

Farrell to Steer Clear Of Legislative Program

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legislation requiring all drivers to be examined once in every four years. Under the old law new applications and drivers over 70 years of age were required to be examined as to their knowledge of the motor vehicle laws and their ability to drive an auto.

Farrell thinks too much confusion would arise if the 1941 proviso were attempted to be enforced, with so many newcomers in the state, so many citizens working defense industry shifts and so much difficulty being experienced in keeping personnel in state offices.

The addition to the operator's act was sponsored two years ago by the Portland junior chamber of commerce. That organization, Farrell says, is willing to see its handiwork in the interests of safety set back until after the war.

The only immediate change of personnel taking place in his department, Farrell said, is the appointment of Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, his secretary in Portland for several years and at the legislative sessions of 1939 and 1941, as his secretary at the capitol. Alene Phillips, who long held this position, is to be assistant private secretary to Governor Snell.

Japs Assemble Huge Armada, Aussies Report

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commissaire of Australia's north-east coast, and he added that at Munda, on the northwest coast of New Guinea island, 200 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, the enemy was building one of the greatest airfields in the area.

(In Washington, navy Secretary Frank Knox said at a press conference that he had no information concerning an unusual Japanese naval concentration at Rabaul, New Britain. There always are a number of Japanese ships at that base, 650 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, he said, but activities there are under constant observation.

(A navy communiqué, announcing another of the daily attacks on Munda, disclosed also that the installations there consist not of one runway but several.

(Knox, shedding some light on recent navy communiqués telling of a group of Japanese destroyers which approached Guadalcanal's north coast Saturday, said the warships did not make a landing but attempted to float some supplies ashore.)

Knudsen Great Aid to Output

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(P)—The chief trouble shooter of the army production program, Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, was credited by his boss Tuesday with lifting military production by at least 10 per cent.

"I suppose," said Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, "that General Knudsen spends two-thirds of his time trouble-shooting. It's production-line trouble-shooting, the practical solution of immediate problems on the spot."

Knudsen himself, reluctant to discuss his own activities, was quite willing to talk about the producing job done by American industry.

FDR Slates Speech

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(P)—President Roosevelt will launch the 1943 food production campaign

Rayburn Sees Reassertion

Texas Named Again As Speaker; FDR To Talk Thursday

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active in holding together the reduced democratic majority by eliminating friction which has developed among some of its members over policies of some administration departments and bureaus.

The 78th congress, which may help determine the course of world history for years to come, convenes Wednesday with all factions pledged to an all out war effort but sharply divided on domestic issues.

Preliminaries were cleared away Tuesday. In their session caucus, democrats unanimously nominated Sam Rayburn of Texas for another term as speaker of the house, and re-elected John W. McCormack of Massachusetts as their floor leader.

The house republican conference nominated Joseph W. Martin, jr., of Massachusetts as their candidate for speaker, but Rayburn's reelection was a foregone conclusion, because the democrats still held a 14-vote majority.

Democrats and republicans alike called for a holiday on politics in legislation necessary to win the war.

President Roosevelt personally will present the administration's program in his state of the union report to a joint session of the house and senate Thursday. Robert Sherwood, playwright now in the office of war information, is helping the president prepare the address.

The White House said Tuesday the president would confer with congressional leaders before delivering his address. A number of influential capitol hill democrats already had indicated they would urge the president to omit social security revision or expansion from his legislative program, to avert what they said might be an unnecessary fight that might disrupt the entire congressional program.

Mr. Roosevelt gave newsmen no indication what subjects his speech might embrace.

The president's budget message, originally scheduled for Friday, will be presented Monday instead. President Roosevelt said mechanical difficulties had arisen in the printing of statistical tables.

Ford Workmen Return to Job

DETROIT, Jan. 5—(P)—Striking maintenance workers Tuesday night heeded the orders of their union leaders to return to their jobs in the production foundry of the Ford Motor company's Rouge plant, ending an unauthorized walkout that made 9000 war workers idle and interfered with production of armor plate for army tanks.

A company spokesman said, however, that a check at 9 p.m. (Eastern War Time) disclosed 4,088 men were absent from the afternoon shift and estimated that it would be another 24 hours before production again would be in full swing. He said that at that hour approximately 115,000 man hours had been lost because of the dispute.

with a broadcast January 12, which he recently proclaimed as Farm Mobilization day.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Newspaper people, who, taking vacations at the "deadest" season of the year, normally return to find that the story of the decade has broken on their beats in their absence, may sympathize with Olive Deak Bynon.

