

## CITY'S SALARY BOOST ISSUE COMPROMISED



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR of Centennial Pageant is Gordon Howard, above, Director Horace Robinson announced today. (Picture by Pete Moe)

## Award-Winning Actor Will Aid In Directing Centennial Phase

Gordon Howard, a senior at the University of Oregon and winner of a leading actor award from the University Theater, has been appointed assistant director of the Umpqua Cavalcade. The announcement was made by Director Horace Robinson.

Howard, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Howard, live at Tamm, started in several university plays under the direction of Robinson. He also participated in the road show, "The Milky Way," which appeared at Roseburg in the spring of 1951.

He won the theater's leading actor award last spring for his portrayal of Willie Stark in "All the King's Men."

He also played leading roles in university productions of "Finnian's Rainbow," "The Devil and Daniel Webster," a folk opera, and "The Mad Woman of Chaillot."

As assistant director, Howard will be in charge of several scenes of the Centennial Pageant Aug. 30 and Sept. 1. He will also tour the county extensively in contacting groups in connection with the pageant.

Howard is a member of Friars, senior men's honorary at the university; Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, professional music society, and Delta Upsilon, living organization.

## Fourth Man Arrested In Gates Holdup Case

PORTLAND — Everett Barton Sparks, 25, Tuesday was accused of being a member of a gang that held up a cafe at Gates June 26.

The owner, waitress and dishwasher from the cafe identified him as a member of the gang. Deputy Sheriff James Matteson said.

Three other men already have been sentenced to 10 years in prison for their part in the \$200 hold-up. They are Frank Brewton, 19; Pete Graves, 31, and Raymond Knight, 19.

A newspaper clipping on the Gates robbery was found in Sparks' pocket. He got out of jail two months ago after serving time on a bad check conviction. He is wanted in Washington County on a forgery charge.

## FRACTURES ANKLE

Mrs. Rosa Heimbach of Dillard, county correspondent for the News-Review, was admitted to Mercy Hospital about noon Tuesday for treatment of a fractured ankle received in a home accident.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I suppose you're familiar with Dr. Hewlett Johnson, England's "red dean" of Canterbury, who has just returned from a trip to Korea and is asserting that Americans DID use germ warfare there.

His charge stirred up a hornet's nest, and the demand was made in the house of commons yesterday that he be fired from his job. It brought from Winston Churchill this characteristic statement:

"Dr. Hewlett Johnson must be tolerated AS PART OF THE PRICE OF FREE SPEECH."

That brings to mind Voltaire's classic phrase in his letter to Helvétius:

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Both Churchill's words and Voltaire's, I think, contain the ES-

## The Weather

Continued fair today and Thursday.

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Highest temp. for any July      | 109   |
| Lowest temp. for any July       | 40    |
| Highest temp. last 24 hours     | 94    |
| Lowest temp. last 24 hours      | 54    |
| Precip. last 24 hours           | 3     |
| Precip. from July 1             | 0     |
| Precip. from Sept. 1            | 38.27 |
| Excess                          | 5.62  |
| Sunset today, 5:51 p.m. DST     |       |
| Sunrise tomorrow, 5:48 a.m. DST |       |

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## President Criticizes Defense Budget Slash

## False Kind Of Economy, Truman Says

## Threatens Higher Cost In Long Run, Assertion In Signing Money Bill

WASHINGTON — President Truman has accused Congress of seriously hampering the defense effort by slashing his budget requests for foreign aid, economic stabilization and civil defense.

Signing the \$11,793,776,399 supplemental appropriation bill Tuesday, the President said the two billion dollar reduction made by Congress is "the false kind of economy."

He predicted that the 25 percent cut in funds for military and economic assistance abroad "will in the long run cost us much more."

The result, he said, will be less equipment and less fire power for Allies, and greater vulnerability "for our own forces in Europe."

The bill carries \$6,031,947,750 for foreign aid.

The President criticized a 43 million dollar slash in his request for operating funds for the economic stabilization agencies.

