

FIREMEN'S STRIKE CRIPPLES 4 RAIL LINES

County-Wide Vote On Rural School Budget Dated May 15; Total Sum Fixed \$2,457,218

Amount Embraces \$829,000 In Excess Of Six Pct. Limitation; Operating Expenses Boosted

A county-wide election is scheduled May 15 to authorize the county school board to adopt a budget embracing \$829,037.44 outside of the six percent limitation.

Included in the voting will be all districts, except Roseburg and five districts which are joint with Lane and Coos counties, said County School Superintendent Kenneth Barneburg, secretary of the rural board.

Time of the election will be 2 to 8 p. m. Pacific standard time (3 to 9 p. m. DST) at Myrtle Creek and Sutherlin. In all other component elementary school districts the time for voting is 7 to 9 p. m. PST (8 to 10 p. m. DST). Polling places will be the elementary school building in each component district.

The total 1950-51 fiscal year budget is \$2,457,217.92, compared with the current operating budget of \$2,290,941.22.

Actual 1950-51 expenditures will be higher than those provided in the 1949-50 budget because of increased enrollment requiring added teachers and facilities, said Barneburg. However, he pointed out, the tax levy will be lower because the basic school fund from income tax funds will be about \$133,000 greater. The income to the schools from county land sales also is greatly increased.

The anticipated revenue for the coming year is \$1,213,320.75, compared with \$774,640.74 of the current year. The amount to be raised by taxation will be \$1,243,987.17, of which only \$414,859.73 is inside the six percent limitation. The 1949-50 budget required \$1,456,300.48 to be raised by taxation. Of this latter amount, \$391,377.10 was inside and \$1,064,923.38 outside the six percent limitation.

The exact millage rate will not be known until assessments are completed, but the rate should be considerably lower than the 32.5 mill levy of the current year. This is accounted for by greater receipts and increased assessed values of property.

What Budget Provides

The budget provides most of the operating cost for 13 high schools, 42 elementary schools and tuition and transportation for all high school students living in the non-high school districts.

The budget provides for 45 school clerks, 13 superintendents and administrative principals and two supervisory high school principals. One elementary principalship has been eliminated through

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OFF for a two-day meeting in the city. I wonder what modern business men would do without this "meeting" system. I'm afraid we'd be up a stump. Really, though, you can learn a lot at these meetings that present-day business sets so much store by if you keep your ears open and listen. You're almost sure to meet somebody who knows more than you do. After all, listening to somebody who knows more than you do is the best possible way to gain knowledge.

IN the eight miles between Mt. Shasta City and Dunsmuir there is at least a month's difference in season. In Mt. Shasta, the trees are just nicely budding out. In Dunsmuir, they're practically in full leaf. Elevation makes a lot of difference.

Incidentally, in this area the manzanita is usually in full bloom long before this. From a swiftly moving car, at least, no blooms are visible now.

Also, no California poppies are to be seen yet north of Red Bluff. This is a late spring.

SPEAKING of flowers, Union square is aflame now with its

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Multiple Duties Of Officers In Crime Increase Subject Of Talk By Eugene Police Chief

Traffic law enforcement does not have the full support of the public. Yet 13 times more persons die each year than were killed by the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. Is it any wonder that an officer who has been at the scene of an accident might be sharp tempered in dealing with another motorist whom he flags down for violating a law similar to that which caused the accident?

This was the problem posed by Eugene Police Chief Keith Jones, speaking before the Roseburg Kiwanis club Tuesday noon. Jones was introduced by Roseburg Senior high school principal George Erickson, a roommate of Jones when the two were students at Willamette university. Roseburg Police Chief Calvin Baird was also a guest.

Police work, asserted Jones, has become both a science and an art. It is science, he said, when metal filings from the pants cuff of a person known to have been near the scene of a crime can be identi-



SLAYS MOTHER—Gordon Hillman, 49 prominent author, in Boston, Mass., police headquarters after confessing he beat his semi-invalid mother, Mrs. Caroline Hillman, 74, to death with a bottle. His motive: ill health and to conceal from his mother their penniless existence. (NEA Telephoto.)

Wage Boost Agreement Ends Pine Belt Parley

KLAMATH FALLS, May 10.—(AP)—A wage boost—but no insurance plan—brought settlement of contract differences between 2,500 AFL pine workers and northern California employers yesterday.

