

OIL INDUSTRY GIANTS UNDER GOV'T. ATTACK



"YOU CALL THAT FUZZ A BEARD?" sniffs Paul Bunyan Jim Davis as he checks Whiskilante Harry Hill's beard for defects. Hill played it safe by also wearing a "Little Shaver" Centennial necktie, decreed the only legal substitute for growing a Centennial beard. Whiskilantes will encourage beard growing while Bunyans will enforce the beard rules via the Kangaroo court, starting Saturday. (Staff Picture)

Devotees Of Square Dancing Being Recruited For Place In Centennial Festivities

One of the largest single acts in the Centennial Pageant will be the square dance number for which square dancers throughout the county are being recruited, Director Horace Robinson announced.

Mrs. Argos Fisher is in charge of obtaining some 400 people to form 100 squares for the dance scene. She has sent letters to clubs in Douglas County and elsewhere.

Demo Nomination Move For Barkley Gains Some Ground

CHICAGO — Vice President Alben W. Barkley pulled a stride forward Friday in his race for the Democratic presidential nomination with reports he will get some first ballot support from Illinois.

While all candidates jockeyed for position in advance of the opening of the 31st Democratic nominating convention Monday, there were signs that Jacob Arvey, Illinois national committeeman, is ready to take a political flier on the 74-year-old vice president.

Arvey and Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania national committeeman, conferred with Barkley strategists.

There were immediate reports that Arvey had told the Barkley leaders he would use his influence to get as many as possible of Illinois' 60 convention votes lined up for Barkley on the first ballot.

Lawrence was said to have noted that the 70-vote Pennsylvania delegation is split up, but to have indicated that Barkley might count on some votes there.

Missing Youth Located; He's In The Navy Now

David E. McNabb, 19-year-old Winston youth reported missing earlier this week, has joined the Navy at Los Angeles, the Douglas County sheriff's office learned today.

When he failed to return from work Monday night it had been feared he had fallen into the South Umpqua River and deputies dragged the stream. He is the son of Mrs. Josephine Joras of Winston.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics: Vice-president Barkley, whose 74 years may not stop him from becoming a formidable candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, echoes in Chicago today President Truman's demand that the party stand on its record in office.

Reciting what he said were gains made by farmers, labor, business and the aged and unemployed, he asserted that the Democratic party has "earned the confidence of the American people."

The Veebs is talking and boasting in terms of dollars. In Washington this morning, the Federal Reserve Board talks to the reporters in terms of BUYING POWER.

It says: "The Federal Reserve Board's survey of consumer finances (just issued) shows that average total income of 'spending units' (mostly families) rose from \$3520 in 1950 to \$3840 in 1951—a rise of about nine per cent."

BUT, it adds: "Consumer prices also went up nine per cent, wiping out the income gain. And increased taxes

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The Weather

Continuing fair and warmer today and Saturday.

Highest temp. for any July	109
Lowest temp. for any July	40
Highest temp. last 24 hours	82
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	53
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from July 1	38.27
Excess	5.59

Sunset today, 8:49 p.m. DST
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:30 a.m. DST

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Astoria Hammer Slayer Captured

Ward Wenger Ends Flight In Texas Jail

Prisoner, 20, Confesses Killing Foster Mother; Stolen Auto Wrecked

PARIS, Tex. — A 20-year-old Astoria, Ore., youth, Ward Wenger, was in FBI custody here Friday after being charged in Astoria with the brutal hammer slaying of his foster mother, Mrs. Marie Wenger, 47.

Police Chief Curtis Lemon of Clarksville, Tex., said the youth, when first arrested, blurted, "I'm guilty!" when questioned regarding the slaying of Mrs. Wenger last Thursday. That was the day neighbors said they saw Wenger leave in his foster mother's 1952 Pontiac.

Young Wenger was graduated from Astoria High School last year and was described as "a problem" by school officials.

He was turned over to FBI Agent Paul Mills Friday by Police Chief Lemon, who arrested him after talking by telephone to Sheriff Paul Kearney of Astoria.

Last Friday Mrs. Wenger's body, badly battered, was found wrapped in rugs in her Astoria home. Her empty purse was nearby. The foster son was later charged with her murder.

Sheriff Kearney phoned Police Chief Lemon after the 6-foot-tall, 165-pound youth called an insurance company in Astoria regarding the auto which he wrecked in an accident east of Clarksville Monday.

The slaying was reported in the "early settlement" episode.

The dancing will all be done in episode four of the pageant. This is the "early settlement" episode.

The dance will be done in traditional Western music and all will be held under one caller, yet to be selected.

Souvenir Program Coming

A souvenir program containing some 60 full-page pictures will be produced for the Robinson Cavalcade.

