

DRAFT OF 18-YEAR-OLDS URGED

Sinclair Lewis, Portrayer Of American Foibles, Dies

ROME—(AP)—Sinclair Lewis, biting realistic novelist of modern American life who brought American literature its first Nobel prize, died here today. He would have been 66 next Feb. 7.

The noted author of 21 books, most of them best sellers, died at a clinic, where he had been a patient with bronchial pneumonia since Dec. 31. Hospital attendants said he suffered also from an inflammation of the heart.



SINCLAIR LEWIS Literature Loses Star

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

There's a lull in Korea as this is written.

This seems to be the situation: We pulled back from Seoul and Inchon in good order. We've formed a new defense somewhere south of the Han river.

But—

Off to the east the enemy is making an end run (flanking movement is the military term) in force.

Of this movement, the dispatches say: "An estimated 100,000 red Chinese and North Koreans are winding down out of the mountains to Wonju. (See your map) At Wonju, a big rail and road center, they can turn either to the right or to the left. If they turn to the right (west) they may seal off UN troops moving south of Seoul."

"IT IS A DESPERATE RACE."

To complete the picture, let's add this:

A high officer in the Pentagon (name withheld) tells us that "a total of 950,000 red troops, of which 450,000 are still being held in reserve in North Korea, are involved in the all-out push."

These troops, we must remember are in the front lines and the front

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Sanitary District Expansion Voted

Citizens of north Roseburg voted Tuesday to extend the north boundary of the North Roseburg Sanitary district to the truck scales on Highway 99, reports Don A. Lloyd, district manager.

A single vote was cast against the annexation while 60 ballots favored the proposal in a comparatively light election.

Lloyd indicated that sewers would probably be installed in the new area sometime before the end of next summer. Preliminary arrangements will be initiated by the district board of directors.

Clothing, Meat Theft From Vehicle Charged

Vester Williams, 37, a Bandon logger, is being held in the county jail charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, reported Justice of Peace Fred Wright of Reedsport. Bail has been set at \$1,000.

Williams allegedly stole some fresh meat and \$50 worth of men's and women's clothing from the back of a car belonging to Rodney C. Hays of Tahkeneth. Williams was arrested by a deputy sheriff.

Census Shifts House Seats, Truman Advises Congress

Seven States Will Gain, Nine Lose In Revision Of Districts

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman sent Congress Tuesday legislation setting up standards for the states to follow in revising congressional districts to conform with population shifts reported in the 1950 census.

In a message to the lawmakers, he also asked that "proper redistricting be done promptly" and completed not later than the spring of 1952 "so that the congressional elections of that year may give fair representation to all citizens of our country."

The President not only suggested reforms to standardize the redistricting, but said Congress should assume responsibility "for seeing that the standards are in fact complied with."

Mr. Truman made his proposal in submitting the 1950 census report putting the population of the United States at 150,697,361.

He said seven states would gain 14 seats in the House under a reapportionment in line with the shift in populations, and that nine states would lose 14 seats.

He suggested that such legislation:

1. Reaffirm the basic policy of the government to have single-member districts (meaning no representativity at large).
2. Repeat the old and accepted standard that congressional districts be composed of contiguous

Creator of "George Babbitt," the typical American businessman of the 1920's, Lewis made literary history also with such searching studies of American life as "Main Street," "Arrowsmith," "Elmer Gantry," "Dodsworth," "It Can't Happen Here" and "Kingsblood Royal."

He was awarded the Nobel prize in 1930, chiefly for Babbitt. Four years before he had refused a Pulitzer prize because he disagreed with the terms of Joseph Pulitzer's will setting up the prize.

His 21st book, "The God-Seeker," was published in 1949.

Born in Sauk Center, Minn., Lewis after student days at Yale and a minor career on newspapers and magazines, became one of the great social historians among American novelists. His books lashed the foibles of "typically American" people and communities of the 1920's and 1930's with biting satire and down-to-earth realism.

Germany and Italy in the mid-1930's banned "It Can't Happen Here," a warning against fascism in the United States.

Lewis was married twice. Both his first wife, Grace Livingstone Hegger, and his second, Miss Thompson, noted columnist, divorced him.

Wells Lewis, son by his first marriage and an army lieutenant in World War II, was killed in action in France. Michael Lewis, his son by Miss Thompson, reportedly returned to the United States last week to visit his mother. He had been studying dramatics in London.

