

Slankard Resigns Manager's Post

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WHAT! IS IT RAINING? It was, Boy Scouts Jim Schulze, left, and Johnny Joelson, right, above, anxiously test the weather as they settle down for the three-day Roseburg district scout camporee, which began at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Friday. They will be pitted against scouts of the entire area in contests of knot-tying, fire-building and other outdoor activities. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

Dillard-Winston Area Dial Telephone System Slated To Start Operation May 7

Dillard's new dial telephone office, built and equipped to provide regular Roseburg service in a newly established "locality rate area," will be placed in service Monday, May 7, according to R. J. Henwood, manager for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Economy Forces In House Ready 96 Percent Cut

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Economy forces in the House today pointed to a whopping 96 percent cut in President Truman's emergency funds as evidence that they're pushing ahead in their drive to reduce government spending.

Winchester Bay Park Is Donated To Douglas County

The Douglas County Park board last night at a meeting at Winchester Bay, accepted the donation of a new five-acre park. This park is located between the old south jetty and the new training jetty on the bay.

Maypole Dancers Foiled By Weather

Jupiter Pluvius dumped .35 inches of ice water on Roseburg Friday afternoon, after luring maypole dancers and shoppers into the open with a decoy of blue skies.

Western Powers Decide To Reject Russian Text

PARIS — (AP)—The western powers have decided to refuse Russia's wording of a proposal to disarm the Big Four nations, it was learned today.

The Weather

Partly cloudy today and Sunday with occasional periods of clearing in the afternoon and a few showers and thunder showers.
Highest temp. for any May 102
Lowest temp. for any May 30
Highest temp. yesterday 64
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 49
Precip. last 24 hours .28
Precip. from May 1 .85
Precip. from Sept. 1 40.12
Excess from Sept. 1 10.40
Sunset today, 8:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:00 a.m.

Unleashing Power Would Defeat China -- MacArthur

No Increase In Manpower Held Needed

Only 'Small Fraction' Of U. S. Might Claimed Necessary For Campaign

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur testified today that if the United States unleashes its power it could defeat Red China without increasing its overall military manpower. The deposed Pacific commander declared it would take "only a relatively small fraction" of the total U. S. manpower goal of 3,462,000 to carry out his proposed campaign in Asia. For the third day, MacArthur was back in the witness chair before senators inquiring into his dismissal as Far Eastern commander and the policy differences which led President Truman to recall him. MacArthur had advocated the bombing of Chinese Manchurian bases, a blockade of Communist China and use of Chinese Nationalist troops from Formosa. Manpower Held Adequate President Truman and administration leaders have opposed this program on the ground that it might lead to another great war. They take the position the fighting should be confined to Korea if possible despite the entry of Chinese Communist troops into the conflict there. Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) asked the five-star general about the effect of his program on the manpower goal. MacArthur told him: "I will say, in answer to your basic question, that I am sure the overall strength which is being provided now or debated now, would well encompass, without prejudice, any other operations or demands made upon it, the conclusion of which I had in mind in the Far East. "It would only take a relatively small fraction of that force to carry on the campaign that I would have in mind."



TESTIFIES—Gen. Douglas MacArthur sits in the witness stand in the senate caucus room at a hearing before the combined armed services and foreign relations committees. The hearing was opened to all senators who wished to attend but press and public were barred. NEA TELEPHOTO.

