

SALARY SLASH FOR TEACHERS HERE DECREED

Saving of \$17,937 in That Department Is Voted By School Board

Staff Elected, Action on Budget Delayed; new Group Organizes

WHAT SCHOOL BOARD DID LAST NIGHT Reduced teacher salaries. Deferred budget action. Discussed married teachers.

Organized for 1932-33.

Digging into school business with no delay, the 1932-33 school board, with new members, Dr. B. F. Pound and Mrs. David A. Wright, last night voted a \$17,937 salary reduction plan, elected teachers and pondered the problem of married teachers. Canvases of the school situation, report and swearing in of the new directors preceded the business glist.

The new board members immediately dissented on the proposed salary reduction, voicing a fear that it would injure the schools. But the hold-over directors explained that with salaries amounting to around 84 per cent of the budget and other expenditures pared as deeply as possible, no other avenue of tax cutting, as demanded by taxpayers, existed.

The new directors then helped vote in Superintendent George W. Hug's program of sliding-scale salary slashes. This program reduces senior high school salaries by \$8080, junior high by \$4105 and elementary by \$5752.50.

Individual reductions vary from \$22.50 to \$600. All teachers' salaries will be cut by \$45, the yearly increment, except that in cases where the increment is not granted, the reduction will be \$22.50. New teachers to be employed will receive \$90 less than the minimum for their position.

Teachers Elected For Coming Term Incorporated in the salary reduction motion was the submission of 1932-33 contracts to teachers. Because of the pending court case testing the validity of the high school tuition act, contracts will be withheld from 10 secondary school teachers until the outcome of the case is determined.

Position of band instructor, held by E. D. Denny at \$1700 salary, was eliminated, while all vocational instructors were retained. The board previously had planned to dispense with the services of at least one vocational instructor but abandoned this course when the state board for vocational education offered to make the same appropriation as last year, \$3000.

Savings of \$2445 were accomplished by dismissing three special room teachers and of \$1260 through resignation of a senior high school instructor. The board promptly quashed a proposal by Superintendent Hug that the new school district tax levy be increased to the six per cent limitation and that the additional revenue together with the savings from salary reductions be used in paying off warrant indebtedness of the district.

The only excuse for cutting salaries is to lower taxes, Chairman H. H. Olinger declared. Directors Keene and Olinger concurred.

Hug instructed to Revamp Estimates. The superintendent's tentative budget called for expenditure next year of \$432,745.43, an increase of \$12,610.71 over the 1931-32 budget. He was instructed to revamp his estimates on the basis of giving the taxpayers the benefit of the salary cuts.

Clerk W. H. Burghardt reported that he had this week reduced the district's warrant indebtedness from \$175,337 to \$167,259.50.

Turning attention to the married teacher problem, the board was informed by the superintendent that the husbands of 20 of the 53 married teachers were "in bad shape, either physically or financially." Hug reported that on classifying the married women teachers on the basis of value in the schools, he found nine among the best, seven close to the best and 20 above average.

Three husbands of the married teachers are themselves employed here as instructors, seven live in other counties and six are employed by the city, state or federal government. The board questioned the status of these women teachers involved but took no action.

The board approved expenditure of expense money provided in Superintendent Hug's contract to pay his wife in attending the School Executives' conference at University of California, Berkeley again this year. Extension of the leave of absence of Miss Elva S. Nissen, Grant school teacher, for another year was granted. Miss Nissen is studying at University of Oregon.

Olinger Chairman Of Board Once More Dr. H. H. Olinger was reelected chairman of the board and Mrs. (Turn to page 10, col. 1)

Teacher Pay Cuts Listed At Meeting

School teacher salary reductions were adopted by the local school board last night as follows: Present salaries: Art's Reduced Principal, high school, \$3000 \$250.00 Salaries from \$2200 to \$2400 200.00 School-Union salaries, \$2400 200.00 Principal Emeritus, \$2500 600.00 Salaries from \$1800 to \$1850 125.00 Salaries, \$1600.50 122.50 Salaries, \$1550 150.00 Salaries from \$1575 to \$1600 100.00 Salaries from \$1400 to \$1500 75.00 All teachers' salaries reduced one increment, or \$45; where increment is not granted, reduced one-half increment, or \$22.50. First year teachers not to be reduced. New teachers to be employed shall start out at \$90 less than minimum.

