

OCF Pension Plan Scanned

Sweetland Has Measure Ready to File; \$40 Month Proposed

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Under federal rules may not always approve payment of the maximum federal grant of \$20.

Measure Explained to Pension Group
Sweetland explained his measure, which will be filed formally by the secretary of state as soon as two missing signatures are supplied, to the federation group at its closing session at the Salem chamber of commerce. He was preceded at the pension conference by Alex Gabrielson, Vancouver, Wash., legislator, democrat and Commonwealth supporter, who addressed a mass meeting here Friday night.

Referring to a decision to "say nothing, do nothing" for the present about six pension bills which were the subject of hearings before his federation Friday, Nelson declared that the pension conference was not exactly planned but met with the views its leaders have held.

None of the six measures was accorded federation approval, Nelson said, "because individual expressions by board members were to the effect that none of these revenue bills had much chance of passing."

Final action as to whether Sweetland's Commonwealth measure or a separate proposal will be supported by the pension federation will be made by the executive committee here Tuesday morning when a report will be presented by the committee.

Check Candidates, Federation Urges
The Nelson organization yesterday also passed a resolution calling on "the pension friendly voters to set up an organization and check on candidates, supporting those who will pledge themselves to liberalize the state old age pension setup as fully as possible under the federal act."

It also was voted to demand that any public employees' retirement act that may be proposed be applied to all citizens alike.

The executive board reelected all officers. They are Fred J. Toomey, president; Mrs. Helen Star, vice-president; M. B. Stegner, treasurer; Theodore G. Nelson, secretary, all of Salem; executive members—Nelson, as chairman; Barde G. Skulason and Dr. L. H. Montgomery, of Portland; Mrs. Nellie M. Dodson, McMinnville; Mrs. Elvira Olney, Eugene; John S. Marshall and Mrs. Helen Star, of Salem.

New Hampshire's Primary Tuesday

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congressional districts, each of which elects two delegates. In the first district, two Roosevelt pledged delegates faced opposition from one Farley delegate and one unpledged. In the second, there were three candidates for the two places, and all of them were pledged to the president.

In the republican primary, chief interest was focused on the candidacy of J. Howard Gile of Nashua, pledged to Thomas E. Dewey, although asked by the New York district attorney to withdraw.

Dewey's request stripped Gile's candidacy of some of its political significance but his vote probably will be watched closely as a possible barometer of Dewey's strength.

Washington State Anniversary Near

PULLMAN, March 9.—(AP)—Washington State college will celebrate its 50th anniversary March 28 with a nationwide celebration. Alumni Secretary Joe Caraher said today.

Caraher reported alumni the world over had been urged to observe the date and, in the United States, gatherings had been scheduled for New York City, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Madison, Wis., Washington, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Bellingham, Chehalis-Centralia, Longview, Yakima, Wenatchee, Pasco, Spokane and Pullman.

He said a half-hour program originating on the campus would be broadcast over a nationwide radio hook-up (NBC) to the scattered meeting places.