Director Horace Robinson said the photographs will depict local industries, cities, historical scenes, fishing, hunting and other Douglas County features.

The program will be a 100-page 6x9 inch booklet which will include a full program of the Cavalcade, describing the sequence of events in the big Centennial Pageant.

The pictures will be sponsored by advertisers who will receive a credit line on the photo they're sponsoring.

The Centennial management has employed G. L. Anderson to solicit advertising for the booklet.

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Oregon Accidents Take Four Lives

By The Associated Press

Four persons, one a six-year-old girl, died in Oregon accidents Thursday.

The girl Sue Ann Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Byers, Independence, was drowned in the Willamette River when a speedboat, operated by her father, overturned.

Although she wore a life preserver she was held under water by the overturned boat. The father and the younger sister were rescued.

Mrs. Barbara Moody, 30, Portland, an expectant mother, was fatally injured in a two-car collision on Sunset Highway near Hillsboro. Her husband, driver of the car, suffered only minor injuries. Driver of the other car, Percy Thayer, 34, Hillsboro, was taken to a hospital in a critical condition.

Hugh Glen, 55, Bay Ocean, a rural mail carrier, was fatally crushed under a load of logs when his car collided with a logging truck three miles west of Tillamook.

Charles N. Sendlebach, 68, Portland, died at a hospital from injuries suffered when he fell from a ladder.

Crater Lake Guard Hurt In 500-Ft. Mountain Fall

KLAMATH FALLS — Bayne Sutton, 19, a summer fire guard at the Crater Lake National Forest, suffered severe injuries Thursday when he rolled 500 feet down the side of Watchman Mountain.

His left leg was fractured and his body cut and bruised after he lost his footing in slick snow.

Sutton, a resident of Chico, Calif., was a member of the Chico State basketball team last season.

Robbery Suspects Have Weapons, Opium Found

PORTLAND — A man and his wife, held here on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, were questioned Friday about a series of Ogden, Utah, dental office robberies.

Chester S. Frost, 38, and his wife, Aletha Marie, 31, were arrested Thursday night for a minor traffic violation. A search of their car turned up two .22 pistols and a .22 rifle, a set of burglary tools and dental equipment.

Police said Ogden authorities reported several numbers found on the dental equipment matched those of equipment stolen in Ogden. Frost also was questioned about a series of safe-cracking jobs in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

Detectives said they also found 72 opium tablets and hypodermic needles in the car.

Quake In Japan Takes Toll Of Lives, Houses

TOKYO — At least nine persons died and 134 were hurt when they were clapped in houses and buildings followed by an earthquake in central Japan early Friday, police reported.

At least 350 houses were knocked down by the tremor at 1:10 a.m.

NECK DISLOCATED

A Roseburg roofer was injured seriously Thursday when he fell from an auto and suffered a dislocated neck. Ramond Worthington, 37, 917 W. First St., was treated at Community Hospital and later transferred to a Portland hospital.

Await Queen Choice At Sutherlin

Coronation of the queen the night of Aug. 8 will officially start the annual Douglas Timber Days celebration in Sutherlin Aug. 9 through 10.

One of the seven princesses from Sutherlin will be crowned at the Friday night coronation ball. Competing for the crown are Patsy Moore, Juanita Gibson, Phyllis Pond, Barbara Jean Meyers, Mildred Chester, Evelyn Fritschner, and Margaret Rose.

Three of the seven candidates are pictured on this page. The other four appeared in the July 10 issue.

Both Juanita and Patsy are

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Downward Budgeted Revision In City Salaries, Awaiting Vote, Represents About \$18,000 Cut

The salary scale for city employees, revised by the Roseburg budget committee to permit a five percent cost of living increase in place of the originally planned approximate 12 percent increase, has been computed by City Manager W. A. Gilchrist.

The budget committee, in special session Tuesday night, passed a motion reducing the salary scale to the maximum of five percent, in lieu of the figures appearing in the published budget. The figures will be altered to the revised scale at the public hearing set for Wednesday night of next week.

Residents of the city will vote on the polls Tuesday to vote upon authorizing the city to levy a tax in excess of the six per cent limitation in a maximum amount. The salary revision will represent a saving to the city of approximately \$18,000.

The five per cent salary increase, over the original approximate 12 per cent will set the salary scale back as follows:

City Manager's salary will be cut back from \$7,500 to \$6,900; that of stenographer in the city manager's office from \$2,750 to \$2,700; and municipal judge reduced from \$1,800 to \$1,512.

The salary of the recorder-treasurer will remain at \$4,500. Gilchrist explained that, while last year's budget provided \$4,500 for this office, the recorder-treasurer, new in this position, was paid less than the amount authorized. The raise in pay up to \$4,500 this year will actually be less than five per cent. The same applies to the position of clerk-typist in the recorder's office, listed at \$2,700. City attorney's pay would be dropped from \$2,700 to \$2,520.

