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RIDING HIS HOBBY — Peter Davis, 4, of London, England, would rather play with chessmen than play with toys. The precocious child could sing at the age of one, draw at two, write when he was three, and now is able to use the typewriter. He plays the piano and has composed one piece of music. He is also adept at solving mathematical problems mentally.

Signatures Being Checked On Referendum Petitions Aimed At Truck Regulations

Deputies in the county clerk's office today began work on verifying upwards of 2,800 signatures on petitions to refer the county's new truck regulation to the voters.

If enough signatures are valid, the county's measure on trucking permits will be placed before the voters in the Nov. 4 general election.

Oregon Baptists Open Convention

Dr. Arnold Ohrn, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is the principal speaker for the Oregon Baptist convention, which meets in Roseburg today, Wednesday and Thursday.

He spoke at 9:45 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. today, and his talk at 8:15 to-night will be the convention keynote address.

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society, headed by Mrs. W. C. Martin, and the Minister's conference, headed by Rev. Elton E. Smith, met this morning and afternoon. The convention proper opens at 7:45 to-night.

Wednesday morning and afternoon will be devoted to business sessions, with committee reports, talks on Oregon Baptist institutions, a report of evangelism and a missionary address by Rev. Clifford Hansen, scheduled during the morning.

Rev. Stuart Benson, Grant Park Baptist church, Portland, will give the annual sermon at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday.

Other reports and a talk by Rev. Gilbert Christian, executive secretary of the Oregon Council of Churches, on "Christian Faith in Action," will take place Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Hansen will speak again Wednesday night, following a fellowship dinner and Baptist Youth Fellowship presentation.

Miss Anne Hansen, missionary from South India, will speak during Thursday morning sessions, which will include installation of new officers. Guy Johnson, Pendleton, is the retiring president of the convention.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics as practiced: "Political cars" burned today from a crossfire between President Truman and Republicans that shimmered with hot words like "political gangsters," "worse than Communists" and "smear tactics." . . . Truman started it last night with a speech. Republican reaction was quick and blunt.

Personally, I pay little attention this year to such stuff. As I see it, this is our present situation: Our country is heavily in debt. It is facing the toughest competition it has ever known. Winning out against world Communism will be a real job. It will take the best we have to give.

I'm a business man. If my business faced a crisis like that, I wouldn't be trotting around calling people nasty names. I'd be looking, gravely and seriously, for the VERY BEST MEN I COULD FIND to help me save my business.

That's the spirit in which I'm going to try to do my voting in this year of national crisis. I want GOOD MEN. That's about all I'm interested in this time.

Optimistic not in the news:

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The Weather

Light showers today, tonight and Wednesday.

Highest temp. for any May	102
Lowest temp. for any May	30
Highest temp. last 24 hours	64
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	47
Precip. last 24 hours	.12
Precip. from May 1	.12
Precip. from May 1	34.33
Excess	4.88
Sunset today, 8:20 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:58 a.m.	

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W. Roseburg Assessments For Sewer Draw Protests

Complaints Aired At City Council Meet

Committee Will Study Rate Method; Hearing On Fluoridation Set

West Roseburg sewer assessments will be reconsidered by a special five-man committee, Mayor Albert Flegel said last night.

The mayor appointed Councilman Cecil Hugh and Bernard Saar to the committee composed also of City Manager W. A. Gilchrist, City Attorney Paul E. Geddes and City Engineer John Loosely.

The action was taken after objections to the present assessment method were voiced by West Roseburg council last night at a public hearing.

Some 65 persons were present. Many objected to the city's assessment method of charging a rate of 3.61 cents per square foot of property.

Written protests have also been pouring into the city recorder's desk ever since the notices of assessments were sent out.

J. V. Long, Roseburg attorney representing 17 West Roseburg citizens, listed seven grounds for objection.

Among them were exclusion of Douglas Community Hospital and the County Home from the assessments and the lack of consideration for potential use of property, sewer access to property and benefit to property.

For example, he said, some of the property holders own land along the river bank and a portion of it is flooded during winter and virtually valueless so far as future use is concerned.

Long said each of the persons he represented had filed written objections with the city.

B. W. McGregor, 1000 Wharton Ave., said he owned two more or less inaccessible lots beneath the old Coos Bay Wagon Road and another centrally located lot at 1832 Harvard Ave.

