

CITY TEACHERS REJECT NEW CONTRACT BID

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



BILL SCHERNER, partner with his brother, Fred, in the Scherner Bros. Bottling Company on Harvard Avenue, as he took his ease with a bottle of orange and looked through the big driveway door to the beautiful spring weather outside. The advent of spring and the coming of warm sunny weather couldn't help making him happy, for along with all this, inseparable as ham and eggs, comes people's thirst for all the cool drinks the bottling works purveys. The Scherners bottle and distribute Hires root beer, Mission orange, Squirt and Canada Dry. Both the Scherners are natives of Roseburg and widely known. They have been in the bottling business for the last five years, following long service in the army during the second World War.

Deadlock Between Steel Union, Wage Control Board May Force Truman Action

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman, just returned from his Florida vacation, faced the prospect Friday of having to act soon in the steel labor crisis.

Power Company Official Dated At C. Of C. Forum

Glenn Jackson, vice president of the California-Oregon power company and prominent civic leader of Jackson County, will lead in a discussion of the industrial potential of Douglas County at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon Monday noon in the Hotel Umpqua.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Albany Democrat-Herald says: "Frank Jenkins in his Day's News column says he is immensely impressed with the statement of Senator Russell of Georgia (when he announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President) that he believes in the greatest practicable degree of local self-government."

"No wonder Frank is impressed. As he points out, Russell has put his finger on the thing that in the past couple of decades has led us farthest astray from the American way of life as the Founding Fathers envisioned it."

The Democrat-Herald adds: "Russell is a Democrat, from the Deep South, and probably won't vote for him in November. But none the less Russell has given expression to a point of view that leaders in both parties can't afford to lose sight of. The New Deal has moved the government farther and farther from the people."

The Weather

Cool with scattered showers today and Saturday.

Highest temp. for any March	85
Lowest temp. for any March	18
Highest temp. last 24 hours	75
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	45
Precip. last 24 hours	1.7
Precip. from March 1	2.26
Precip. from Sept. 1	32.87
Excess	4.02

Sunset today, 6:34 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:01 a.m.

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Kefauver, Kerr Swap Bitter Words

Candidates Hurl Charges In Campaign

Biased Voting, Religion Spark Duel; Demo Whip Flays Stassen, Taft

By The Associated Press

The presidential nomination battle gathered steam Friday from the heat of angry name calling between candidates.

Unrestrained word-fuelling shattered the heretofore polite campaign in Nebraska between Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma. They are seeking delegates in next Tuesday's Democratic preference race.

Kefauver angrily accused Kerr of trying to "smear" him through an advertisement which criticized the Tennesseean's voting record in Congress on Communist-control legislation.

Kerr said Kefauver shows "an utter disregard for the truth." He also accused him of trying to inject a note of religious intolerance into the campaign.

The first statement referred to a Kefauver accusation that Kerr supported legislation to aid oil, gas and allied industries in which Kerr has personal interests. The second statement referred to a Kefauver interview.

Religious Issue Injected

The Tennesseean was asked if he had seen a published report which said Kerr had supported Republican Herbert Hoover against Democrat Al Smith, a Catholic, in the 1928 presidential race. Kefauver said he had read the article and was sure Kerr would want Nebraska voters to know his position in that race.

Kerr's Nebraska campaign manager, Bernard J. Boyle, a Catholic, insisted Kerr had supported Smith. He said the rumors about Kerr were "a last minute vicious canard."

Kefauver denied he raised the religious issue and said Kerr should himself answer about the 1928 campaign.

The Kefauver-Kerr exchange overshadowed the busy campaigning in Nebraska for Republican votes for Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Harold Stassen and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Stassen Blasts Taft

Taft and Stassen were targets of verbal blasts on the Republican side. Stassen hurled new charges of "isolationism" at Taft. And Stassen himself was accused in Washington by Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, House Democratic leader, of playing politics and violating decency in criticizing Attorney General McGrath.

McCormack said Stassen's New York speech last month suggesting that McGrath had become a millionaire in office "shows how far candidate Stassen will go to make headlines." McGrath said at the time that he thanked Stassen for the compliment.