Allies Fight Way Back Into Wonju

TOKYO—(AP)—A small tanked American and French force fought a crust of Red Koreans today into the key road-rail center of Wonju. The allies found the town empty.

Allied intelligence said, however, the Reds have 200 tanks and 500 Chinese planes pushed farther north for a big push into the heart of South Korea. It said the Communists have massed a force of possibly 750,000 troops for a new offensive.

Intelligence officers said the planes are available for use across the entire 150-mile South Korean front. If they are thrown into action it would be the first large-scale challenge to United Nations air supremacy in the war.

The allies had abandoned Wonju to the Reds only Monday after two days of fighting for the gateway town to South Korea's interior.

A second allied column driving up from the south brushed off Red counterattacks mounted by six battalions and occupied the southern sector of hills looking down on the scorched town. This second division unit was only two miles from Wonju.

The French-American force obviously was fighting to throw off balance the Communist drive down central Korea's mountain roads.

The Red thrust threatened the Taejon-Taegu escape corridor for Eighth army forces withdrawing in the west toward the old allied Pusan beachhead.

SPAT LIMIT 2 HOURS WATERVLIET, N. Y.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Parley Saunders say "a little bickering never hurt any married couple." They've been married 70 years.

But they add this advice: "Don't stay mad over a couple of hours." Saunders, who is 87, is a painter and paperhanger. Mrs. Saunders is 85.

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Oregon Sales Tax Plan Revived

Bill Prepared For Offering Legislators

Proposal, Five Times Rejected By People, Has No Chance, McKay Thinks

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM—(AP)—A two percent sales tax bill was ready for introduction in the Oregon legislature today. But legislative leaders said they didn't think it would get very far.

Many legislators are for a sales tax. But the people already have defeated it five times, and legislative leaders think it would be useless to try again to get it passed.

The current bill, by Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, would apply to all sales except food bought in grocery stores; feed, fertilizer and spray material used by farmers; meals served by schools; and occasional sales made by persons not engaged in retail trade. Newspapers and gasoline also would be exempt.

For School Fund Bonus The Ellis bill would give first call on the sales tax revenue to the basic school fund increase voted last November, and to financing the veterans bonus, also passed at that time. The money, over would be used to increase public assistance payments.

Ellis said the bill would "get the veterans, schoolteachers and parent-teacher associations out working for a sales tax."

Rep. Joseph Douglas McKay and Rep. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland, both said it would be a "mistake to pass a sales tax."

Tax Bills Introduced A bill creating a three-man state board of tax appeals was sponsored by Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles Democrat. The board would hear appeals from rulings of the State Tax commission. These appeals now are heard by the commission itself.

Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland Republican, introduced a bill to give persons over 65 years of age double income tax exemptions, costing the state \$2,000,000 a year.

But Harvey also sponsored a measure for a 10 percent tax on amusements, which would raise \$3,000,000 a year.

Court Room Crap Shooting Planned

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—(AP)—A public exhibition of crap shooting (dice game) is planned by State's Attorney Bernard J. Moran in circuit court Friday. The prosecutor is going to attempt to make a legal point.

Moran is looking for volunteer craps shooters.

"If I don't get volunteers, and it doesn't look like I'm going to, I intend to subpoena a few qualified experts in the game," Moran said. "I can find them without going far."

There will be no bets, however, Moran said. His purpose in planning a courtroom crap game is to prove that a crap table is gambling equipment and subject to destruction by authorities.

The game is to be played on an ornate rectangular table of carved walnut, valued at \$3,000. Police seized it last summer in a raid on Jul's Danish farm, a roadside near Moran's.

Moran has before the court a petition for an order for destroying the table and for other equipment taken in the raid.

Attorneys for Jul's Danish farm said they will fight the application for a destruction order. They said the table could be used for billiards, ping pong or even a family picnic.

Job Applicant Fined For Red Party Hiding

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—(AP)—A federal judge here imposed a \$50 fine on a man who concealed his former Communist party membership when he applied for a job in the atomic plant at Richland, Wash.

The offender was Ernest J. Kohn, 42. He also was placed on probation for three years.

Koch pleaded guilty. His attorney told the court he joined the party in 1945 or 1946 while he was on strike at a California shipyard. He said Koch quit the party soon afterward.

Second Worst Polio Year Experienced In 1950

NEW YORK—(AP)—Last year was the nation's second worst polio year with 33,344 persons afflicted, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis reported.

The worst year was 1949 with 42,375 cases.