The union accepted a 7 1/2 cent an hour boost. It was the first break in the months-long negotiations that have been underway between lumber and logging operators and the AFL and CIO unions of the Pacific northwest.

The wage minimum in the pine area affected was raised to \$1.42 1/2 an hour for box factory work and \$1.50 for other AFL lumber and sawmill workers. It affects operations in seven California communities. The union failed to win an employer-paid \$5,000 life insurance policy for each worker, six paid holidays and overtime for Saturday and Sunday work, which had been in the original demand.

Housing Advice Given Private Building Firms

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Private building firms opposed to government housing programs got a word of advice today from an official of the federal housing agency.

Dr. Richard U. Ratcliff, the agency's research director said in a speech prepared for the producers council that production of lower-cost housing of better standards is "the only way" industry can demonstrate that "further government devices" are not needed.

PIONEER BARN BURNS

A large barn on the E. R. Fenn farm at Melrose was destroyed by fire last Friday night. Roseburg firemen answered the call and were able to save a tractor in the building. The barn was on the old donation claim of Francis Archambault who built the structure in 1827. The large timbers, hand-hewn and fastened with wooden pegs had withstood the use of many years. Origin of the fire is unknown. Considerable machinery was destroyed but there was no stock or hay in the barn. Loss was estimated at \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

Rival Unionists' Battle Leads Six to Court

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Arrested for disorderly conduct Monday night, and free on \$50 bail, are James Fadling, president of the CIO International Woodworkers of America; Karly Larsen, Seattle, president of the Seattle IWA council; Raymond E. Glover, Enumclaw, Wash.; Virgil R. Burtz, of Portland, director of the IWA's research department; Lester W. Harrison, Olympia, and Earl Hartley, Seattle. Hartley is an officer of the Puget Sound AFL district council.

Committee Rejects Tax On Horse Race Betting

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—The House ways and means committee today rejected a proposal to put a \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000 a year federal excise tax on horse race betting.

The proposal would have imposed a 5 percent tax on the approximately \$1,500,000,000 bet annually through pari-mutuel machines. The administration had made no recommendation on such a tax.

A committee spokesman told a reporter the proposal was rejected primarily because the committee members did not want the federal government to encroach on this source that is used by some states to get a substantial part of their revenue.

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The Weather
Generally fair and warmer today. Partly cloudy Thursday.
Sunset today 8:24 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:54 a. m.

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17 DIE IN NEBRASKA FLOOD

Minnesota, South Dakota Also Swept

Farms, Livestock, Roads Suffer Heavily; Winnipeg Situation Worsened

(By The Associated Press)

Seventeen persons were dead or missing and more thousands were homeless today as the most damaging floods in years swept over three Midwest states.

Human misery rose in the flood areas of North Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska. Scores of communities were isolated as the surging waters from rain-swollen rivers and streams spilled out over thousands of acres of land.

Across the border in southern Manitoba, the flood crisis mounted. The homeless were some 15,000 and another 10,000 faced evacuation.

All the fatalities were in Nebraska. One of the worst floods in nearly 50 years struck the southeastern section of the state yesterday. Seven bodies had been recovered. Hope was abandoned for the other 10 missing persons.

The flash floods that hit southeast Nebraska followed downpours earlier in the week. The waves of water engulfed homes and swept cars from highways. Most of the dead were highway travelers caught by the floodwaters.

Property, Livestock Suffer
The flooding Red river, bordering North Dakota and Minnesota, dealt further devastating blows to property and livestock. Some other streams in northern Minnesota also were running wild. The Red Cross ported more families driven from their homes all along the swollen Red river.

The livestock situation in North Dakota was described as "desperate." Gov. Fred G. Aandahl ordered an aerial livestock feeding service started today.

North Dakota farmers, the state's agriculture commissioner said, (Continued on page Two)

Willamette Basin Mills Get Pollution Ban Order

PORTLAND, May 10.—(AP)—Willamette basin pulp and paper mills are under final state sanitary authority order to stop polluting the river.

A new deadline, May 1, 1952, sets back a few months from previous tentative deadlines the time the mills would be effective in the months of July through October, or any time the stream flow drops below certain minimums. At other times, the mills could continue to dispose of the liquids in the rivers, but not more than is now dumped and the disposal must be regulated.

Mills affected are at Salem, Oregon City, West Linn, Newberg and Lebanon.