Salaries of police chief and fire chief would be reduced from \$5,400 to \$4,599; that of assistant police and fire chiefs and meter-maintenance man, from \$4,350 to \$4,095; police sergeants and fire engineers, \$4,200 to \$3,969; police patrolmen and fire hosemen, \$4,020 to \$3,780. Clerk-typist in the police department would remain at \$2,700, as the pay increase as proposed is less than five per cent. The meter maintenance helper, a part time position, would be reduced from \$1,920 to \$1,795.50.

Salary of street superintendent would be \$4,410, against \$4,740; equipment operators, \$3,717, against \$3,960; truck drivers and laborers, \$3,591, against \$3,900; sewage plant operator, \$4,410, against \$4,740; relief operator, \$1,795.50, against \$1,920; corporation garage mechanic, \$4,410, against \$4,740; helper, \$3,591, against \$3,840; building inspector, \$4,599, against \$4,920; park superintendent, \$4,410, against \$4,740; laborers, \$3,840; librarian, \$4,158, against \$4,500; assistant librarians, \$2,520, against \$2,700; janitor, \$1,260, against \$1,375.

Salaries of the newly organized engineering staff would remain as follows: engineer \$6,000, assistant engineer, \$4,050, and chairman, \$3,591.

Wilbur School's Annual Reunion Slated Aug. 24

Notables from throughout Oregon and elsewhere will attend homecoming next month of what once was the only college between Salem and Sacramento.

It will be homecoming Aug. 24 at the Wilbur School for former students of Umpqua Academy — Wilbur.

The academy was started in 1854, receiving a charter later, and continued until 1900.

The Douglas County Dowager Queen, yet to be selected, will be honored at the homecoming festivities, according to Mrs. Harold McKay, chairman of the reunion.

Invitations are being sent to former students and to old-time residents, and the homecoming will also be open to the public, Mrs. McKay said.

The academy was formed by a Methodist group and was designed as a preparatory school for Williamette University at Salem, another of the early Western colleges.

Mrs. McKay said the homecoming will start at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, and added that "there'll be plenty of time for the alumni of the famous old academy to sit around and chat."

Applebox Derby Finds Kids Ready

More than 70 youngsters are signed for tomorrow's second running of the annual Applebox Derby.

For weeks now young boys from over the County have constructed, tampered and primed their little self-propelled racers for the big Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored race which starts Saturday at 10 a.m. DST.

The big field will test those months of work on a 640-foot course on the Winchester Street hill. Beside the glory of winning the "small fry" Indianapolis, the youngsters will hurdle down the hills in the self-made vehicles in hopes of winning three cash awards totaling \$175.

Back in the field of 70 is Leonard Read, who rolled off with the top prize of \$100 last year and captured the championship trophy. He is joined by seven-year-old Ralph Young, who won second place in the first running of the event.

The youngsters will be the toast of the town for the Saturday event. Beside picking up free drivers' helmets, all refreshments of ice cream and pop will be "on the house."

The racers are protected against injury by full insurance which has been taken out by the Jaycees for the event.

All racing cars will be examined before the heats to make sure that none exceeds the \$10 construction limit placed on the cars. The racing contestants themselves cannot be more than 14 years of age.

Steel Seizure On New Basis Said Planned

Truman Reported Ready To Take Plants Under Selective Service Law

WASHINGTON — The White House was reported Friday to be seriously considering a plan to seize part of the strike-bound steel industry under the Selective Service Act.

This word came from a high administrative source who said Justice Department attorneys were instructed Thursday afternoon to prepare papers leading to possible partial seizure of the industry.

The critical situation which has resulted from the 47-day steel strike was disclosed Thursday at a White House meeting, presided over by acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman.

The Selective Act gives the President power to seize only plants which fail to produce under direct contract with procurement agencies.

The act says that "if any such producer of steel or the responsible head or heads thereof refuses to comply with such requirement, the President, through the Secretary of Defense, is authorized to take immediate possession of the plants of such producer."

The April 8 seizure was based on no specific law but rather on what the Justice Department said were the President's inherent constitutional powers.

At Thursday's White House meeting, in addition to Steelman, were Munitions Board Chairman John Small, National Production Authority Chief Henry H. Fowler, Steelman's Manpower Chief Arthur Fleming and other high officials.

The official who told of the new seizure plan declined to be quoted by name.

The report came as officials declined either to confirm or deny rumors that a secret settlement had been reached to the dispute.

Hollywood TV Venture Draws KRNR Staffer

BOB MCCARL
New Field Beckons

Bob McCarl, KRNR's "The Man on the Street," has announced his resignation from the local broadcasting station effective July 25.