Taft, Stassen and Gov. Earl Warren of California campaigned in Wisconsin, seeking votes in next Tuesday's preference primary there.

Truman Urges Voting Chance For Military

WASHINGTON — President Truman asked Congress Friday to insure that the 2½ million men and women of voting age in the armed forces have an opportunity to cast ballots in this year's elections.

In an 1,800-word special message, the President suggested legislation "which will overcome the obstacles of soldier voting that may still exist in state laws as the elections draw near."

Such legislation, he added, "should be temporary, since it should be possible to make all the necessary changes in state laws before the congressional elections of 1954."

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\$3½ MILLION OPERATION Copco System's Power Augmented By Energy From Soda Springs Unit

Soda Springs generating plant on the North Umpqua River is now transmitting energy to the California Oregon Power system.

The new unit, with capacity of 11,250 kw., was given its first test run Monday. Tests were satisfactory and the unit was put into service Thursday, Copco reports.

Engineers Studying Winchester Bay's Hazardous Waters

REEDSPORT — A study began here Thursday of ways to end dangerous tides and currents in Winchester Bay, where 11 sports fishermen drowned last year.

The Port of Umpqua and the Douglas County County hired an engineering firm to make the study.

There are two objectives: (1) to end present hazards and (2) to outline future recreational developments.

Local residents have blamed the south jetty for much of the trouble. The jetty was built two years ago, intended to maintain the cargo shipping channel.

Residents insist the jetty set up swift currents and channeled a ground swell into the bay. They blame this for a current eating away a bank on the north end of the bay, threatening homes there.

County-owned land, intended as a beach boulevard, was washed away. Boat landings also have been damaged.

New Meeting Dads Club On Proposed Dads Club

A second organizational meeting of the proposed Dads Club at Roseburg Senior High School is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday at the School Library building.

The first meeting was held last Monday. Harry Winters was named temporary chairman. Because of comparatively small attendance, further action was postponed until a more representative group could be assembled.

All fathers of senior high school students are urged by the sponsoring group to be present at next Monday's session when it is planned to perfect the organization.

The Dads Club, according to A. G. Henninger, who is assisting in organizational efforts, is projected to co-operate in school administration athletic program and other activities. It is desired that every eligible father participate in the work of the club, Henninger said.

Traffic Mishap Victims Reported Out Of Danger

Charles Percival Moody, Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. Norma Dean Rowden, Sutherlin, injured Wednesday north of Wilbur in a traffic accident, are out of danger at Community hospital, their doctor reports.

Moody suffered a fractured pelvis and jaw, while Mrs. Rowden received a shattered knee cap, broken leg and other injuries. She is to be transferred to Eugene for orthopedic treatment, while Moody is to be removed to Vancouver as soon as possible.

Change Is Listed In Centennial Event

At the close of the Princess contest, June 14, of the Douglas County Centennial Inc., the seven candidates with the highest number of votes will be named Princesses of the Umpqua Cavalcade. The Queen will be chosen from one of these seven and her name will be announced the evening of Aug. 1, instead of as previously announced.

DRUNK DRIVER RAPPED

William Leonard Gary, 29, Seattle, was committed to the city jail in lieu of a \$150 fine after pleading guilty to a drunk driving charge, Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle reports.

Gary's driver's license was also revoked for 90 days.

Bust-Up Vote Hits World's Biggest Bank

Transamerica Decides On Court Fight Against Reserve Board's Order

WASHINGTON — A Federal Reserve Board fight to split up the huge Transamerica banking combine headed Friday for a final decision in court — with bank officials accusing the board of acting "irregularly" in a "weird proceeding."

The Reserve Board by a 3-2 vote Thursday ordered Transamerica to dispose of its stock in 47 of the 48 banks that make up the Transamerica system, the world's biggest banking empire.

The late A. P. Giannini, one-time fruit peddler, started the system with a single bank in 1904. Now the 48 banks in California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona have about 100 banking offices, seven billion dollars in deposits, and half the bank loans in the five states.