"I don't feel I'm being assessed half or even a third enough on the lot on Harvard," McGregor said, "and nine or ten times too much on the others."

W. F. Phillips, 1865 Myrtle St., said he, too, owned property under the Coos Bay Wagon road, and added:

"If the city wants that property, I'll deed it to them."

Kenneth Miller, 1141 Harvard, wanted to know why three sewer outlets were provided for his three lots which had only one while, 1406 Military, asked why house among them, while Levi he didn't have a convenient outlet for his four lots.

Dr. J. M. Boyles, 1202 Finlay (Continued on Page 2)

Tax On Gambling Illegal, Decision Of Federal Judge

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A six-month-old federal law requiring gamblers to buy a 50 tax stamp was declared unconstitutional Tuesday by U.S. District Judge George A. Welsh.

Welsh ruled the law was a police measure enacted by Congress under the guise of a tax bill.

The decision was handed down on an appeal by Joseph Kahriger, 36, one of seven men facing trial on charges of failing to buy the stamp.

In dismissing the action against Kahriger, Welsh said he was not ruling on another section of the act which requires gamblers to pay a 10 per cent tax on their earnings.

Judge Welsh's action was the first judicial ruling on the constitutionality of the law, which went into effect Nov. 1, 1951.

The legality of the act had been challenged all the way up to the U. S. Supreme Court, but the nation's highest court refused to rule on its constitutionality.

The previous attack on the law was made by James L. Combs, a Washington news vendor.

He argued that the tax was unconstitutional because he said it amounted to a penalty in the guise of taxes.

A special three-judge U.S. District court in Washington dismissed the case on the ground it was being asked to issue an injunction to protect a criminal enterprise.

The Supreme Court March 3 dismissed the appeal 63, the majority announcing agreement with the lower court ruling.

Alaska Defense Halts In Strike Of Carpenters

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Some 3,500 carpenters marched off their jobs throughout the territory Tuesday, showing the high gear for north construction season before it had scarcely begun to roll.

Officials of the AFL-Alaska Council of Carpenters' Union predicted all work would be halted on construction jobs, including approximately \$340,000,000 in defense contracts — within the week.

The Alaska General Contractors group said the shutdown would be complete within a month.

While union officials forecast a lengthy strike, workers crowded into some local offices seeking transfer cards to that they could leave the territory while they still had enough money to do so.

They are seeking an hourly wage rate of \$3.70, as compared with \$3.14 they received last year. The contractors have offered a 25-cent hourly wage boost. But two weeks ago the Wage Stabilization Board cut this back to 20-cents.

The walkout was called Saturday in protest against the submission of the entire wage issue to the WSB for a decision.

With so much of the territory's construction tied into the defense effort, there was speculation the government might step into the picture.

4 More Oregon Cities Approve Daylight Saving

By The Associated Press

More Oregon cities lined up Tuesday for the clock shift to daylight time, but one balked.

The Dalles decided to stay on standard time, its council guided by a postcard poll of water users.

Klamath Falls, though, voted to go on fast time Wednesday morning. So did Springfield. Cottage Grove voted to switch at midnight Saturday. Hood River varied the time with a June 1 start and Sept. 2 end for DST.

It was the business link with California, more than anything else, which prompted the Klamath Falls City Council to vote Monday night to change to summer time. City schools, though, will stay on standard time because some pupils ride on county school buses. There was no indication nearby towns would follow the Klamath Falls lead.

The Cottage Grove change followed a Chamber of Commerce poll which found 93 for, 34 against and 29 not caring.

Hood River looked at disruption of school schedules plus harvest problems before deciding to make its fast time effective between June 1 and Sept. 2.

School Board Puts O.K. On Budget Items

\$220,098 Total Covers Buildings, Properties Upkeep, Some Salaries

The District 4 School Board approved two budget items for 1952-53, totaling \$220,098, last night at a regular meeting in the Junior High School.

The items were \$115,000 for repairs and improvements of buildings and properties, and \$105,098 for janitors and maintenance men. They must now go to the budget committee as recommendations.