Fossett, Famous Marksman, Dies; Baffled Bandits

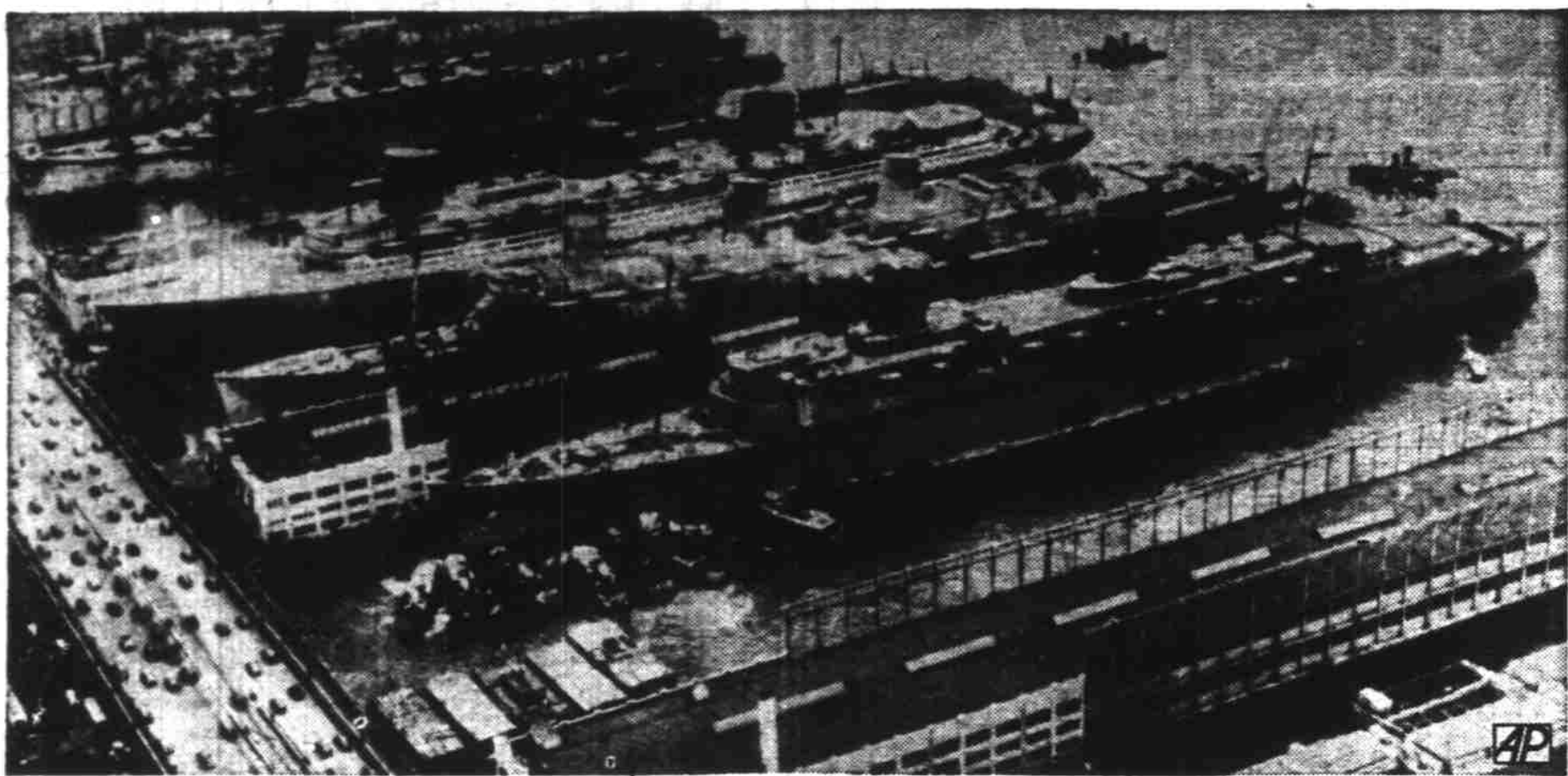
KINGFISHER, Okla., March 9.—(AP)—William A. Bill Fossett, former US marshal and an almost legendary figure as a marksman, died of old age at his home here today. His exact age was not known.

Fossett, a much-feared peace officer in the history of the southwest, was credited with breaking up some of the toughest gangs that roamed the territory.

"He was one of the most feared officers in the history of the southwest," said Alva McDonald, former US marshal who once was Fossett's boss.

"I considered him the best shot with rifle or pistol in the history of Oklahoma. Why, that man could shoot a bird out of the sky with a rifle and he could snap a barbed fence wire with a pistol shooting from a speeding automobile."

Three Largest Merchant Ships in World Rest Side by Side



The three largest merchant ships in the world rest at adjoining piers in the Hudson river, far from the dangers of aerial bombs and submarines, and with them is a fourth liner important in Atlantic trade. Front to rear: The Queen Elizabeth, largest, which docked after a secret run; next her sister ship, the Queen Mary, third largest; the French liner Normandie, second largest; and the British liner Mauretania. Missing is the Bremen, fourth largest, which several months ago dashed away from the pier at which the Mauretania is docked.

Lowering Trade Walls Proposed

Welles Tells Belligerent Nations US Ideas on Permanent Peace

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a healthy base, the memorandum went on, "demands the elimination of excessive, unreasonable barriers opposed to the flow of merchandise outside of national frontiers; acceptance of the rule of non-discrimination by the appliance of the principle of the most favored nation; and the creation in the domain of exchange and credit of conditions necessary for the multilateral function of commercial dealing."