The board ruled all this tended to create a monopoly, in violation of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act.

Under the board's order, Transamerica would be permitted to keep its stock in only one bank, the Bank of America, a \$300-million California bank, itself the biggest individual bank in the world. Transamerica at one time owned almost all of the Bank of America but now has only about 6 per cent of its stock.

Final 15 Years Away

Sam Husbands, Transamerica president, left little doubt the board's decision will be appealed to federal court. This could add years more of controversy to the case, which was before the Reserve Board almost four years.

Husbands said Transamerica welcomed the chance for a "fair hearing" in federal court. Transamerica has argued repeatedly that R. M. Evans, a board member, should not have joined in the final board ruling, that the board was acting as both prosecutor and jury, and that much of Transamerica's testimony was arbitrarily barred from the record by Evans.

On the merits of the case, Transamerica contended it expanded only through better business operations, in the public interest, and it has plenty of competition.

The two arguments that the board handled the case improperly — and that the charges against it are invalid anyhow — are expected to form the basis for Transamerica's appeal.

Reserve Board attorneys have charged that never before has so much economic power over so many people in such a wide area been concentrated "in one small group of men — perhaps only one man."

PORTLAND — Transamerica Corporation, whose break-up was ordered by the Federal Reserve Board, owns control of the First National Bank of Portland and affiliated Oregon banks with 64 offices.

In addition to the main office and 45 branches of the First National which in turn have three branches, all controlled by Transamerica, these 15 and their branches are listed as "affiliates" of the First National of Portland.

Total resources of Transamerica's Oregon banks are 601 million dollars. At the first of the year loans and discounts totaled 274 million and deposits 557 million.

Of the First National's stock, Transamerica owned 56.5 per cent. In addition to its banking interests in Oregon, Transamerica owns the Columbia River Packers Association.

CRASH INJURIES FATAL

ASHLAND — Elsie McElmurray, 70, Stanley, Wis., injured in an automobile-truck collision here March 18, died Wednesday night without regaining consciousness.

Angry Ranchers Corner Slayer Of 3 Neighbors

MERRIMAN, Neb. — Grim Nebraska ranchers avenged the killing of three neighbors Thursday by cornering the gunman in a shed and firing bullet after bullet until the triple-slayer cried out: "I'm through. Come and get me!"

The angry posse poured into the building and dragged out 32-year-old Blaine Ellis, still clutching his shotgun.

Mortally wounded, Ellis gasped out the phrases "They bawled me out" and "Just the meanness in me."

Officers said it was the dying man's admission that he killed Mr. and Mrs. George Mensinger and a neighbor, Deo Gardner, Thursday morning. Ellis formerly lived about two miles from the Mensingers.

Mensinger, 28, was the operator of a 3,000-acre ranch five miles south of Merriman. He was killed by a shotgun blast through the front doorway of his farm home. His wife, Elaine, 24, was wounded but reached a telephone and gave the alarm. Another shot killed her and wounded her 10-month-old baby.

Gardner, 50, and another neighbor, Cliff McDonald, had started for the Mensinger ranch when they met the assailant. Gardner was killed by a pistol shot and McDonald wounded by a shotgun blast.

Ranchers and townspeople helped comb the almost roadless sandhills with planes, jeeps, cars and horses. A posse of more than 100 cornered Ellis in a shed on the Andy Andersen ranch about six miles from Mensinger's place.

Germ War Charge Leads To Bloody Tehran Riot

TEHRAN, Iran — Bloody rioting erupted in Tehran Friday after a meeting sponsored by Communists to support Russian charges that the United States is using germ warfare in Korea. At least five persons, including a girl and two policemen, were reported killed. One unidentified rumor said there were about 20 dead.

The number of injured was estimated at 200 Communist youths, including several young girls, and 12 police.

Li'l Abner Married To Daisy Mae! Century's Outstanding Social Event Occurs In Groom's Dogpatch Home

If you've been following the daily doings of Li'l Abner in Dogpatch (and who hasn't been?) and wondering if this charming chunk of red-blooded American manhood might ever be married to beautiful Daisy Mae (again, who hasn't been?), you might be surprised, perplexed, startled, confounded (to say nothing of being staggered) by recent developments.