ECONOMY MEASURE FINALLY APPROVED

Conference Report Adopted And Relief Bill now is Near Final Form

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—The national economy bill, badly battered through weeks of controversy, finally was approved tonight as congress cleared one of its major pre-adjournment hurdles.

Meanwhile, an agreement bringing the \$2,300,000,000 unemployment relief bill nearer conformity with President Hoover's views was reached by senate and house conferees.

The last congressional action on the economy measure came when the senate voted 85 to 11 to accept the conference report on the bill as amended by the house.

It carries savings estimated at \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000. The measure probably will go to the White House tomorrow and receive President Hoover's signature in time for the beginning of the new fiscal year, Friday.

As finally approved it carried the payless furlough plan for government employees, which the president sought, but included the house provision that employers so necessary that they could not be spared from their work should take pay cuts ranging from 3 1/2 per cent to 20 per cent.

Despite this action senate leaders were fast losing hope of adjournment this week. Conference on the unemployment relief bill made slow progress, and deadlocks on some of the big appropriation bills remained unbroken.

The unemployment bill conferees agreed on a \$300,000,000 fund for emergency relief loans to states which had not yet found compromises on the more controversial sections.

DEMAND FOR FRUIT PICKERS DWINDLES

The rush of fruitgrowers to obtain cherry picking crews dwindled off yesterday. Only 53 men and women, less than half of Monday's number, were placed at this work by Assistant Manager D. D. Watson of the U. S. Y. M. C. A. Employment office.

While still more calls for pickers are expected to come in this morning, Watson has a sufficient number of persons registered to fill the prospective orders, he said last night he does not anticipate receiving any large number of orders for picking during the next few days.

Twelve persons were sent to work at other types of labor yesterday, one on a farm, one as common laborer, three as wood cutters, two on longberry picking and five at strawberry picking.

SUSPECT FIREBUGS

EUGENE, Ore., June 28.—(AP)—R. S. Helley, supervisor of Shuswap national forest, disclosed today that 13 fires in the Hebdo district of the forest have been investigated. All were believed to be of incendiary origin.

Victorious Rooseveltian Forces Press Advantage

By EDWARD J. DUFFY CHICAGO, June 28.—(AP)—Thrice victors in the convention by good majorities, the Roosevelt democrats pressed through the late hours tonight to make the most of their advantage in the hope of a swing that would carry the New York governor beyond the two-thirds vote needed to nominate.

Their best showing in the session that kept the delegates on edge for six hours today found the Roosevelt cause 89 ahead of the opposition, but 112 behind the nominee to oppose the Hoover-Curtis ticket in November.

Alert to the situation, members of the inner-circle of leaders of the party that have opposed Roosevelt had their spots scurried for conference. Rumors ran galore, but there was no authentic telling of what was to come.

Rejoicing over the 626 to 528

BATTLE RAGES OVER BOURBON REPEAL PLANK

Resolutions Committee is Split, Additional Debate Scheduled Today

Two-Thirds Rule Retained With Recommendation For Change Later

CHICAGO, June 28.—(AP)—The firebrand prohibition issue divided the democratic resolutions committee tonight and evoked a full-scale debate over consideration of a plank by the democratic convention.

The Roosevelt-controlled subcommittee reported an agreement on the 1932 democratic platform to the whole committee tonight but asked that action be withheld until tomorrow, explaining there was difference of opinion on the language of the repeal submission plank.

The wets, led by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, expressed fear of a move to defer the prohibition issue until after the nomination of a president and demanded an immediate showdown.

Senator Walsh is sponsoring a move by 20 states and territories committing the party to repeal of the 18th amendment and immediate modification of the Volstead act. Leaving the committee room he announced he would ask a decision in time for action by the convention tomorrow.

CHICAGO, June 28.—(AP)—The fight for its abrogation abandoned by the Roosevelt controlled resolutions committee, the century-old third party was unanimously approved tonight by the democratic convention to govern its selection of a presidential nominee.

Although sanctioning retention this year, the convention followed the Roosevelt leadership and recommended to the next general meeting consideration of the advisability of scrapping the old machinery.

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Trace Human Life Million Years, Claim

PEIPING, June 28.—(AP)—A creature with man's hand, but seemingly some other kind of feet, lived in China 1,000,000 years ago.

A wrist bone and a toe bone to prove this were described today by Dr. Davidson Black, world famous Canadian anatomist, attached to the Rockefeller hospital here.

Both bones apparently belonged to the sensational "Peking woman" or her tribe. The wrist bone goes far toward establishing her as a "truly human," one of the mothers of the human race, living a life certainly far higher than that of any species of animal known hitherto.

