



W. Roseburg Sewer Rushed

With nearly a third of the ditches dug and pipes laid, Stateside Construction Co. is rushing to complete the installation of sewers in West Roseburg.

The latest report from City Manager M. W. Slankard is that in the first three weeks 8685 feet of pipe 28,500 feet. The completion date has been set for Dec. 15, but the contractor hopes to be through earlier than that.

A lot of work is still to be done. After the main lines have been placed, cross connection lines from the main sewer to the property lines of the respective lots must be cut and the pipes laid, thus preventing the need for tearing into the streets every time a new sewer connection is to be made.

The accompanying pictures show the work in progress. The upper left picture shows a trench on Umpqua avenue. The work leaves room for only one-way traffic on this street, while in some parts traffic has to be stopped entirely for a few days to permit the sewer installations.

The middle left picture shows Earl Goodrich operating a No. 31 Parsons trencher, digging a trench over five feet deep and progressing in the packed soil in the street

Oregon's Labor Shortage At Five-Year Mark

SALEM — (AP) — Record employment has given Oregon its most acute labor shortage in five years, the state unemployment compensation commission said.

The commission said it filled 10,646 non-farm jobs in August, which is the greatest monthly total since September, 1945.

Almost 1,000 skilled and semi-skilled job openings remained unfilled at the beginning of September, and the list is growing.

The commission said 14,000 persons are looking for work, but half of them are old persons or are partially disabled. Unemployment is a third lower than at any time since the war, and has declined more than 80,000 in the past seven months.

The commission said 122,700 persons are working in non-farm jobs, which is only 2,000 short of the

Tomato Hits Sen. Taft During His Address

CANTON, O. — (AP) — Someone threw a ripe tomato at Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) as he was making a campaign speech in neighboring Waynesburg, O.

The tomato struck him high on the chest, some of it splattering on his shirt and suit, but Taft kept right on talking.

Waynesburg police said they had not arrested anybody in connection with the incident. It happened Wednesday but was not brought to light until Thursday night, when a reporter asked Taft about it.

"I didn't splutter much," said Taft.

He said a few "Roughnecks" were standing at the rear of the crowd just before the tomato flew.

Snow is never seen in Adelaide, the capital of South Australia.

Evangelist Arrives For Church Of Christ Duty

J. C. Clifford and his family arrived in Roseburg last Saturday to take over the evangelist duties at the Church of Christ on Military street.

Clifford graduated from George Peabody College in 1944. After graduation he served the Church of Christ in Redding, Alturas and Yuba City, Calif.

Clifford is married and has three children.

Truman's Letter Anent Marines Will Be Used In G.O.P. Campaign

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The marine corps may have forgiven President Truman for calling it a police force, but some Republicans are out to see that the famous letter isn't forgotten.

A number were disclosed to have made plans to use the letter in their campaigns for reelection, accusing the President of having blundered when he wrote it.

Defense Program Not To Be Halted, Truman Advises

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman says there will be no letup in administration defense plans in the event of expected victory in Korea.

The President would not say, at a news conference, whether Gen. Douglas MacArthur will pursue the North Koreans beyond the 38th parallel. But he did say that the instructions to MacArthur, the supreme United Nations commander, are broad.

It had been reported previously that MacArthur has been given the power to send troops across the dividing line between north and south Korea if that action is necessary to destroy the Communist army.

Mr. Truman said he was very happy over the improved situation in Korea. He added that he hoped that the peace for which he said he has long sought eventually will be realized.

He said that Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, was exactly correct when he said in a talk Wednesday that there cannot be any letup in defense preparations after the Korean war is over.

At the same time, Mr. Truman said he expected opposition to continued expansion of the defense program once peace comes to Korea.

He predicted the opposition would come from those who have fought against defense preparations in the past, even — as he said — in the last session of Congress, but he did not name them.

Defense, he said pointedly, takes money.

Mr. Truman said he had no information whatsoever on a reported peace feeler attributed in a roundabout way to the North Koreans.

In response to another question, the President said Gen. Dwight Eisenhower is at his beck and call in the event he should be needed in any emergency.

He said the former army chief of staff, now president of Columbia university, is always available should his services be needed by the country, but he hasn't any job which needed the general's attention.

Speakers Scheduled On Freedom Crusade

Finn Saglid, Denmark; Maurice Morello, France, and Wilfried Moeding, Germany, will be guest speakers at the first fall meeting of Riverside PTA to be held Monday night, Oct. 2, at the schoolhouse. The topic will be, "The role they hope the United States will play in the crusade for freedom." Parents and friends are invited to attend.

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