These recent developments, to say the most, are leading to the marriage of Li'l Abner Yokum (swoon) and Daisy Mae Scragg (sigh).

It looks as if the society event of the century cannot be avoided. In fact, we're sure it will not be. The deed is done! But, being of a suspicious nature, we decided to search out Al Capp, who has been

in his Boston studio. "It DOES look as though that trembling lout, 'I agree with you,'" said Capp

until I hear his Mammy admit that it is true. She's the only one in the family I trust.

"I've been tricked by Li'l Abner too often in the past to take any stock in anything HE claims, and as for Daisy Mae, she WANTS to be married so desperately that any claims she might make is apt to be fifty percent wishful thinking. I won't even discuss Pappy's veracity or reliability, since this is no time to delve into worm life. I'm just biding my time until I hear from Ma Yokum. When she says it's true—finally, finally true—that they're married—I'll know it is. Not a minute before."

There you are, readers, that's the story.

Yokum, is finally being married to that juicy morsel, Daisy Mae. But, frankly, I won't believe it



Original Approval Reversed Over Subsequent Changes Relating To Salary Boosts

By GEORGE CASTILLO

Roseburg teachers demurred to a school board wage contract Thursday night in a meeting at the Junior High School. A gathering of about 80 teachers at a meeting of the Roseburg Education Association last night heard explanations by the district school board members, V. V. Harpham and W. G. Clarenbach, before voting for another attempt at contract conciliation.

FBI Spy Dates Roseburg Visit



Matt Cvetic, above, a Federal Bureau of Investigation employee who posed as a Communist to provide information to the bureau, will be in Roseburg Junior High School auditorium April 10.

For nine years, Cvetic was a member of the Communist party to acquire knowledge considered useful in combatting the spread of Communism.

Recently, he authored three articles in the Saturday Evening Post telling of his experiences. He submitted 20,000 reports of first hand information to the FBI during the nine-year period.

Interested persons are invited and admission will not be charged.

Prineville Area Flood Situation Starts To Ease

PRINEVILLE, Ore. — Pinning their hopes on a forecast of cooler weather, some of the 150 displaced families of this area began moving back into their flood-soaked homes Friday. The Crooked River was dropping slowly.

Cooler weather would slow the runoff from melting snow. A newly built levee was believed capable of handling a level two feet higher than the crest which Wednesday poured over low lying sections of Prineville and the surrounding countryside.

Crews continued Friday to strengthen it since Ochocho National Forest officials warned that snow was still up to six feet deep in places at the 5,000-foot level. A period of warm weather could again flood the valleys.

Ranchers reported many fields throughout the basin under water and some feared they would have serious problems in getting their spring crops in.

The City of Prineville Railroad halted operations because of water on the tracks. It is the only rail route for sawmills of the area.

County Sells Property On Tax Foreclosures

Fourteen parcels of tax foreclosure property were sold Thursday by the county at an auction, the Forest Appraisal Department reported.

A total of 24 parcels of property were offered for sale. Seven were not bid on.

The sale was conducted by Al Boller and Bryce Lausch. A total minimum price of \$3,175 had been asked on the property sold and \$4,240 was received for that property in the auction.

Sales include: In Roseburg, three parcels sold to: John Ball, \$160; Darrel Wade \$480; Jim Burwick \$500. Reedport, two parcels: Adolph Schuttpelz \$325; Charles Lee \$280.

Sutherlin: O. M. Petty \$400, L. A. Larson \$75. Drain: Chester R. Dell \$175. Sutherlin Ranch: Frank Strader \$1,070, Lloyd Yount \$20, LeRoy L. Weaver \$80.

Myrtle Creek: Fir Manufacturing Co. \$500. Eden Orchards: C. F. Ison \$120. Tenmile: Don Hinch \$20. Azalea: Frank Oliver \$35.