Grady Mankins, district grounds and buildings superintendent, presented a repair and improvement budget of \$121,151.76 from which \$6,000 was pared on an overall basis. The largest item was \$26,565.98 for upkeep and repair of the high school buildings. Every other school was listed, including the three new additions to the district — Wilbur, Winchester and Melrose.

The items in the repairs and improvement category exceeded last year's budgeted amount by almost \$26,000, but this was largely due to the enlargement of the district.

Salaries Increased

A total of \$80,818 was allotted for janitor salaries. The number of janitors has increased from 22 this year to 28 in the ensuing budget period, thus giving the janitors an average yearly salary of \$2,886. This year, \$64,262 was budgeted. Maintenance men for next year were allowed \$24,280 by the board as compared to last year's \$20,85, but the increase could again be credited largely to the

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Re-submission Of Monk Case Asked Of Court

District Attorney Robert G. Davis Monday filed in Circuit Court a motion to resubmit the state's case against Frank Monk, accused of embezzlement, to the February 1953 grand jury.

The case, which for the past year has bounced around the courts, is expected to be tried for a second time during the May term of Circuit Court.

Feb. 27, 1951, a Circuit Court jury found Monk guilty of embezzling \$257.25 of Patrick Kelly VFW Post funds. The case was appealed and the Supreme Court reversed the lower court on a technicality.

The re-submission to the grand jury will be to correct a faulty complaint, Davis said.

NEWSBOYS HONORED

The newsboys honored at last Thursday's banquet put on by the Elks Lodge were Gene Rapp, Oregon Journal carrier, Jimmy Greenfield, Oregonian carrier, and Ralph John, News-Review carrier. Special awards were presented to student winners of contests sponsored by the Elks during the past year.

More Utah Families Flee Flood That Now Submerges Buildings, Covers Highways

SALT LAKE, Utah (AP) — More families were ordered to evacuate their homes Tuesday as Utah's flood waters boiled over highways, covered buildings to their rooftops and claimed their first drowning victim.

Robert Spaun, 17, of Ogden, was swept down turbulent Ogden River under a rubber raft capsized about 100 feet from where it was launched near the mouth of Ogden Canyon.

Residents of Provo Canyon were told to abandon their homes as the Provo River swirled over the highway at Vivian Park to a depth of two feet. Flood experts said the families probably would be isolated if they remained in their canyon homes.

The evacuation followed a similar pattern which saw more than 40 families left homeless in Weber Canyon and nearly 1,500 families driven out by flood waters in Salt Lake City.

Weber Smashes Dike

The Weber River smashed a dike and covered the junction of U.S. highways 30 and 89 at the mouth of Weber Canyon. Only the



TRAFFIC CASUALTY — Roseburg's "mechanical cop," stationed at Oak and Jackson streets, clobbered by a hit-run motorist Monday night, with the result pictured above. Officer Ed Katzmerek inspects damage. This was the second time his mechanical majesty suffered injury in traffic; the first misfortune struck him last November. (Staff Picture)

MAY HIT CONSUMERS

Court Ruling In Safeway Case Paves Way For Hike In Ceilings On Food Prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — A court ruling that wholesale and retail grocers may seek higher price ceilings under the Caphart amendment may have cleared the way for a big increase in the price of many food items.

The Office of Price Stabilization said Tuesday the Justice Department will be asked to appeal the decision, of the Emergency Court of Appeals, to the Supreme Court.

11 Lives Taken In Plane Crash

OLSO, Norway (AP) — A chartered Norwegian transport plane, bringing 35 families home from a whaling expedition to the Antarctic, crashed and burned before dawn Tuesday in the rugged, wooded Telemark District 150 miles southwest of Oslo.

Police reported 11 people — nine passengers and two crewmen — were killed and 10 others were injured, some seriously. A total of 29 were aboard.

Theft Of Oil Charged To Camas Valley Man

Charges of theft of oil from a moving gasoline truck have been filed against Thomas Oscar Weathers, 21, Camas Valley, who has been arrested and lodged in the county jail, state police report. He was scheduled for arraignment today in district court.

According to police, Weathers is alleged to have taken a container of oil from the slowing moving oil truck, which was traveling upgrade behind a logging truck in the Camas Valley vicinity.

May Mean Price Boost

James A. Durham, OPS assistant chief counsel, said that "if the Supreme Court upholds the decision it may mean a big increase in the price of food items."