If the cost of living goes up one percent as a result, he said, it will cost the American people nearly two billion dollars, or 47 times the supposed budget saving.

**Key Shelters Held Up**

The 30 percent reduction in budget estimates for civilian defense, he said, "repeats the gross error of the last two years by postponing once again the construction of key shelters in our most vulnerable cities and the stockpiling of adequate medical and other supplies to save and sustain life in case of attack."

The supplemental appropriation bill held up the adjournment of Congress for two days while members argued over a proposed restriction on atomic energy construction. This was resolved with appropriation of an extra 1 1/2 billion dollars, for a total of \$2,898,794,840 for military installations in the United States and abroad, including secret air fields from Japan to Europe.

## Accidents In Oregon Fatal To Two Men

By The Associated Press

Two men were killed in accidents in Oregon Tuesday.

Edward R. Ellis, 44, Hammond, Ore., was fatally injured when a stack of lumber fell on him at an Astoria shipyard. Another worker, Rudolph Staszek, 33, also of Hammond, was hospitalized with a back injury.

## Driver Leaps To Safety From Runaway Truck

A Camas Valley man was injured Tuesday as he leaped from his runaway log truck moments before it crashed into a tree and burst into flames on the Porter Creek road near Dillard.

Arthur Parret, an employee of Barrow and Sons logging firm, was taken to Community Hospital for treatment of minor leg and chest injuries.

Crews of the Douglas Forest Protective Association were called out to stem a forest fire threat caused by the burning truck.

Parret said air brakes on the loaded truck apparently failed to work properly and he had to "bail out" as it careened down a steep hill.

## Auto Rams Log Truck; Three Persons Injured

Three persons were injured Tuesday afternoon when the car in which they were riding rammed into the rear of a stopped log truck on Pacific Highway south of Dillard, Oregon State Police reported today.

Treated at Community Hospital were Mrs. P. L. Andre of Jacksonville, a knee injury; Mrs. Agatha Cherick of Dillard, leg injuries; and Alyce Atherton of Jacksonville, minor head and leg injuries.

The driver of the car was Dorothy Alice Dutton of Jacksonville. State Police reports said the driver of the log truck, Bert Lenherr, had given a signal indicating he was going to stop just before the crash.

## Cow Rescued From Well Milk Yields On Time

ASHTABULA, O. — A Jersey cow fell backwards into a 34-foot well half filled with water at nearby Astinburg Tuesday.

Firemen filled the well with water and floated the cow to the top, and she was lifted to the ground. Six hours later and none the worse for her wetting, the cow gave her regular two gallons of milk.

## Mill Operator Fined On Permit-Lack Charge

N. H. Kuykendall, of Kuykendall Brothers Mill on Little River Route, paid a fine of \$100 Tuesday on a charge of "failure to obtain permit to operate power driven machinery near a forest area."

Cited to district court by a forest official, the mill is accused of having power equipment closer than one-eighth mile to forest lands without having a permit.

## GRAND PAUSE

## Rhapsody Halts As Leader Hunts 2-Horn Section

LONDON — The conductor waved his baton and the audience of 2,500 sat enthralled Tuesday. It was the rhapsody, "The Banks of Green Willow," and the opening was superb.

Then came the turn of the horn section. Dr. Boyd Neel, conductor of the orchestra, waved his baton. Nothing happened. He waved it again. There was only silence. He peered incredulously into the orchestra, then turned to the audience and announced:

"I am sorry. Part of the orchestra is missing. I'll go and find it."

Dr. Neel marched sternly off the stage, marched sternly back with two blushing horn-players.

They had been found at the artists' refreshment bar. Dr. Neel waved his baton again, and "The Banks of Green Willow" went on as scheduled.

## Red China Okayes Geneva War Pact

TOKYO — Red China Wednesday conditionally recognized the Geneva Conventions banning germ warfare and setting rules for treatment of war prisoners.

United Nations officials here and in Korea would make no official comment on the Red announcements, made in separate broadcasts Peiping Radio.