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MEMBER DRIVE KICKOFF

Chamber Of Commerce Needs Active Personnel, Mayor Flegel Declares

Mayor Albert G. Flegel urged immediate support of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce membership drive at a kickoff breakfast at the Hotel Umpqua this morning.

Speaking to 30 drive workers, Mayor Flegel told of the need for an "active, wide-awake chamber for the business people of this area." The 30 workers present responded to the mayor's call by accepting the responsibility of calling on 160 prospective members.

Reported 'Snub' Of Gov. McKay By Truman Explained

SALEM, May 10.—(AP)—Governor Douglas McKay telephoned from Kalispell, Mont., today that he can't get to Pendleton in time to meet President Truman late today.

He said he is unable to make plane connections. The governor said he is going on to Spokane with Secretary of the Interior Chapman and Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

The governor's secretary, Thomas Lawson McCall, said in a speech in Klamath Falls yesterday that the President was guilty of a "deliberate affront" in failing to invite McKay to meet him at Pendleton.

McCall said today that E. B. Aldrich, Pendleton publisher who is in charge of the reception for the President, phoned the governor Monday to invite him to meet the President.

McCall said that call came only 1 1/2 hours before the governor left for Kalispell to attend a meeting of the Columbia basin inter-agency committee. He said it was too late then to change the governor's plans.

McCall said this invitation was extended only after the president's party realized its mistake, but that the invitation only "compounded the error."

The governor, in talking to news reporters several times last week, complained bitterly that the President "snubbed" both himself and the people of Oregon by failing to invite the governor. He charged it up to "politics," since he and the President are of opposite political faiths.

Governor McKay, however, told reporters that his complaints about being "snubbed" were off the record. That's why nothing was heard about it until McCall made his speech at Klamath Falls.

Woman Grets Restored Eyesight With Cream

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Franz looked out of a window in her home, then went to the door and screamed. You probably would, too, if you could see for the first time in 14 years.

Mrs. Franz, 44-year-old mother of five, became blind following her childbirth. She lost the sight of her right eye first, then the left weakened and failed completely.

In those 14 years of darkness, her sons grew up. Henry is 14 now, Joe is 24, and Christopher is a 17-year-old army private stationed in Germany. Their father died 16 months ago.

Doctors say a cataract "must have dislocated," causing Mrs. Franz to regain her sight.

Only the sight of the woman's right eye was restored. She is still blind in the left eye.

Five More Dwellings Of Doukhobors Burned

NELSON, B. C., May 10.—(AP)—Five more Doukhobor dwellings were burned at nearby Krestova yesterday and, as a cell door clanged behind him, a member of the radical Sons of Freedom sect said quietly:

"We will burn until we are all proved guilty."

The threat of continued demonstrations was made as authorities totaled 29 buildings razed by the nude, hymn-singing sect members in recent weeks. All of the dwellings have been their own. The burning protest "the coming third World War."

During the latest fire-raid police jailed 31 sons—17 women and 14 men. Two were charged with arson. The others, police said, will be charged with nudism.

Honesty Restores Lost Wallet To 4-H Youth

CORVALLIS, (AP)—Martin Kerns, Klamath Falls 4-H club member, reported he left his wallet containing \$18 at the Pacific International Livestock show in Portland last fall.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durschmidt, Portland, got a load of fertilizer from the P.I. for their berry farm, and in it found the wallet, containing \$18.66.

The wallet, somewhat worn for storage, was returned, guided by Martin's 4-H club identification card.

Picketing Case Hearing Nears Conclusion

Judge Wimberly Voices Second Criticism Of Milk Marketing Chief

The circuit court hearing as to whether picketing of Umpqua Dairy in the current milk dispute is legal is expected to be concluded this afternoon, with closing argument by attorneys for the plaintiff Umpqua Dairy and the defendants, including the Douglas County Dairymen's association and others.

The defense rested its case at 10:50, along with four other witnesses making 11 in all. Rebuttal began at 11 o'clock in the three-day-old hearing.

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Roads' Refusal To Hire Second Fireman On Multiple Diesel Locomotives Causes Walkout

CHICAGO, May 10.—(AP)—A strike of railroad firemen today crippled service on four railroad systems stretching from coast to coast.

As the strike became 100 percent effective at 8 a. m. central standard time, federal mediators who talked with union leaders through the night still were hopeful of a quick settlement.

The dispute centers on the firemen's demand for a second fireman in the cabs of multiple unit diesel locomotives. The carriers contend the extra man is unnecessary and deny the union claim that safety factors are involved.

