in a crashoff the coast of Ireland when an engine exploded.

"Scotty" came to Grants Pass March 24, 1949, from the Riverwood Country club near McMinnville. He leaves a widow, Thelma, and three children.

Relief Money Dwindles, So Director Resigns

POMEROY, O., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Meigs county doesn't have enough money for relief purposes to take care of even all the most serious hardship cases, relief director Thelma Windermuth said last night.

With that she turned in her resignation to county commissioners, saying: "I can't take it any more."

Increasing unemployment has boosted the county's relief load, she said, at a time when less money than before is available for relief.

Fire Destroys Cyclotron At Princeton University

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Fire virtually destroyed the \$400,000 cyclotron in Palmer physical laboratory at Princeton university early today.

The machine, built in 1935, was one of the first atom smashing devices constructed in the United States.

Authorities said the cause was undetermined.

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Conciliation Efforts Reach Stalemate

Truman's Intervention Possible As Next Move; Oregon Union Affected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—President Truman today asked for a 60-day truce in the nation-wide telephone strike scheduled for Friday.

The President made his request in a telegram to Bell system companies and all unions of the CIO Communications Workers involved in the threatened walkout of 100,000 workers.

He asked that the parties, during the 60-day delay, "earnestly seek to resolve the current disputes through collective bargaining."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Government mediation of the nationwide telephone dispute ran into stone-wall resistance today. Only quick White House intervention appeared as a possibility to head off the walkout of more than 100,000 workers Friday.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the Communications Workers of America, told a Nashville audience last night that the walkout seems inevitable.

Conciliation Director Cyrus S. Ching reported the stalemate in peace efforts to the White House last night.

His plans for bringing the Western Electric company representatives into the same room here with the CIO-Communications Workers yesterday were rebuffed. The company said it would negotiate.

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\$500,000 Fire Hits Michigan-Owned Ferris Institute

BIG RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Its two main buildings a mass of charred ruins, proud and venerable Ferris Institute intends to carry on.

A \$500,000 fire swept the state-owned college last night. Four students, including two football players, were injured in the fight against the blaze.

But classes will resume next week.

Towering red flames raced through the 57-story concrete building and expensively-equipped pharmacy structure.

The fire also damaged the alumni building, containing offices, auditorium and gymnasium. One other department building and the school dormitories were not touched.

The four injured students were hospitalized with burns. The institution has 1,150 students.

Almost before firemen had the flames under control faculty members were holding an emergency session.

When they finished, President Byron J. Brophy announced final examinations for the current term would be completed and registrations for the spring semester taken Monday and Tuesday. Classes will begin Wednesday.

All resources of this Central Michigan City came to the aid of the burned out college.