Observers speculated the statements possibly meant:

1. The Reds had found a way to break the stalemate in Korean armistice talks over prisoner exchange.

2. Or it was a continuation of Communist charges that the United States had employed germ warfare in the Korean fighting. The U. S. repeatedly has denied the charges.

Korean armistice talks at Panmunjom have been bogged down for weeks over the fate of nearly 100,000 captured Communists who say they will resist return to Red rule. The U. S. refuses to force anyone to return. The Communists demand back all their soldiers.

## Liquor Use, Bad Conduct Cancel Man's Probation

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Tuesday ordered probation of Walter Lincoln Toole Jr., 39, San Francisco, revoked because of arrest on charges of use of liquor and disorderly conduct.

Toole had previously been sentenced to a six months term in the county jail on a charge of taking and using a car without the owner's consent, and placed on probation.

The execution of the jail sentence was made retroactive to June 3, when Toole was arrested and lodged in the Douglas County jail on the two charges on which probation was revoked.

## Fines Of \$400 Imposed For Unlawful Hunting

Two Sutherlin men paid fines of \$400 each after pleading guilty to hunting during prohibited hours.

Sutherlin Justice Ward Watson imposed the fines on Curt Kelley Sisson, 23, and Danny Keith Cross, 19. The pair had been accused of shooting a deer by using a spotlight one morning before daylight.

Both were arrested by a state police game man.

The bids must be in the hands of the clerk by 5 p.m. Aug. 5.

## Corvallis Boy Drowns, Two Girls Rescued

CORVALLIS — A 19-year-old Corvallis youth drowned in the Willamette River here Monday evening, but two girls with him were rescued.

The victim was Marvin Scholl, who was swimming with Annette Brodige, Bandon, and Verna George, Corvallis, about a half-mile upstream from Corvallis.

Sylvester Dull, Corvallis, saw the boys and saw the three going down in the water. He plunged in to try to rescue them. Scholl out of his grip and was lost. Eventually Dull threw an innertube to the girls, who grabbed it and floated a mile downstream before they could be pulled to safety.

## Navy Recruiter Sets Weekly Visits Here

The Roseburg Navy Recruiting office has been officially closed as of last Saturday, but a recruiter from Eugene or Portland will be on duty here every Wednesday at the headquarters in the County Courthouse, said Chief A. L. DeMott, who has been in charge here.

DeMott went to Portland Wednesday to get his orders for reassignment to sea duty, after spending three years in recruiting work.

## Washington State Fights Forest Fires

## Father And Son Loggers Burn To Death; Canada Also Battling Flames

By The Associated Press

A slashing fire roared out of control east of Marblemount, in Skagit County, Wash., late Tuesday night, burning two loggers to death. Two others narrowly escaped the flames.

One of the loggers was tentatively identified as Purl Cook, about 60. The other victim was Cook's son, whose name was not immediately learned. Details of how the men were trapped were not immediately available.

The Marblemount fire, which had covered 350 acres at midnight Tuesday night, was one of two in Washington as high temperatures and low humidity dried timber and brushlands to a tinder-dry state.

Firefighters controlled another fire near Nainaimo, B. C. Tuesday night after it had licked to within 75 yards of two homes at the summer resort town of Departure Bay. Forty-eight other fires were burning in the Canadian province, most of them under control.

The second Washington fire, near White Salmon, in the southern part of the state, had blackened more than 3,000 acres at midnight Tuesday night. It started Monday and raged through second-growth timber, fanned by a 20-30 mile-an-hour wind.

Monday night, the White Salmon fire threatened a 500-acre stand of winter pear trees, reported to be the largest in the world. Still in the path of the flames is the Hop-DeWeilde lumber mill.

The Marblemount fire was in extremely rugged mountain country 85 air miles NE of Seattle. State Forester Bernard Orell said he was sending 200 men to help fight the blaze Wednesday. He said the terrain was so rugged that no mechanical equipment could be used.