A sharp allusion was made in the memorandum to barriers to international commerce which belligerent nations have set up to prosecute their warfare on the economic front.

"All of these barriers are instruments of economic warfare," it set forth. "Recent experiences have shown clearly their destructive effects on international commerce in peace time and as a result their depressing influence on the standard of living and the general economic well being between nations, as well as their character of generating hostility, animosity and conflict."

The French statement on the Welles memorandum said: "After having conferred with Premier Daladier, Mr. Reynaud gave to Mr. Welles the complete accord of the French government on the principles set forth in the memorandum."

"He recalled that these principles of liberty were among the things for which the allies are fighting and that they are the same principles which have motivated the financial and economic agreements between France and Great Britain since the start of the war and particularly that of Dec. 4 which constituted the first step in Europe toward an economic and monetary organization founded on a regime of liberty."

Welles devoted the last of his official conferences in Paris to conversations with the heads of the Polish government-in-exile. He spent more than an hour with Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, Polish premier, and then had an additional talk with August Zaleski, finance minister. He flies to London tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—The United States is approaching every nation in the world with the same economic proposals for the post-war period that Undersecretary Sumner Welles presented to the French government tonight.

State department officials said the memorandum submitted by Welles to Finance Minister Paul Reynaud was the same in spirit and similar in language to communications already addressed to all neutral nations. Many have replied favorably to Secretary Hull's proposals to chart a "safer and better world" when peace comes.

It was assumed here that a similar memorandum was presented by Welles to German officials, and will also be presented to the British government.

War Detrimental To Apple Market

HOOD RIVER, March 9.—(AP)—The wartime embargo of Great Britain blighted prospects of a successful year for fruit growers. J. E. Klahre told the Apple Growers' association today.

Klahre, association president, said the organization managed to get 150 cars of apples and pears under the wire before embargo gates closed.

Efforts to develop new home markets have been remarkably successful, A. W. Peters, in charge of sales, said, and prospects for the coming year justify optimism even if the war continues.

The association nominated George Coe, John Mohr, John Cooper, C. A. Reed, Eugene Bower, Scott F. Aiken, M. A. Udehus, C. King Benton and R. A. Collins for directors along with present board members.

Ada Adele Brown Dies Month After Husband

TURNER—Mrs. Adele Brown, 80, died at the Turner Memorial home late Saturday night, a month after the death of her husband, Fred D. Brown. A brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Tompkins of Oroville,

Presidency of Universe Is Offered Roosevelt When Women's Press Club Lampoons Notables at Annual Dinner

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—Members of the Women's National Press club spoofed in skits tonight the question of the hour—"Will Roosevelt run for a third term?"—and gave the republicans tips on how to get that White House address again.

In the audience, as guests at the Press club's annual dinner, were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the wives of most of the republican and democratic hopefuls.

A skit, "If They Don't Run," showed the Roosevelts in Hyde Park on Jan. 21, 1941. Mrs. Roosevelt was rocking and knitting. Mr. Roosevelt was reading the paper.

Suddenly the peace and quiet was shattered by a terrific noise. "Sounds like Orson Welles," said Roosevelt. A man from Mars did appear. He said:

"We need you. Will you consent to be drafted for president of the United States of the universe?"

"Huh?" Mr. Roosevelt thought it over. He wanted to move the sun at just a little different angle, experiment with those "extremes of temperature on the planets." Mrs. Roosevelt said: "Think of the copy I can get for my column. But—how can I wire it down from Mars?"

"I've got it, Eleanor," said Mr. Roosevelt. "I'll make it the No. 1 project of the PWA of the universe."

Wizardry Portrayed
Then the writers portrayed a bit of the "wizardry" necessary to get the republicans back to the White House.

Dorothy, a little republican girl, learned the secret from the Wizard of Oz after "that awful Roosevelt tornado" had blown her slightly out of her orbit and she made a republican scarecrow, Tim Woodman and Lion-Elephant.

A fairy led them to the wizard, and he gave them the formula for getting "back to the promised land."

The way to get there is to promise a promise, he advised. "Promise peace, plus profits, plus a super Summer Welles."

Two roast turkeys in every pot, promptly promised the Tin Woodman. "Every man a king, and a nice little queenie for each," added the Lion. "Pensions for everyone," chirped Dorothy.