Israel-Syria Battle Rages After Truce

Both Sides Open Dawn Attack; Israel Accuses Syrian Truce Violation

ISRAEL-SYRIAN FRONTIER — (AP)—The battle of the Jordan raged again today as Israelis and Syrians blazed away at each other with artillery and mortars north of the Sea of Galilee. After a lull during the hours of darkness, the Syrians opened a dawn attack on Israeli positions, the Israelis said. An Israeli spokesman in Tel Aviv said Syrians also tried to seize the commanding height of Tel El Mutella inside Israel, but were repulsed after an 80-minute battle. In Damascus, a Syrian army communique said the Israeli troops opened up an attack at 4:30 a. m. local time with heavy shelling from artillery, mortars and machine guns. The communique said the fighting yesterday died down at 8 p. m. Israeli losses during the last 24 hours were estimated at 27 killed. The fighting broke out yesterday only three and one-half hours after the two feuding countries had agreed to a U. N.-sponsored cease-fire. Israel accused Syria of violating the cease-fire. (The Syrians continued to maintain that the Syrian army is not involved in the fighting — that the Israeli have attacked Arab inhabitants of the demilitarized zone and that Arabs have fought back with rifle fire. The communique said two Arabs were killed and three wounded.) Israel Also Charged (An earlier communique accused the Israeli troops of breaking the cease-fire agreement at almost the same time it was to have become effective.) The Syrians said they had been sure at the time the cease-fire was reached yesterday of "Israel's ill intentions," but "we wanted to leave no stone unturned for reaching a peaceful settlement of the events which recently took place in the demilitarized zone." This referred to fighting since Wednesday in the area where the Jordan river flows into the Sea of Galilee and streams north to the Huleh swamps.



M. W. (MATT) SLANKARD Tenders Resignation

Pitney Explains Measures To Maintain Fish Resources

"We are fighting to save the remnants of a resource that was at one time greater than our logging resource." This was the statement of William Pitney, representing the State Game commission, who was one of five forestry experts meeting in Roseburg Friday to discuss the effects of logging on soil, streams and watersheds.

Controls Extended Over Construction Of Luxury Housing

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Government control over construction has been extended to take in "luxury" housing, big apartments, industrial plants and public projects. The National Production Authority (NPA) announced last night that no single family home costing over \$25,000 may be started without its consent.

Large Damage Suit Filed Against Firm

Burton E. Forbes, acting through his guardian Maurice L. Forbes, filed suit in circuit court yesterday for \$100,000 general and \$750 special damages against the Youngs Bay Lumber Co. The plaintiff charges he received severe and permanent physical injuries as the result of negligence on the part of the defendant company. According to the complaint, Burton Forbes was working near the edge at the Youngs Bay mill when a piece of lumber got caught in the operating machinery throwing it backwards. The complaint continues that the timber broke the guarding bumper and struck the plaintiff on the right shoulder and head. The impact allegedly caused concussion and other lesser injuries which totally impaired the plaintiff in an earning capacity, of the complaint claims.

4-Year-Old Suffers Possible Fracture

A four-year-old Winston boy suffered a possible skull fracture when he tumbled from a moving car on highway 99, one mile south of Roseburg late Friday afternoon. The child, Robert Earl Gouman, while riding in the back seat of his father's car, apparently opened the door, lost his balance and fell to the pavement. According to Deputy Sheriff Ira Byrd, who saw the accident, the car was traveling at about 40 miles per hour. Byrd called the city police to have a doctor ready and raced the child, the mother and father to Mercy hospital.

Lawson Given 30 Days, Fine For Drunk Driving

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Thursday sentenced Bill Lawson, 46, a Riddle bartender, to serve 30 days in the county jail and pay a fine of \$250 for drunk driving. Fifteen days of the sentence was suspended on payment of the fine. The case was appealed to the circuit court on April 12 after the same sentence and fine had been meted out by District Judge A. J. Geddes. The disposition was reaffirmed Thursday when Lawson changed his plea from innocent to guilty.

Mick Slattery Becomes Tad Pole Club Initiate

An initiate of the "Tad Pole" club — that's J. E. "Mick" Slattery. Mar-Linn Timber Corporation, for which Slattery is timber buyer, was filling its new mill pond Thursday. Slattery fell in.

DESERTERS EXECUTED

BERLIN — (AP)—A west Berlin newspaper reported today the mass execution of 40 Soviet army deserters by Russian secret police in East Germany. The 40 Russians were among a group of 73 Red army soldiers who fled from a barracks at Bernburg, the evening newspaper Der Abend said.

Levity Fact Rant

Crowning achievement of the Oregon legislature was the creation of a committee to study weather control problems, leaving John D. Public to wonder why committees were not also established to control mosquitoes and dandelions.