Orell said every available man was called from surrounding logging camps but not many were on hand as logging operations have been shut down for several days because of the fire danger.

## Audit, Equipment Bids Asked By School Dst.

Roseburg School District 4 has issued a call for bids on two separate matters scheduled for opening Aug. 4.

The board will accept sealed bids covering the audit of the district's books and records for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1951, and ending June 30, 1952. Included in the audit are the books and records of former school districts Nos. 2, 71, 94, and 123. Bid sheets and information as to time allowed and other pertinent information can be obtained from V. J. Micelli, clerk.

The other call for bids to be opened the same date is for 12 items of physical education equipment.

The bids must be in the hands of the clerk by 5 p.m. Aug. 5.

## Shirts Stolen

About 15 men's shirts were stolen from the porch of Mrs. Edna Clemmons 237 E. Second Ave. So., where they were waiting to be ironed, she told the sheriff's office Tuesday. The shirts belonged to Lee Zenor, 305 E. Second Ave. So.

## More Fire Equipment Asked At Myrtle Creek

Myrtle Creek Fire Chief Ray Norton Jr. presented a strong plea for more equipment for his department and an auxiliary water pumping system at a meeting Tuesday night of the Myrtle Creek Council.

Norton's plea for more equipment followed two serious fires Friday in which a garage and big mill at Myrtle Creek burned.

Councilmen discussed a proposal to purchase a new pumper truck and a standby diesel auxiliary pump for the town water system to be used in emergencies.

Danger of the city water pumps failing to function or being damaged during the blaze were pointed out by Chief Norton. The problem was referred to a council committee on fire problems for a detailed study and report back to the council.

Final reports on the city budget for the last fiscal year were also discussed and the budget matters for the year wound up.

## Angler Fined

Joseph Stephen Bielec, 25, of Rosemead, Calif., paid fine of \$50 in district court on each of two fishing violation charges.

He pleaded guilty to fishing in the closed waters of the North Umpqua between Winchester Dam and Highway 99 and also to fishing without a license.

## East Berliners Parade

East Berlin communists wear red and gold sashes and carry red banners and huge portraits of Lenin and Stalin as they march in Marx-Engels square in East Berlin during demonstration on occasion of the East Berlin conference of East Germany's ruling socialist unity (communist) party. Slogans carried stressed the urgency of creating an East German army. (AP WIREPHOTO)

## TRUMAN IN HOSPITAL

## Virus Infection Nearly Gone But President To Be Checked; Expected At Party Convention

WASHINGTON — President Truman entered the hospital for a check-up Wednesday.

It was the first time Truman has been hospitalized since he became the nation's chief executive more than seven years ago.

Truman, who is 68, was afflicted with a mild virus infection on Sunday and had cancelled all his appointments this week. That infection had all but cleared up Wednesday, the President's press secretary, Joseph Short, told newsmen.

Short said Truman was ordered to the hospital by his personal physician and that he will stay there for two or three days.

There was no indication that Truman was suffering anything other than a mild indisposition.

He kept at work in his residential quarters at the White House earlier this week studying the raft of legislation Congress pushed through at the windup of its session.

The President has enjoyed excellent health ever since he became President on April 12, 1945, but he has said repeatedly that he will not try for reelection this year.

That he entered the hospital and that Short made a public announcement of the fact seemed to add weight to those statements.

It is extremely rare for a presidential candidate to admit any physical ailments.

**Doesn't Want New Term**

Truman has said, among other things, that he does not want the presidency at his age. He has often called it a "man-killing job."

Frank McKinley, Democratic national chairman, said Truman told him:

"You wouldn't want to see me carried out of here (the White House) in a pine-board box, would you?"

Short said he saw no reason to believe that Truman would not stick to his original plans of going to the closing session of the Democratic National Convention next week.

Truman will keep working on the bills before him while at the hospital, Short said.

## Missing Worker Draws Inquiry

Sheriff's deputies today are investigating the disappearance of a husky 19-year-old college student who didn't show up for work at a lumber mill Monday night.