The dispute has gone through the long legal processes set up by the railway labor act and presidential fact finders have ruled against the unions. The railroads have insisted upon abiding by the fact finders' verdict. Spokesmen for the railroads said the demand would cost the roads \$40,000,000 a year.

Pickets representing the 15,000 firemen on strike appeared at key points on the four systems—the Pennsylvania and New York Central, serving territory from Chicago eastward; the Southern Railway, a key line of Dixie, and the Santa Fe, operating from Chicago to the Pacific coast.

The New York Central and the Santa Fe, two of the four roads singled out for the strike, planned to keep some main line passenger trains in operation. The other two, the Pennsylvania and the Southern railway, said no trains would be run in the strike-affected areas.

A union spokesman estimated some 200,000 railroad workers were expected to be made idle if the strike continues. However, members of the Firemen's brotherhood who work on other carriers were not expected to stage sympathy walkouts. Officials of several other rail unions have said they are not in sympathy with the firemen's strike.

Little Service Planned
The New York Central said it planned skeleton train service for essential passenger, mail and freight traffic in the Midwest. It plans to cancel 125 daily passenger trains and about 300 daily freight trains, forcing some 50,000 workers to quit work.

The Southern railway system put an embargo on long-distance freight and passenger traffic and the Pennsylvania said it would halt operations on its passenger and freight trains west and north of Harrisburg, Pa.

The Interstate Commerce commission in Washington, as it did when strike threatened two weeks ago, issued general authority to the four carriers to divert the hands to any other railroad in order to get it to destinations.

Trapped Well Digger's Rescue Attempted
NEW YORK, May 10.—(AP)—Dominick Atteo was almost unconscious from pain and exhaustion today as rescue workers toiled to rescue him from the bottom of a 20-foot well.

A physician, Dr. Harold Berson, was lowered into the shaft at 9:30 a. m. and administered more stimulants to Atteo, who had been buried up to his waist for nearly 24 hours. One leg was pinioned by a boarder.

The physician said the 49-year-old well-digger was in a "semi-stuporous" state.

Dr. Berson said Atteo's eyesight apparently had been damaged by a flash fire caused when a lighted cigarette was lowered to him last night shortly after he had been given oxygen.

Atteo's face and hands were burned in the resultant explosion.

Simple Arithmetic Test Faces High School 'Grads'
PORTLAND, May 10.—(AP)—High school graduates here are expected to know simple arithmetic.

The school administration announced yesterday a new course—consumer mathematics—for juniors and seniors who can't add, subtract, divide or multiply numerals. It will start next year for those year-end sophomores who fail 8th grade arithmetic tests.

Officials explained some students, because they don't use their math skills in high school, get rusty. The polish will be applied in everyday problems. These include problems of taxation, budgets, installment buying, and adding a grocery price list.

River Fails To Yield Body Of Ben Finell
No trace has yet been found of Ben Finell, 29-year-old Melrose fisherman, missing since his boat upset in Cleveland rapids Sunday.

According to state police, the missing fisherman, was feared drowned when he was not rescued with his two fishing companions. Police said extensive attempts to locate the missing man were made Sunday by state police, firemen and fishermen, since that time, searchers have dragged the river without success, due partly to the swift-flowing nature of the Umpqua river at the rapids and the number of deep holes in that part of the river.

Denies Japan Ready To Quit Prior To A-Bomb
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 10.—(AP)—Dan A. Kimball, under-secretary of the navy, today disputed the idea that Japan was ready to quit fighting before the U. S. dropped atom bombs on two Japanese cities.

The navy official made no direct reference to contentions by Rear Adm. Ellis M. Zacharias, former deputy director of naval intelligence, that the atomic bombing of Japan was unnecessary.

But, in a speech prepared for delivery before the Albuquerque Kiwanis club, Kimball declared: "Knowing what we do now, we are quite sure that had it not been for the A-bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we would have had to fight the Jap military hand-to-hand on his own soil in order to force a decision."

Negro Chosen Foreman By Eleven White Jurors
ATLANTA, May 10.—(AP)—Eleven white jurors yesterday chose a Negro as their foreman.

Attendants of Fulton county (Atlanta) superior court said Hugo A. Sayles was the first Negro ever selected there as a foreman of an otherwise all-white jury.

The defendant, Charles Echols, also was a Negro. He was convicted on two counts of forgery and sentenced to five to seven years on each count.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

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