The foundation's 1951 March of Dimes campaign starts Monday with a goal of \$50,000,000.

POSTAL REVENUE UP

Roseburg Office Receipts Climb 7.4 Pct. In 1950

Another all-time record was established in Roseburg during the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1950, as the total gross postal receipts showed a 7.4 percent increase over 1949 figures, the local post office's annual tabulation indicates.

The total postal receipts of \$173,432.05 recorded for 1950 is an increase of \$11,946.87 over the \$161,435 set in 1949. All departments of the local post office showed an increase in business.

The cancellation stamp fell on more than four million outgoing letters during the year—515,939 more than in 1949. This was an 11 percent increase over 1949 cancellations.

The 1950 increase in postal receipts was not as great as in 1949. Postal receipts in that year increased 15 percent. Also, 1949 postal cancellations increased 13 percent as compared with 11 percent in 1950.

Rock Island Co. Sells Lumber Plant, Sutherland

Sale of Rock Island Lumber company mill and timber at Sutherland was announced today.

Purchasers are Jan Bauer of United Lumber Co., Portland; Sid Leiken, Roseburg, of the L & H and Wilbur Lumber companies, and John Buchanan, Sutherland. The three recently organized limited partnership under the name of Central Lumber company.

The Rock Island plant includes a sawmill with daily cutting capacity of 135,000 board feet, planer, dry kilns, pond and loading facilities, all within the city limits of Sutherland. Timber owned by the Rock Island company on the former Roach tract, east of Sutherland, is included in the sale.

Buchanan, an experienced mill owner and operator, came to Sutherland four years ago from Tacoma. He is to serve as resident manager of the Sutherland plant.

Sawmill and logging operations have been halted pending reorganization, but the planer mill will reopen Monday, utilizing existing lumber inventories, it is announced.

The Rock Island company, a corporation, purchased the plant in 1946 from Springfield Plywood which had acquired it earlier from Schetyk and Fisher Lumber company. The operation has been managed by E. R. Titcomb. Approximately 85 persons are employed.

Taxi Driver Chases Two Gunmen To Police Station

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Charles Schuman, a taxi driver, outwitted two gunmen, then chased them right into a police station.

Schuman, 48, said the men pulled guns after he'd driven them \$20 worth. Instead of forking over his money, he jumped from his cab and blew a police whistle.

The men fled foot... Schuman in hot pursuit... through backyards and over fences... until they pulled up short at Taraval precinct police station.

Jailed on suspicion of attempted robbery, the men gave their names as Arthur Stillson, 19, AWOL from the navy, and James Bishop, 19, AWOL from the army.

Customs Officers Grab Fortune At Manila Airport

MANILA—(AP)—Customs officers have seized an estimated \$65,000 in U.S. treasury warrants, postal money orders, bills and bank checks at Manila airport.

They said a Chinese alien attempted to hand the bundle to a passenger aboard a plane leaving for Hong Kong.

The Weather

Occasional showers today, to night and Thursday

Highest temp. for any Jan. 71
Lowest temp. for any Jan. 4
Highest temp. yesterday 56
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 41
Precip. last 24 hours 0.5
Precip. from Jan. 1 1.09
Precip. from Sept. 1 24.90
Defic. from Jan. 1 .48

Sunset today, 4:57 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:44 a. m.

Grocer Slain By Ex-Convict In Portland

Holdup Yields No Cash, Second One Quickly Followed By Capture

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—A grocer was shot dead in a hold-up try that failed last night and four hours later police jailed as the killer a man who has served five prison terms for armed robbery.

The unsuccessful holdup was followed by one that netted \$50 for "getaway money," detectives said.

Frank Oliver Payne, 48, booked at the city jail on a charge of murder, was quoted as telling detectives, "I must have lost my head."

The victim was Hercules Nathan 37-ter, 46, proprietor of a grocery store on S. W. Jefferson street just outside the business district. He had been robbed twice in two years and a burglar got \$2000 from the store safe another time.

Payne, who arrived here Sunday from Reno, Nev., is listed on police records as having served prison terms in Oregon, Washington, Nevada and California (Polsom), two of them for forgery and five for armed robbery.

Detectives James Quinn and John Fraser said Payne told them he fired five times when Butler made a "quick move" after being told to hand over his cash. One shot hit Butler in the head, killing him instantly.

After a futile effort to open the cash register by punching various keys, Payne left, his statement knocked on the door. He did not resist. A loaded pistol was on a table.