Under the ruling, OPS now must consider the Safeway adjustment applications — as well as those of any others who apply — "on their merits."

OPS contended that Congressional debate in consideration of the amendment adopted last summer did not indicate such a broad application of Caphart. On this the count said the language of the statute was "clear and unambiguous" and gave benefits to wholesalers and processors.

"But we are not convinced that this is a result which is so plainly at variance with the policy of the legislation as a whole that we must construe the language other than as the Congress wrote it."

Winston-Dillard Fire District Election Set

The County Court Monday set June 6 as the date of an election on the Winston-Dillard Fire District.

In a public hearing Monday, 18 acres of property of the Glimmer Griggs Lumber Co., was removed from the proposed district at request of the company, while two small areas due west of Winston were added on petition of property owners.

Rail Junction Area Target Of Bomb Rain

Supply Route Severed In 80 Spots; Deadlock In Parleys Continues

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Hundreds of Allied warplanes bombed Suncheon, a North Korean rail junction, in a concentrated, day-long saturation attack Tuesday.

"There'll really be a major revision of Red rail schedules tonight," a Fifth Air Force spokesman said.

The full strength of four fighter bomber wings joined in the attack. Sabre jets guarded the area while the fighter-bombers roared out in repeated attacks on the vital railway link, 25 miles north of the North Korean capital, Pyongyang.

Allied planes followed the safe plan used so successfully last year in the heaviest bomb attack of the Korean war when 312 Allied planes hit airfields at Sinuiju on the Korean border.

The concentrated attack on heavily defended Suncheon was preceded by round-the-clock raids on the major Communist railroad linking Suncheon with the Manchurian border.

From Suncheon the rail lines fork to supply either end of the 155-mile front lines.

Rails Soon In

Fighter-bombers concentrated Monday on a 40-mile stretch of track between Kunu and Huichon. Pilots reported they tore up rails in 80 spots. Kunu is a junction point 20 miles north of Suncheon. Huichon is 60 air miles south of the Manchurian border.

Monday night a formation of supersonic bombing techniques, rained 80 tons of high explosives on a rail bridge at Huichon. It was their second attack on the repeatedly repaired bridge in three days.

The double concentration of key sectors of a single vital rail line is a new technique to nullify the

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Banker In High Esteem Faces Charge Of Theft

PERTH AMBOY, N. J. (AP) — A banker, described as a pillar of respectability in the community, is accused of embezzling more than \$450,000.

The complaint against 50-year-old William C. Horley was entered Monday by the First Bank and Trust Co., where he was vice president at an \$8,500-a-year salary.

Middlesex County Prosecutor A. ex Eber said a series of bad investments engulfed Horley, whom he referred to as a "very generous man."

"He liked to help people. He made personal loans with bank funds," Eber said of the bank vice president.

Shock and surprise at the embezzlement news was registered by church and community officials who held the mild-mannered Horley in high esteem. He is warden of St. Peter's Episcopal church and chairman of its trust fund.

Horley, married and the father of three children, took an active part in civic affairs.

After a five-hour quizzing, Eber said that in order to cover up for the shortages resulting from bad loans, Horley then took some of the bank's money and speculated in the stock market in attempts to recoup the loss.

This stock market dabbling also turned sour and Horley found himself deeper and deeper in the red, the county prosecutor continued.

Approximately \$350,000 of the loss may be recovered, Eber said, adding that the embezzling operation began possibly about three years ago.

Horley's attorney entered an innocent plea for his client who he said didn't pocket even the smallest amount of the money he is accused of embezzling.

Veterinarian To Address Dairymen Of Douglas

A special meeting of all dairymen of Douglas county and other persons interested has been called for 8 p.m. Wednesday (standard time) (7 p.m. daylight time) at the old Orange seed cleaning plant at 222 Spruce Street.

Dr. E. W. Gildow, head veterinarian for the Carnation Milk farms at Carnation, Wash., will be present to speak on the milk industry and matters affecting the industry. He will also be prepared to answer questions.

SPRING FANCY

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — William Barnes, who says he is 102, told police Monday a woman stole \$117 from him in a tavern.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Current Music Week is the right time for daylight saving opponents to sing that old familiar refrain, "Please go Way and Let Me Sleep."