Action Serves 'Best Interest' Of City, Claim

Termination Of Tenure Asked Effective June 15; Move Verifies Rumors

M. W. Slankard has resigned his position as city manager of Roseburg. Mayor Albert G. Flegel announced that he received Slankard's written letter of resignation last night, and that the latter will be presented to the city council at the regular meeting Monday night for acceptance or rejection. Slankard has asked that his termination be effective as of June 15. Along with his resignation as city manager he has also resigned as secretary of the park commission and of the planning commission. The announcement substantiates rumors current since Thursday that the city manager was quitting.

Appreciates Roseburg Stay "It is with regret that I herewith submit my resignation to your honorable body," Slankard stated in his letter to the mayor and city council. "I feel that, due to the present conditions that exist, my resignation would be for the best interest of the city as a whole. I truly appreciate my stay with the city of Roseburg and the way the mayor and council have worked with my office for the best interests of the city and the betterment of Roseburg and in providing the citizens with the public facilities needed to make a progressive city." The letter continues, "As I look back over our problems, I feel proud to think that I, with your help, made certain improvements that will not be lost by my termination and will continue to serve your citizens for many years to come. It is fortunate that the improvements—swimming pool, codification of ordinances, added personnel, street lighting, sewer system, municipal garage, park department and numerous other improvements—have been made without a raise in the city tax rate.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From Washington: "General MacArthur said this morning he does not believe Russia is in position to launch any predatory attack from the Asiatic continent." "He added: 'I believe Russian forces in Siberia are largely DEFENSIVE.'"
Why does he think Russia is NOT in a position to launch an aggressive war from Asia?
He made that clear enough. Russia, he is reported to have said to the senate armed services and foreign relations committees, couldn't move enough troops and supplies eastward to fight a major war because the trans-Siberian railroad is already taxed to its limit.
Why not, you ask?
Well, the trans-Siberian railroad is something like 5,000 miles long. It is single-track most of the way. Let's put it like this: Suppose we had only one line of railroad, single-track over most of its length, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Remember, we have MANY lines of railroad from the
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Legislature Just Adjourned Bequeaths To Its Successor In '53 Headache Of Finding \$30 Million In New Texas

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR., SALEM — (AP)—Here is a summary of all the important bills passed, defeated or buried by the 1951 legislature.

FINANCIAL

All \$32,000,000 of income tax surpluses will be used up. The people will vote in November, 1952, whether to limit a state property tax to about \$10,000,000 a year, and a legislative interim committee will study the whole tax problem.

SALARY BOOSTS VOTED

Other important financial measures approved will give 10 percent salary increases to state officials, let the people adopt new tax bases and thus make so many special tax elections unnecessary. Give the governor \$1,500,000 to spend for emergencies, and insert in initiative measures how much they would cost the people. The county school levy of \$7,700,000 was turned back on the counties because the state no longer has the money to pay it. The state will prepare financial statements for the people 20 days before general elections.

EDUCATION

The far-reaching school reorganization bills were passed. They make it easier to consolidate school districts, reorganize the state department of education, have the board of education appointed by the governor, make the boards of education and higher education meet jointly, and amend the constitution so that the superintendent of public instruction would be appointed by the board of education. Terms of the board of higher education were reduced from nine to six years. The western states compact for pooling graduate school education was approved, and the large school districts were allowed to have junior colleges. Efforts to reduce state basic school aid were beaten down, and qualifications for teachers and school administrators were tightened up. A bill to make teachers sign statements if they have ever been Communists died in the House on the last day.

HIGHWAYS

A \$40,000,000 highway construction bond issue was approved, truck taxes were increased \$1,000,000 a year, and log truck load limits were reduced. Severe overloading penalties for truckers were adopted, and some motor vehicle fees were increased \$600,000 a year. Overweight log trucks were permitted to operate on county roads if the truckers pay maintenance costs. A bill to take away \$445,000 a year in the state highway fund was defeated.

GERMAN NATIONALISTS MAKE BID FOR POLITICAL POWER

FRANKFURT, Germany — (AP)—A political party with an elite guard, outlawed for acting like Nazi storm troopers, makes its first bid for power in West Germany tomorrow. The Socialist Reich (Empire) party, condemned by the West German government as a rebirth of Nazism, winds up its parliamentary campaign in lower Saxony today.