He was identified as David Earl McNabb, son of Mrs. Josephine Jorjas, Winston.

Sheriff O. T. Carter said the youth was last seen by a fellow workman who left him at the west end of the Mary Moore Bridge on Roberts Mountain cutoff where McNabb said he was waiting for a friend identified as Jesse Shirley of Roseburg. Shirley is also a mill worker at the Youngs Bay Lumber Co.

McNabb didn't show up for work that evening, Richard Raser, the fellow workman, drove McNabb's car home after work Tuesday morning. McNabb has just completed his freshman year at the University of Oregon.

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## Budgeteers Heed Protest Of Taxpayers

## Board Decides To Slash Boost To 5 Pct. Above Last Fiscal Year's Pay

Roseburg's city budget committee last night voted to limit salary increases for all city employees to five percent of the 1952-53 fiscal year.

An official motion was passed by the committee, stating that, in lieu of increases in salaries set forth in the published budget, the increases will be confined to five percent across the board over salaries paid during the year just past.

This action will be binding upon the budget committee at the public hearing set for July 23 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall. It will serve to reduce the budget accordingly, explained City Attorney Paul Geddes.

This reduction will not be reflected in the measure to be voted upon at the city election Tuesday, July 22, which is only to authorize the levy of a tax in excess of the six percent limitation in a maximum amount, said Geddes.

The committee's action in making this reduction will be effective after the public hearing July 23 and after approval by the people to exceed the six percent limitation at the July 22 election.

It is explained that the committee may reduce or eliminate any item in the budget at the public hearing. It can only increase any item by a maximum of 10 percent so long as the total amount of the budget is not increased.

**Time, Expense Saved**

The committee deemed it inadvisable to reauthorize Tuesday's election and to change the maximum amount to be authorized by the voters for two principal reasons: First, it will save the expense of reauthorizing the budget, since the budget committee's action in limiting the proposed salary increases will serve the same purpose.

Second, it will permit the city to submit a completed budget to the county assessor within the authorized extension of time allowed the city. The law specifies that budgets must be in the hands of the assessor by July 15, but an extension of time to July 24 to permit another vote has been authorized by the assessor's office.

The proposed budget, as published, would have provided for an increase of 12 percent in salaries for city employees. The action of the budget committee would limit the increase to five percent.

This latter figure is in line with a compromise proposal offered by representatives of the municipal committee of the Douglas County Taxpayers League, who met with the budget committee in an unofficial session Tuesday morning.

**Better Chance Of Approval**

The committee faced the alternative of letting the budget go through as originally proposed and risk the possible defeat at today's election, or to pass the motion binding it to limit salaries.

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## Roseburg Men Get VFW Posts

Roseburg residents took honors at the state Veterans of Foreign Wars convention, followed by the Military Order of Cooties conclave at Astoria Tuesday of last week through Saturday.

Bus Williams, commander of the local VFW unit, who was present for the entire affair, was presented with the American Citizenship Medal, the highest award given by the order for distinguished service to patients at Veterans Hospitals.

He was elevated to senior vice commander of the Grand Pup Tent of Oregon, Military Order of Cooties. He served as state hospital chairman of the cooties for this year.

Paul Erno was elected to the grand council administration of Cooties. Mrs. C. E. Hoover, district 16 Auxiliary president, took the obligation of office.

Wilbur Ford of Roseburg also attended as well as several delegates from other Douglas County chapters.

**Chapel Of Roses Adds Two New Assistants**

The Chapel of the Roses, operated by Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Powers, has added two assistants, Robert Burkman, formerly employed at Medford with the undertaking firm of Conger and Morris, and D. J. Cooper Jr., formerly associated with Stearns Mortuary at Glendale.

Mr. Burkman is a graduate of San Francisco College of Mortuary Science, and Mr. Cooper is a graduate of the John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Science of Nashville, Tenn.

## Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Like other seasons of the year, the hot spell sees no pause in the soaking given drunken drivers.