Crusade Extended Through March 17

The city-wide evangelistic crusade being conducted in the First Christian church, High and Center, will continue through March 17, it was announced yesterday.

The meetings, sponsored by the Greater Salem Christian Fundamentals association, are held daily at 7:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 3 p.m.

Evangelist Clifford Lewis announces the following program for the closing week of meetings: Sunday, March 10, 3 p.m., "Thirty Bible Reasons for Believing in the Soon Return of Christ." The Dryden sisters of Portland will sing.

Monday, March 11, missionary picture slides will be shown. Tuesday, March 12, delegation night. "Who is a Christian?"

Wednesday, March 13, all states and all nations night. "What the Bible Teaches About Hell."

Thursday, March 14, special music from Portland and also by the capella choir from the high school. "God's Great Love."

Friday, March 15, "God's Great Gift." Saturday, March 16, "God's Great Invitation." Sunday, March 17, 3 p.m., "God's Great Promise."

Snow's Shortage Causing Concern

GRANTS PASS, March 9.—(AP)—February rains have greatly increased Oregon's snow cover but irrigation and power districts fear a shortage by late summer.

Snow surveys up to March 1 showed the snow cover above 5,000 feet elevation was only 88, 91 and 76 per cent of the amounts for the same date the past three years.

On lower levels, from 3000 to 5000 feet, the snow is only 36, 47 and 18 per cent of the same amounts the past three years.

Wash. had cared for Mrs. Brown since her husband's death. Funeral services will be Tuesday at the Turner Christian church, under the direction of the Weddie mortuary.

Filibuster Waged Over Hatch's Act

Foes of Ban's Extension to State Employees Prevent Vote

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The bill would apply to some 500,000 state employees paid partly from federal funds the existing restrictions against political activity by federal workers.

Although President Roosevelt has endorsed the bill, and Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky is conducting the fight for it, most of today's delaying speeches came from democrats. The length, and the subject matter, of the speeches led Hatch to observe that the day's proceedings had "all the appearance of a filibuster."

Senator Lee (D., Okla.) spoke for an hour and a half about the plight of farmers driven into tenancy by big-scale machine farming. Senators Pepper (D., Fla.) and Hill (D., Ala.) read lengthy excerpts from reports on economics and government spending.

Often there were less than a dozen senators on the floor, and some of these obviously were drowsing.

Republican Leader McNary of Oregon, asked whether he considered Lee's address to be filibustering, told reporters:

"I consider this the greatest oration that ever has been delivered in the history of the senate."

Technically, the agreement to displace the Hatch bill in favor of the farm measure must be ratified by the senate on Monday. But all conceded that this was certain to be done.

When the senate finally quit until Monday noon, it was under an agreement to vote at 2 p.m. Monday on an amendment by Senator Brown (D-Mich.) which would prohibit political activity by officers or stockholders of corporations which received any benefits from the government, including tariff production, loans, tax refunds or contracts.

After this vote, Senator Russell (D-Ga.) will move for consideration of the farm bill.

Hatch said he would ask a final vote on his legislation Monday, but commented that "it would be futile to try to keep this ahead of the farm bill."

"You've got the votes to pass your bill right now," Senator Chandler (D-Ky.) remarked to Hatch.

"Yes," Hatch responded with a wry smile, "but they (the opposition) won't let us vote."

The bill has split, and embittered, the senate democrats. On test votes, a majority of the democrats has voted against the measure, but has been repeatedly defeated by the remaining democrats and the republicans.

A leader of the opposition is Senator Minton (D-Ind.), the majority whip and usually Barkley's right-hand man. In the debate, which began Monday, opponents attacked the bill as an invasion of states' rights and of the constitutional rights of the employees affected. Proponents contended for fair and clean politics.

Attempt to 'Roll' Indians Suspected

What may have been an attempt to "roll" two Indians, George Meachem of Warm Springs and Edgar Simmons of Grand Ronde, by two men who represented themselves as federal officers, was reported to police Friday night.

Meachem and Simmons said they were at the Chinese Tea Garden when two men approached them and told them to come outside with them, saying they were "FBI" officers and were there to "protect" the Indians.

Meachem and Simmons refused to go and police were called immediately.

John Slocum, Albany, told police he recognized both of the men as Portland "gangsters." One of the "gangsters" was described as five feet, ten inches tall, weighing about 200 pounds and wearing a salt and pepper suit. The other was about five feet, six inches tall, heavy set, red hair and wearing a gray suit.