Officers Work Quickly "I don't see how you fellows caught up with me so fast," was his comment at the police station, they said.

This, Quinn and Fraser said, was how they did it.

Two shoppers in the store gave them a description of the man. They checked with automobile rental agencies in the area and learned that an F. O. Payne, Park Avenue hotel, had rented a car at 5 p. m. and returned it at 10 p. m. after driving only 14 miles. The detectives checked their files and found a picture of Payne taken five years ago at the Washington state prison. The store customers and the rental agent identified it.

The grocer's widow said her husband had been working in the store Tuesday night because, since the last holdup, he had had trouble getting a night clerk.

Teamsters Union Official Gunned

CHICAGO—(AP)—Police hunted for clues today in the latest outbreak of violence against the AFL Teamsters Union after a business agent was shot and wounded in gang style ambush Tuesday night.

A gunman pumped seven bullets into the automobile of Al Ceas, 42, as he entered the car in front of a west side home to drive to a union meeting. Two bullets struck Ceas in the left shoulder. He was taken to a hospital where physicians said his condition was not serious.

Ceas was the third official of the teamsters local 705 to have been shot at within the last eight months. The shooting came 24 hours after William A. Lee, president of the Chic go Federation of labor, disclosed that he is under 24-hour police guard because, he said, hoodlums had made attempts to muscle into the AFL Bakery Drivers' union.

Lee, a trustee of the International Teamsters union, has been president of the bakery wagon drivers local 734 for about 25 years.

Capt. George Barnes, head of the police labor detail, said Ceas told him he had "no idea of who shot me or why." A 24-hour police guard was t up outside Ceas' hospital room.

Three More Czech Church Heads Placed On Trial

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—(AP)—Three bishops are on trial in Bratislava on charges of high treason and espionage, Prague radio announced.

Two are Roman Catholics and the third a Greek Catholic.

The prosecution of high Slovak churchmen came less than two months after a trial of nine Czech dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church in Prague.

Those defendants also were pictured as agents of the Vatican and the United States in a plot to overthrow the communist-led government of Czechoslovakia.

All confessed. They were convicted Dec. 2 and sentenced to terms ranging from 10 years' to life imprisonment.



ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT

Mrs. Roy Bellows, above, has accepted appointment as chairman of the Red Cross canteen corps, it has been announced by the local Red Cross chapter.

During World War II, Mrs. Bellows served in the same capacity, organizing the canteen corps in Douglas county to serve food to troops conveyed through Roseburg. The first job of the newly organized canteen service will be to serve fruit juice and coffee to the 250 blood donors now being recruited for the visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile Jan. 23.

Women who will serve on this committee with Mrs. Bellows for the first visit of the bloodmobile are Mrs. A. E. Kent, Mrs. R. L. Whipple, Mrs. Harry Black, Mrs. Earl Blise, Mrs. Harold Bellows and Mrs. Bert Green. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

Conference Fails To End Student Tuition Problem

The question of what to do with Deer Creek high school students after June, 1952 remained unsettled Tuesday.

A delegation from the Deer Creek school district met with the Roseburg school board Monday night to discuss the possibility of continuing to send Deer Creek tuition students to the Roseburg high school during the school year of 1951-52.

A petition calling for a vote on merging Deer Creek with Glide is circulating in the two districts. However, the Glide school will not be able to handle the Deer Creek students until fall 1952.

The Roseburg school board believed it was illegal to accept students from Deer Creek, since such students would have their own high school at Glide in the event of consolidation.

The question was referred to the Roseburg district's acting attorney, George Neuner, for a legal opinion.

The question was raised at the board meeting if a split of the Deer Creek school district would be desirable. Several delegates felt it would be advisable to send high school students from north Deer Creek to Glide and students in the south to Roseburg.

In other business transacted by the Roseburg board at its regular meeting Monday, Raymond Stephens was elected to take Norm West's place for the rest of the school year. West was recently recalled to active duty with the marine corps.

The board also voted to drop the auto driving course at the high school in the spring semester. West instructed the class before going into the service and the school has been unable to find a qualified instructor to replace him.

Deaf Youth's Eyes May Give Sight To Blind Girl

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—An unnamed teen-age girl soon may be seeing through the eyes of a seven-year-old boy.

Little Stephen Kollgaard died after being knocked from his bicycle by an automobile.

His parents, Revner and Norma Kollgaard, were told their son's healthy corneas might save another's eyesight. So with their consent, Stephen's eyes were removed.