Two Fined On Liquor Possession Charges

Edith P. Crowshaw, P.O. Box 888, and Carlos R. Read, 800 Kendall St., were both fined \$50 in district court Thursday on charges of illegal possession of liquor.

Three other youths, of juvenile age, were remanded to juvenile court.

The state's case against L. Z. Rainwater, accused of illegal sale of liquor to a minor, was dismissed for lack of evidence, by District Judge A. J. Geddes.

Drain Sawmill Firm Files Incorporation

STATE HOUSE, Salem — Pass Creek Sawmill, Inc., Drain, with capital stock of \$25,000, filed articles of incorporation in the state corporation department here Thursday. Incorporators are P. L. McMahon, P. Y. Wilmot and O. F. Vanderbilt.

Teacher Warren Ewing pointed out that the latest contract was difficult to accept because of three major changes made by the board after the board "offer" was accepted by a majority of the teachers. He reported these changes as follows: (1) The report handed us cut back experience credit allowance in schools other than Roseburg from nine years to five years maximum. (2) The maximum increase for one year was cut from \$300 to \$250. (3) The salary schedule was in effect abandoned, since the board's minutes read specifically that the schedule would apply only to the coming year, (4) a change was made in experience allowed for experienced teachers new to the system. Clarenbach assured the teachers that the cut back on experience rating would not apply to teachers already in the system.

"Fair" Both Ways Claims

In explaining the position of the board, Chairman Harpham stated "we feel we have reached a decision that is fair to both you and the taxpayer. It has not been our intent to hurt anyone."

He went on to say that within the last few years, teachers' salaries have climbed — rightfully "But we are not up to a point where pay equals or exceeds pay in comparable positions, such as government work."

Roseburg High School Principal George Erickson raised the point of dissent hinged on the report that the teacher salary committee had taken recommendation made by the entire teacher group of Roseburg to the school board and had been turned down. Ewing explained that the school board had finally sent back a compromise to the teachers which was considered an offer by the board. He said the teachers had accepted, but that the board had made changes after the acceptance.

A motion was made by Jack Brooks that the Roseburg Teachers Association "refuses to accept the offer and sends it back to the salary committee to work out with the board." Ewing amended this motion in that the Roseburg Education Association inform the Board that "we considered the former plan they presented to the teachers' committee constituted an offer, which we voted in good faith to accept." He pointed out that the board had asked the teachers' committee to determine if the offer was acceptable. The amended motion was voted down.

Issue To Be Reviewed

In speaking to the group, Board Member Clarenbach promised the teachers the board would review the issue. So in a final motion of the evening, the teachers voted to have the salary committee co-chairmen Bob Ransom and Alvord France contact Mr. Clarenbach to receive permission to sit in with the board when it reviews the case.

Explaining the board's position further, Clarenbach said the reason the proposed contract applied only to the next fiscal year was because the board intended to increase or decrease salaries according to economic conditions.

A further opinion was expressed in the words of the salary committee member who stated, "I think the board feels that if we don't like it we can go somewhere else. I don't know if we can override that attitude or not."

Bank Robbery Alarm Interrupts Phone Chat

PHILADELPHIA — George W. Stevens, vice president of the Crescent Ink and Color Co., was talking on the telephone Thursday to his friend, J. W. Reid, in Scranton, Pa., about 100 miles away.

Stevens was jibing Reid about crime conditions in the latter's city, mentioning a recent bank embezzlement.

Suddenly Reid heard a voice at Stevens' end of the line scream, "Call the police! All the girls have been locked in the vault!"

Stevens said nothing for a few minutes. Then, minutes later, he told his friend two bandits had locked 10 employees in a vault and escaped with the company's \$7,200 payroll.

Fliers Wreck Plane

SHEBOYGAN, Mich. — Two fliers claim a fox wrecked their airplane.

Gene Babcock and Glenn Gibbons said they were watching a fox on the ground while flying over Lake Thompson near here Thursday. Intent on watching the animal, they let the plane slip out of control.

It hit the ice-covered lake. The men escaped with minor injuries. The plane was wrecked.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The troublesome juvenile problem might be helped effectively by less paneling and more padding.