Perhaps the newspaper background of Olive's may have something to do with her lack of luck last week. For some time she had gone around in a glow: Wasn't she going to San Francisco the week after Christmas? She was to attend the conference of Red Cross executive secretaries from 3 to 4 size chapters all over the Pacific area. More than that, she was to be able to spend some time there with her husband, Fred Bynon, now in the army and stationed not far from the Golden Gate.

So she attended her conference, planned to be back here by New Year's night and then discovered that train schedules weren't what they once had been, added 24 hours to her plan and eventually learned she'd be lucky to make it by Monday. Imagine her consternation when she read Saturday's papers and learned that at home in Salem right in her own office others were working out disaster relief programs for the biggest flood since 1927!

Tuesday, back at her desk, she got sympathy from Marion Bowen, Marion county public welfare worker, who was called to Clatsop county just too late to get in on the excitement of the Astoria fire, but did have much of the task of "cleaning up" handed to her.

I like the story of the man who, asked what his losses had been, said "Nothing." He went on to say the water had risen 17 inches in his house and his mattress was wet, speaking at some length on the situation. Red Cross workers promised to find some way of getting bedding dried, asked again about his losses. The answer still was "Nothing," or at least "not very much." Much of the household furniture was warped and ruined; 50 hens had been drowned; the wife had just come home from the hospital and was still on crutches, but they'd get along—let help go to those who needed it!

Then there was that other, who arising to look out at the flood waters, gasped. His prayers (not those of the night before, but of early winter) had been answered. Ricked in front of the fence were approximately two cords of wood that hadn't been there before the Willamette started to wander.

Turk Internee Flying Again

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 5—(P)—Capt. Fred W. Nesbitt, jr., one of 28 army fliers interned in Turkey last June after forced landings of four bombers, is back in active service in northwest Africa.

Captain Nesbitt's parents received this word January 2 in a telegram from Maj. Gen. James A. Ulio, adjutant general.

In Washington, the war department declined to elaborate on Ulio's telegram, or to say whether Captain Nesbitt had escaped or been released. The department also declined comment on the whereabouts of his 27 fellow airmen.

New Canned Milk Margins Slated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(P)—The office of price administration announced Tuesday new and uniform margins in the wholesale and retail prices of evaporated and condensed milk will go into effect Friday to relieve shortages in some areas.

OPA attributed the shortages to price "squeezes" on some distributors. Selling prices for retailer-owned cooperatives and cash and carry wholesalers were fixed at net cost plus 8.5 per cent while the prices for service and delivery wholesalers were set at net cost plus 4.5 per cent.

Hurley on Journey

BAGDAD, Iraq, Jan. 5—(P)—Brig.-Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, coming from an unexplained mission to Russia, declined comment on his activities Tuesday as he left for Cairo. The former US secretary of war is minister to New Zealand.

IRVINGTON, N.J., — (P)—Mrs. De Witt Clinton Marsh, jr., headed a government request to put idle money back into circulation. But she almost upset the bank routine.

She arrived with a five-gallon jug containing 10,000 pennies she had saved in four years. It took five bank clerks three hours to count and wrap them.

Red Cross Aid Provided for Water Losses

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interested in meeting emergency needs, Irl S. McSherry, disaster relief chairman, said Tuesday. In making rehabilitation settlements, grants are to be approved by a local committee.

Tuesday, Red Cross workers were offered services of Producers' Cooperative drier on North Commercial street to dry mattresses dampened in flood waters; those which floated free would be worth saving. Miss Gladys Guinness, disaster worker for the Red Cross from San Francisco, said. Today, it was believed that the Marshall-Stolz drier, a half mile west of Keizer, would serve the same purpose.

Working in the Jefferson-Talbot area Tuesday morning, Miss Guinness said that approximately 30 families had been affected and that half of these would need rehabilitation assistance. Seven to 10 families, taken over the river by boat, could not be contacted and were not included in the survey. Some serious damage, extent of which had not been determined, was sustained by homes and farms there.

In the Keizer basin, water stood from 17 inches to three feet deep, and while practically every family was affected, damage was probably slight. Scott, who inspected the section Tuesday afternoon, said. Most persons there moved their belongings out of reach of the water. There, 20 to 25 families were most seriously touched. Discomfort was generally prevalent.

Neighbors had aided flood sufferers in the city limits, but Red Cross inspection was scheduled there today. From Mill street south volunteers working under direction of Miss Guinness and Scott are to attempt to cover the area south to Talbot, impassable on Tuesday.

Still unexplored is the Mission Bottom to Newberg area.

Red Cross workers told stories of the morale of a people, who had lost by flood but were not spiritually dampened by high water.