McCarl and his family will leave Roseburg July 25 to establish residence in Hollywood, Calif., and enter TV and radio announcing on a free lance basis in that locale.

He has resigned as Bull 'O the Woods (president) of the Paul Bunyans, internal vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and as city chairman of the March of Dimes. He plans to transfer his membership in the Lions Club to a Southern California chapter.

Roseburg's Junior First Citizen of 1951 has stated his reasons for making the change are purely business, as he and his family have thoroughly enjoyed their nearly three years in Roseburg.

McCarl states that rather large segment of former Portland radio people are now having successful careers in Hollywood radio and TV and it is his plan to join them and follow through with tentative plans made by this group several years ago. He will also begin immediately to engage in the making of TV films, called Kinescopes, for a Hollywood firm.

McCarl was employed in public relations work in Portland prior to coming to Roseburg, and previous to that was an announcer for KEX.

Pullman Co. Gets Price Boost Nod

WASHINGTON — The Pullman Company received permission Friday to raise its minimum charge for sleeping car accommodations by about 23 per cent.

The Interstate Commerce Commission said the company could put the increase into effect on July 28.

The new schedule of rates will establish a minimum charge of five dollars for a lower berth in a standard Pullman car. The present minimum is \$4.05 for that type of accommodation.

Since all sleeping car charges are tied to the basic lower berth fare, all other types of sleeping accommodations will take a proportionate advance.

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The upper berth minimum will become \$3.80 in a standard Pullman and \$3.05 in a tourist car, with roomettes priced at a flat seven dollars.

Price Support Becomes Law

WASHINGTON — President Truman signed into law Friday a bill continuing government support of prices for cotton, wheat, corn, rice, tobacco and peanuts at 90 per cent of parity through 1954.

The President said in a statement that the new law "is a valuable addition to the agricultural legislation which has been so important in maintaining a strong and stable farm economy and which has contributed so markedly to a much-needed increase in American standard of rural living."

The law provides that parity for these six crops will be determined, through 1955, by whichever of two present formulas gives the higher price.

The controversial "sliding scale" parity program was set aside for the 1953 and 1954 crop years.

Parity is a price determined by the government to be fair to farmers in terms of things they buy.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan already has announced the six crops will be supported at 90 per cent of parity this year.

FALL INJURES WOMAN

Mrs. Lucinda Green, 79, 403 N. Jackson St., suffered a broken wrist and possible broken hip in a fall at home Thursday. She was admitted to Community Hospital and later transferred to a Eugene hospital.

Coos Bay-Coquille Area Gets Housing Plan OK

WASHINGTON — The government Friday set up a program of 120 housing units for defense workers and military personnel in the Coos Bay-Coquille area of Oregon.

The Housing and Home Finance Agency said private builders will put up 65 units for rent and 55 for sale. This housing will be eligible for various government financial and other aids.

Coos Bay-Coquille area has been declared critical because of a housing shortage that developed from defense activity expansion there.

Camas Mountain Fire

Fire fighting crews of the Douglas Forest Protective Association were called out Thursday to check a blaze which burned over a quarter of an acre on Camas Mountain. The blaze originated from a stump fire, DFFA officials said.

Assistant Chief Of Police, Deputy Sheriff Resign

Assistant Chief of Police James McAlpine has resigned effective July 31, it was announced today.

McAlpine, 33, years on the force and assistant chief since last December, resigned due to failure of the city budget committee to grant adequate pay raises, he said.

In his letter of resignation, McAlpine said: "I've enjoyed working in this profession—disregarding the low wages and recently the lack of backing from the city itself."

He did not elaborate on the "lack of backing."

The resignation was turned in to Police Chief Ted Mazac and referred to the city manager and City Council. Chief Mazac has not yet announced a replacement in the assistant chief's post.

C. C. Lewis has resigned as resident deputy in the Reedsport area, Sheriff T. Carter said.

A replacement has not yet been hired, but Deputy Sheriff E. N. Schwader of the Roseburg office will replace him temporarily at Reedsport.

Lewis resigned to take other work. Before becoming a deputy, he worked for the City of Roseburg force.

Radio Engineer Sees Saucer Parade, He Says

WASHINGTON — At 2 a.m. Friday, radio engineer Elmer Chambers looked up at the sky. Here's what he says he saw: Six or seven bright orange disks were streaking through the sky, in single file. The saucers sped along for about five seconds and then each, in turn, veered sharply upward and disappeared.

Chambers, 41, is chief engineer at the WRC radio station transmitter in the Washington suburbs.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Gen. Eisenhower evidently never heard of the salmon paradise at Winchester Bay, else he wouldn't be angling for mere trout in the Colorado wilds.

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