The top of the "Peking woman's" skull was found in Chou-shouan caves in geological formations which scientists identified as 1,000,000 years old.

Next to the superior type of ancient brain indicated by the skull, the wrist bone is the big find. For it points to the kind of hand no animal — not even the great anthropoid apes — was ever known to possess. This is a hand capable of doing work with tools in the human sense. In the theories of evolution, this development by man's early ancestors of a hand that could fashion tools has been rated as one of the supreme achievements.

It has been argued even that the superior human brain developed from the hand — rather than vice versa. Ability to do skillful things with the hand built up new brain twists, with growth in brain capacity and size.

Temperature 92, More Heat Due

Old Sol got busy yesterday and sent the mercury scurrying to 92, one below the highest official mark set here earlier in the month. The climb was more impressive because the low mark made early Tuesday morning was 48 degrees. The high yesterday was reached late in the afternoon.

With no change in the wind, another high mark warm day is expected today.

Gas Price Boost Is General Here

Salem motorists are wishing the gasoline distributors would declare a moratorium on the new increase in price. Major companies yesterday had all increased wholesale quotations two and one-half cents, bringing the retail figure to 21 cents per gallon. Only the largest stations, with large storage supplies, were holding forth at the 18 1/2-cent price.

Has Good News For Roosevelt



James Roosevelt, son of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, phones good news home from Chicago to his dad in Albany.

TAMMANY LEANING ROOSEVELT'S WAY

Complimentary Vote to Al Smith may be Cast on The First Ballot

CHICAGO, June 28.—(AP)—The Tammany Tiger, still officially sitting on the fence, cast its eyes tonight toward the Roosevelt camp.

John F. Curry, chief of the New York City democratic organization, announced postponement of a New York state caucus called for tonight to discuss whom it would favor for the presidency.

Instead, a number of informal private conferences were held. Curry himself, the sphinx of New York politics who holds command over more than 50-conviction votes, would not reveal in any way his attitude toward any of the candidates.

But intimations of Tammany's present attitude came from several of those who had talked with him.

"It looks now as if Roosevelt will be nominated within a few ballots," said one of Curry's lieutenants and consultants.

Other Tammany leaders said they had urged Curry to have the organization cast a complimentary vote on the first ballot for Alfred E. Smith, who is a Tammany squire, and then to switch to Roosevelt if he has the strength anticipated.

CITIZEN SOLDIERS HOME FROM CAMP

Salem's national guard units, 110 men strong and representing headquarters battery and medical detachment of the 249th coast artillery and company B of the 162nd infantry, arrived by train here yesterday afternoon at 12:35 from Fort Stevens and Camp Clatsop.

Returning yesterday too were the commanding officer, General George A. White and Brigadier General Thomas E. Riley.

Salem's citizen soldiers, including 60 riflemen, 14 in the medical detachment and 26 in headquarters battery, returned home a tanned and perhaps a bit weary, but jovial lot from the discipline of two weeks of military training.

These units all took part in the big combat demonstration and parade of the several thousand troops last Saturday.

McMahan Denies Motion to Hold Iverson Witness

Judge L. H. McMahan yesterday denied a motion asked by the plaintiff in State vs. Ripley, et al, and thus refused to hold under bond Viola Ripley, 15-year old sister of Robert Ripley, held for the murder of James Iverson of Silverton.

"This motion comes long after the arraignment and is, therefore, too late. The court has no inherent power to make the order," McMahan declared.

Informed of the court's action, District Attorney Carson, who had asked that the girl be released under bond or else held in jail, expressed disappointment because her testimony is considered important in the forthcoming trial of Ripley. The latter's father has already disappeared, Carson said.

The sister is supposed to have been with Ripley the night of the Silverton tragedy and to have seen him prepare explosives which were to have been used in a robbery at Silverton.

POE SILENT ON CRIME, PLACED IN PRISON HERE

Said to Admit Being With Ripley and Manning on Night of Murder

Had Crossed Nation Twice, Been in Many Jails Since Last May

Dupree Poe, 34, indicted as first-degree murderer of Night Officer James Iverson of Silverton, was being held at the state penitentiary here last night pending his arraignment in circuit court here.

Poe, handcuffed and escorted by Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt and F. E. Dodele of the state police department, was brought to Salem at 4 p. m. yesterday. He had waited extradition after his recognition in Seattle on Monday.