Meachem and Simmons were here to attend a conference at Chemawa.

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Peace Is Topic As Finns Fight

But Reports Negotiation for Peace Proceeding; Decision Said Near

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HELSINKI, March 9.—(AP)—Despite accounts of peace negotiations that filled front pages of Helsinki newspapers, heavy fighting continued today on virtually all fronts, with the invading red army finally gaining "a restricted foothold" on the northwest shore of Viipuri bay.

Military observers said that this foothold—gained at tremendous cost—undoubtedly would increase the threat to Viipuri, toward which the Russians have been driving furiously since February 1.

This latest Russian maneuver, acknowledged in the Finnish high command's communique tonight, was regarded as of outstanding importance because of the possibility it might put the Russians in the position to complete encirclement of the city of Viipuri and outflank the eastern end of the Mannerheim line.

Talk of peace, however, overshadowed news of the fighting. Helsinki evening newspapers gave prominent display to dispatches from Stockholm, Berlin, Paris, London and Rome with various reports of peace proposals. Terms May Have Been Modified

There still was no official comment, however, beyond the brief communique. Thursday night which said that Russia had prepared to submit demands more far-reaching than the original demands of last autumn, which Finland rejected. It was disclosed, however, that there have been further communications since Thursday and was indicated that the contract continued.

The fact that the proposals had not already been rejected led to belief that Moscow may have modified its demands after early indications that Finland would fight on rather than accept a loser's terms.

There was strong opposition here to extensive concessions; some feared such a peace might not last.

These fears were suggested by the newspaper Ilta Sanomat, which, although not commenting directly on the Russian-Finnish situation, made the following pointed reference: "The approaching March 15 anniversary of the German occupation of Bohemia-Moravia, heart of the former Czechoslovak republic."

"To the eyes of the world was offered the tragic drama of a nation which was called from one surrender to another."

Meanwhile the situation at the front continued virtually the same except for the Soviet gain in the Viipuri Bay sector, where several islands were captured by the Russians in addition to the positions on the mainland.

Parity Payments Restored, Senate

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On again 13 to 4 as Senators Glass and Adams (Colo.) joined Hale and Lodge.

Both democrats and republicans predicted that the senate would approve the bill, which is to come up Monday, and house advocates of economy were plunged into gloom.

Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.), a leader of house anti-spending bloc, virtually conceded that the economy drive was wrecked. Expressing doubt that the house would fight the parity item, he said:

"The house is a very temperamental body and if the bandwagon starts rolling by, a lot of people are going to jump on it."

Webbing of Feet Is New Corn Cure

PORTLAND, March 9.—(AP)—"Webbed feet" of Oregon learned today how chiropodists use surgery to induce webbed feet and cure chronic soft corns.

Dr. Francis H. Sheets of San Francisco told the third annual convention of the National Association of Chiropodists that removing the corns between the fourth and fifth toes was followed by partially sewing the toes together.

The new treatment, he said, removed friction and pressure, slightly narrowed the foot and assured a positive cure.

Back From Washington

BRUSH CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. John Goplerud, Jr., have returned from Seattle and Spokane, where they have been the past several months. Goplerud went on at once to Newport and Mrs. Goplerud will follow in a few days. She has been spending the week visiting at their home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hillman.

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In One Ear . . .

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out realizing the disaster that loomed ahead. For there was phoney business afoot!

He started on the sixth paragraph, all unwarned.

"Where a plaintiff in garnishment," he read away without a pause, "files allegations and interrogatories, the allegations considered in connection with the averments and interrogatories must contain the essential elements of a good cause of action against the garnishee. COMES NOW THE REVOLUTION."

J. John Fox, our scout says, was well on his way into the seventh paragraph before the laughter stopped him and he realized all was not well. His eye scanned back over the sixth paragraph and he sat down suddenly.

Since, says our scout, he has been too industrious in the preparation of his own briefs.

SONG WRITTEN AFTER PERUSING ROAD MAPS

Of all the towns I'd like to see
There's Kokomo and Kankakee
That most of all appeal to me.

But then, too, there's Tuskalooosa
And out in Iowa, Oskaloosa,
Both nice views from a caboose.

Florida has Apalachicola
And Iowa, again, Osceola,
Finely visible from a gondola.