Dr. Harold G. Scheie, of the University of Pennsylvania, will perform the delicate transplanting operation. Successful use of corneas usually must follow within 48 hours the death of the donor.

Dr. Scheie, who saved the sight of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's left eye in Burma during World War II, would not disclose the girl's name, even to the Kollgaards.

First County Parks Board Starts Duties

Supervisor Applications Slated; Eel Lake Project Development Discussed

Employment of a county parks supervisor and establishment of master plans for development of public recreational lands are immediate aims of the newly organized Douglas County Public Parks department.

John P. Amacher, Wincheser, former president of the Umpqua Basin Conservation council and past president of rod and gun clubs at Canyonville and Roseburg, was unanimously elected chairman of the parks board Tuesday night.

James Stoop, Drain, was chosen secretary. Other members of the board are Frank Taylor, Reedsport, and H. J. Hash, Canyonville.

The board met with members of the county court and were instructed as to their duties by County Judge Carl C. Hill and County Commissioner Lynn Beckley.

The board was organized under the direction of Judge Hill, after which the business session was conducted by Chairman Amacher.

The recent court order creating the department, authorizes the board, as an agency of the county court, to "protect the public interest in lands particularly suitable for park and recreational purposes and to plan and supervise the acquisition, improvement, development and maintenance required to best utilize" the lands.

Job Applications Open Authorization is given for the employment of a full time supervisor to work under the board's direction. It was decided that applications for the position will be accepted and a selection made at a board meeting later in the month. It is hoped to have the position filled by the first of the month.

It was the opinion of the board as a policy matter that long range development plans should be drawn for each tract within the park program, and that the master plan should be closely followed in making improvements as money becomes available.

The board announced that cooperation from civic and community organizations would be sought in park development.

Eel Lake Project Talked

County Judge James Harrison of Coos County and Frank Calise, (Continued On Page Two)

Survey Thus Far Satisfies Ike

BRUSSELS, Belgium—(AP) The first two stops on his 10-nation tour of western Europe have left Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower "reasonably well satisfied" with his survey of defense prospects.

This summary of his findings on his defense survey in France and Belgium was made by one of the general's associates as the Atlantic pact commander moved into closing meetings of his stay in Belgium before moving on to Holland.

He had at least one bright reason for being happy. In spite of the fulminations of the communist press, a large crowd gathered in front of the Hotel Metropole and cheered him as he left for dinner.

The showing was in contrast to the apathetic reaction of non-communist Paris crowds to the five-star general's return to that city five years after his armies had liberated it from Hitler.

In the French capital the chief public response to Eisenhower was a demonstration against his visit by about 4,000 communists. The reds failed, however, in their advertised plans to tie up the city with a strike.

CRASH OF TRAINS FATAL

LARBERT, Scotland—(AP)—A train crash in a heavy snowstorm today killed one person and injured 18 others. The Perth-Glasgow express piled into a switch engine at Alloa Junction, three miles north of this Stirlingshire village.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Back from a world tour, Harold Stassen says the Kremlin will face a revolution in the Soviet army if it starts a war of aggression. Is he correct or trying to induce the American people to whistle while passing at night through a graveyard?

Defense Dept: Stresses Need To Congress

Universal Training Best Way To Boost Combat Forces, Marshall Says

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Defense department called today for the immediate drafting of 450,000 18-year-olds to build up the armed forces.

Secretary of Defense Marshall and Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, assistant secretary, outlined the proposal to a senate armed services subcommittee in urging immediate enactment of a universal military service and training program making all physically fit 18-year-olds liable for 27 months service.

Mrs. Rosenberg said that unless the armed services can call on the 18-year-olds they will have to ask Congress to let them draft young married men.

She said in that case, fathers, as well as husbands without children, might have to be called from the present 19-26 age brackets. They are now exempt.

The proposal from the defense officials lined up in this manner:

1. Enact long term legislation aimed at requiring training and service of all physically and mentally fit young men beginning at age 18.
2. Until that program can be handled, take the 18-year-olds who are now nearest their 19th birthday.

Marshall said that a system of "universal military service and training represents what I believe is the best way to meet our immediate need for enlarging combat forces and at the same time, to provide an enduring base for our military strength."

Under the present draft law, boys of 18 are required to register but they cannot be drafted until they reach age 19. Their service after induction is limited to 21 months.

Epidemic Of Flu Sweeps Through Western Europe