Confirmed shortly thereafter by District Attorney Carson, Sheriff Oscar D. Bower and Officers Burkhardt and Dodele, Poe refused to talk about the crime which he is alleged to have committed. His escorts said that on his trip down, Poe had stated that he was with Robert Ripley and Frank Manning on the night of the Silverton murder. He refused to go any further into the details of the murder.

Penitentiary will Be Jail for Him Poe was taken after the preliminary grilling by officers to the penitentiary which for his purpose will now be a jail inasmuch as officers do not wish to leave him in the county jail here where Ripley and Manning are confined. He might have opportunity to communicate with him.

Poe, five feet, seven inches in height, with brown hair and eyes, has sharp, wandering eyes and regular, not unattractive features. He was serious in his demeanor yesterday to his captors. He answered all questions readily save those connected with the Iverson killing.

Poe claims his father is living, somewhere in Texas. He has a (Turn to page 10, col. 2)

LABOR OPPOSED TO LOW HIGHWAY PAY

As expected, the Salem Central Labor council last night censured the highway commission for planning on a \$1.50 wage for workmen on highway emergency employment projects.

One oil company was placed on the "do not patronize" list because it had employed painters who were both non-union and out-siders. Another company was okeed for operating 100 per cent in favor of local union labor.

Other business included an invitation to Otto Hartwig, new member of the state industrial council, to address the commission and former president of the state federation of labor, to speak at the next meeting of the council; instructions for the trustees to renew the lease on Union hall, and appointment of James Preble as the council's correspondent for the State Labor Press.

Panhandler Gets Abusive, Thrown In Durance Vile

Unwise not only in using abusive language on a Salem citizen, but also in his choice of time and place to do it, James Solmney, 22, transient from Council Bluffs, Ia., last night landed himself in the city jail. He was arrested by a downtown patrolman who overheard him vociferously "cussing" a local citizen who had refused to accede to his begging for money.

Police said they probably would see that young Solmney left the city today.

Basis of Water Utility Transfer is Discussed

The conference between C. T. Chenery, president of the Federal Water Service company which is holding company for the Oregon Washington Water Service company and a group of city officials consisting of Mayor Gregory, City Attorney Trindle and members of the public utilities committee adjourned at noon yesterday with the understanding that Mr. Chenery would return to New York and confer with his directors and bankers respecting the possibility of their accepting city of Salem bonds for the local water works plant, and the city officials would null the matter over and make him a proposition for a purchase. Price was not discussed at the meeting yesterday, both parties readily stipulating that subject. Most of the talk hinged about how the plant could be paid for.

Chenery showed a telegram received from Chase National New York which indicated it would be difficult to market the city bonds in large volume in spite of the fine credit rating the city has.

Legion Conclave Will be Boosted With Local Help

PORTLAND, June 28.—(AP)—Business men of Portland, Salem, Hood River, Gresham, The Dalles, Astoria and Seaside will journey to Seattle July 15 by special train to arouse interest in the American Legion national convention here in September.

The Oregon delegations will be guests of the Seattle chamber of commerce and all Legion posts of Seattle will be represented.

Moratorium on Auto Licenses With Quarterly Payment Plan To Follow Decreed By Meier

State Will Profit, Not Lose, Asserted

Governor Fears Loss of Gasoline tax Through Legal Stalling of Cars, Along With Handicap to Seasonal Labor

THAT the state would gain, rather than lose, by establishing a quarterly payment basis for automobile license purchase, is the conclusion of Governor Meier in his letter decreasing a two weeks' moratorium and asking Secretary of State Hoss to arrange for the installment payment plan. Governor Meier's letter follows:

LINDBERGH FLOUTS THEORY OF STATE

Doesn't Believe Curtis had Contact With Kidnap Gang at any Time

FLEMINGTON, N. J., June 28.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, testifying today in the trial of John Hughes Curtis, for obstructing justice, flatly diverged in his state opinion from the prosecution contention the Norfolk boat builder was "in actual contact" with the kidnapers of Lindbergh's infant son.

"I don't believe Mr. Curtis ever had contact with the kidnapers," said the famous flier. "There was a hush in the courtroom as the flier told about learning his baby was dead.

"How did you identify the body?" he was asked. "By the clothes, and the feet," he replied, quietly.

The Lindbergh recital seemed to bear out the line of attack it was first supposed the prosecution would take — contending Curtis invented a fantastic tale of bogus negotiations and hindered the police search by diverting attention from it.