And if I'm very much in luck
I might get to Naugatuck,
Or anyhow to Keokuk.

Still between here and the sea
The towns that most appeal to me
Are Kokomo and Kankakee.

Willy Wimple, the second story man, had quite an experience the other day. He had prowled a house and found a goodly amount of loot. So Willy went to the telephone to ask a friend to come around with a truck. All the time Willy had thought the house was empty, so imagine his surprise when he picked up the receiver to hear a gruff voice say "Is this the police? There's a burglar in my house." It was the owner, phoning from an upstairs extension.

With great presence of mind Willy said, "No this isn't the police. And this line's busy."

The householder hung up, fuming at the telephone system and Willy left in a hurry.

Coal Ships Freed, Crisis Said Ended

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ing tomorrow with Premier Mussolini and Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano.

It was said there was the possibility of a suggestion that Germany divert her coal shipments by rail to Italy to solve the problem.

It was said authoritatively that further Italian action in the dispute was likely to be influenced largely by the nature of Britain's formal reply to Italy's protest against the seizure of her coal ships. The reply was expected here tomorrow.

Meantime sources close to the government, weighing the significance of the visit of the German foreign minister, predicted that Italy's non-belligerent policy would be continued.

Mormon Crickets Hatch Early; Control Planned

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—Oregon's crop of Mormon crickets is hatching earlier than usual this year, but the agriculture department assured Representative Pierce (D., Ore.) today that funds were sufficient for control measures.

FHA Rate Questioned

Mortgage Bankers' Head Tells Why
Although commending the federal housing administration for having popularized the long-term amortized mortgage and playing one of the leading roles in residential construction activity in recent years, Byron T. Shuts, president of the Mortgage Bankers' association of America, said in Seattle Thursday that he questioned the present 4 1/2 per cent FHA rate . . .

Advocates Course
FHA should devote its major efforts to low-cost homes in the \$2500 to \$5000 bracket, he said. He declared that he felt certain a restoration of the 5 per cent FHA interest rate, cut to 4 1/2 per cent last year, would accomplish far more good for substantial business gains than to leave it at the present abnormally low figure . . .

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City Positions Going Begging

Three Water Commission Spots to Be Vacated, no Aspirants yet

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Olinger and Chandler P. Brown from the third ward have not filed. Nicholson has had petitions and filing documents out for some time, but has not yet definitely decided whether to turn them in. Olinger said last week he "doubted" if he would run, while Brown is contemplating moving from the ward he now represents.

Three Aldermanic Posts Unsought
The way the council races stack up follows:
Ward 1—Four year term, no filings.

Ward 2—Four year term, Dr. S. B. Laughlin, incumbent, and Lloyd F. LeGarde, former councilman, both filed.

Ward 3—One four year term, one two year term, no filings.
Ward 4—Four year term, Mrs. G. F. Lobdel, incumbent, filed.

Ward 5—Four year term, Ross Goodman, incumbent, filed.
Ward 6—Four year term, D. O. Lear, incumbent, A. C. Friesen and Tom Armstrong, filed.

Ward 7—Four year term, C. F. French, incumbent, filed; two year term, Bert T. Ford, incumbent, and Mike Panek, filed.

Queen Elizabeth Episode Is Tops

Though 16 Ships Sunk in Past Week; England Is Main Loser With 6

(By the Associated Press)
The surprise appearance in New York of the world's largest liner, the British Queen Elizabeth, after a secret, blacked-out voyage across the North Atlantic overshadowed events of the war on the sea last week.

The \$5,000-ton \$28,750,000 liner brought with her new equipment which may be Britain's answer to German magnetic mines—an electrical girdle designed to render ineffective those deadly devices of the deep.

In the actual war, the week brought reports of the destruction of 16 ships of all nations. England was the chief loser with 6 vessels of 16,899 tons, and 121 lives.

One British vessel, the 12,842 ton tanker San Florentino, was lost and then saved during the week. On Wednesday, a London report intoning an Amsterdam shipping paper said the liner had been torpedoed; a high British authority yesterday asserted the ship was "perfectly safe."

Holland Loses Four
Neutral Holland lost four ships and had more than a dozen attacked by planes. Germany lost 3 vessels of 15,416 tons via the now-familiar scuttling method. Sweden, Italy and France each lost one ship.