Colonel Lindbergh testified Curtis told him he had been shown some of the money the national authorized Dr. Condon to pay to supposed kidnapers as ransom. But Colonel Lindbergh didn't see the bills.

He related how Curtis had described members of the gang in detail. But Lindbergh never saw or met them.

Edmund B. Bruce, of Elmira, N. Y., who entered the case as a friend of Curtis and driver of the car which took them on many trips, testified Curtis one night in New York pointed out to him a man he said was the "John" to whom Dr. Condon gave the ransom money in a Bronx cemetery.

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Forest Fire in South Spreads

MEDFORD, June 28.—(AP)—Forest fire, the first of the season in southern Oregon, was burning today at Rader hill, south of Medford.

A crew of fighters from Phoenix and Talent set out to battle the blaze, reported to be spreading rapidly over several hundred acres.

ONE OREGON VOTE GIVEN TO SHOUSE

By LESLIE J. SMITH CHICAGO, June 28.—(AP)—Although only nine Oregon's 10 votes were cast for Senator Walsh, of Montana, as permanent chairman of the democratic national convention today, the entire delegation tonight was united on common ground in the interest of nominating Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York for president.

Dr. Joseph F. Wood, who cast Oregon's dissenting vote in the high vote, said he did so because he believes J. H. Shouse was treated unfairly after repeated refusals receiving assurance of support. Doctor Wood said he knows Walsh will be a "fine fair chairman."

Oregon's placard was hustled into the parade of states which followed Walsh's election. It was borne by Mr. Wood, Mr. Mill, and Stilling, remaining in their places. With the exception of Dr. Wood, Walsh had the most enthusiastic support of the other Oregonians.

RAPS HOSS FOR INQUIRING INTO LEGAL ASPECTS

Secretary Asked to Accept Quarterly Payments; Emergency Seen

Secretary of State Hoss to Attorney-General Van Winkle asking if "there was any legal manner in which I might help relieve the situation." Hoss specifically asked if a license moratorium was legal and if a monthly or quarterly basis could be adopted. He asked for prompt answer to his inquiry.

Governor Meier who released his letter in Portland charged that Hoss was refusing to cooperate as evidenced by his preliminary conversation when the governor's plan was proposed and by his immediate request of a legal opinion.

Legal Phases "Mr. Hoss knows that the question of constitutional limitations is not a proper one to raise at this time," Governor Meier said. "It may be that technically we would be overstepping provisions of law, I consider it unwise and unfair to embarrass the attorney general by putting him on the spot as it were to decide this matter. It is an emergency not anticipated by the law but it must be met, and I am in favor of meeting it."

Governor Meier's letter to Hoss asked the secretary to accept at once auto license fees in quarterly installments, giving in return windshield stickers to serve as a means of identification until the full fee is paid. He promised to have the state police withhold arrest of autoists without 1932-33 licenses until July 15 while the installment system was being perfected.

Tangled Situation May Be Outcome A number of entanglements appeared possible here last night. While the state police department, under the governor's control, may readily suspend enforcement of the auto license law for 15 days, the collection of license fees is entrusted by law to Hoss. Should the attorney general declare the quarterly payment of license illegal, Hoss will probably refuse to accept such payments.

Hoss' letter to the attorney-general reads: "Please advise me as promptly as possible if the secretary of state has any legal authority under the motor vehicle laws of this state or any other law to issue motor vehicle licenses, stickers, or any other device licensing motor vehicles to operate on the highways of the state of Oregon and accept payment of the regular fee therefor on the installment plan, either monthly, quarterly, or any other basis.

"There have been so many requests from motorists for extensions of time, moratoriums, special permits, or installment payment plans for relief that I wish you to advise me if there is any legal manner in which might help relieve the situation.

"I would also like your opinion, in the event you hold such an installment payment plan to be illegal, could installment payments be accepted for fees from common carriers, contract haulers and commercial carriers, such as buses and trucks which under the law pay either additional fees or on a basis of tonnage hauled.

"You will appreciate, I am sure, that present conditions are such as to seriously affect a great number of motorists, and in view of these circumstances, and in an effort to be helpful to the people of our state, I earnestly urge that you expedite consideration of this request and give your opinion as early as possible."

LICENSES TO WED TACOMA, Wash., June 28.—(AP)—A marriage license was issued here today by N. F. Moore, of Salem, Oregon, and Emilie L. Tucker, of Eugene.