One woman near Jefferson from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the day evacuation was started in that area fed more than 40 persons.

No one charged for meals, so far as Red Cross workers could learn, and such contributions to the comfort of the community cost families much of their stocks of food. The Red Cross will replace such food, Mrs. Olive Bynon, Marion county chapter secretary, said.

Water north of Salem rose to 20 feet of the new Lafolette residence. Turkeys there were saved, but families of two itinerant workers had pitched their tents in the ravine below. They managed to get out of the cars and saved most of their bedding, but other possessions were lost. Tuesday they were housed in the old Lafolette house, which workmen had commenced to raze.

Investigators told of visiting the home of an elderly woman in the Keizer district, who had finally been persuaded by one son to leave. Returning, she found that water had stood 48 inches above the floors (and the house was on foundations), that the current had been strong enough to break some of the furniture and stack most of it.

County Judge Grant Murphy, with County Engineer N. C. Hubbs, on Tuesday paid a call to a resident of the Talbot area whose home had been washed from the tall timber-stills on which it had been set and was set down in the center of the road a half mile north of its regular location. The stilt had lifted the house high enough so that a sort of open air garage was provided beneath the residence in its original setting. The car parked there had been turned over by force of the flood waters.

Heavy boulders washed into one farmer's fields in Ankeny bottom were considered a costly memento of the flood. Two hundred fifty feet of oil mat surface had been washed from a road near the Allen fruit ranch in Mission bottom. Murphy and Hubbs botomed.

When the county judges of Marion and Yamhill permitted use of the Wheatland ferry as a barge to be used in rescuing cattle they probably saved their respective counties a considerable loss, it was revealed Tuesday. While the ferry was in use, flood waters washed out the great pole which had served as cable anchor on the Marion county side of the river. Had the ferry been in place, it, too, would have gone downstream to destruction, it was believed.

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US 5th Army Activated

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son in Tunisia.

(In military terms an "army" may mean a force of as little as two or three divisions though it usually is much larger and may be as large as the British Eighth army in Libya, usually estimated to have 10 or 12 divisions.)

Meanwhile, an allied communiqué said French forces in the Fondouk area, 30 miles southwest of Sousse in central Tunisia, had scored a telling defeat Sunday on the German tank force, which made a surprise thrust there. The action was first announced Monday.

Reports from the sector said the French were holding a command hill south of Fondouk and that the enemy was regrouping about three miles to the east.

Intensifying their activity in that sector Monday, US bombers and fighters made several sweeps over the area and struck effective blows at Kairouan where they bombed the railway yards, and at Cherchira, a commune announced.

Four German planes were shot down in the sweeps, while a United States fighter and a Boston bomber were lost in an encounter over Cherchira.

(At the other end of the allied front in Africa, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Libya army said there was nothing to report. Middle east air forces were grounded by sandstorms.)

Despite the minor success of allied arms reported from time to time it seems apparent, however, that the allies are faced with a major effort in the Tunisian theater.

Personal observations made on a 2100 mile tour of the war front led to the conclusion that Adolf Hitler is determined to keep the Mediterranean blocked to the allies by hanging on to his Tunisian corner, and has deployed thousands of German and Italian troops from Bizerte to Tripolitania to accomplish his purpose.

Marion GOP Plans Lincoln Day Banquet

Laying plans for their Lincoln day banquet to be held at the Marion hotel Thursday, February 11, the executive committee of the Marion county republican central committee met Thursday night in Sen. Frederick S. Lamport's office with presidents of the Marion County Republican club, Young Republicans and Pro-America.

Chairman C. A. Cliff Lewis heads the general committee, with Mrs. R. L. Wright, Joe Felton, Mrs. M. M. Magee, Sam Speerstra, B. E. "Kelly" Owens and Walter Lamkin also serving. John Carlin was named chairman of the program committee; other members are Felton and Speerstra.

Mrs. H. R. Woodburn, Mrs. Magee and Mrs. Paul Ficke comprise the committee on decoration.

Lamport heads the reception committee on which all members of the general committee also are to serve. Mrs. Wright and members of the general committee comprise that on seating.

The ticket committee is headed by Owens, with Mrs. Wright, A. E. LaBranche, Lamport, Harry Humphreys of Stayton, J. T. Jones of Jefferson, Hirsch Shusterowitz, Mrs. Ronald Jones of Brooks, Fred Schwab of Mt. Angel, Ed Banks of Silverton, Jim Wilson, Fred Mitchell of Turner, Gordon Tower and Walter Lamkin also serving.

The publicity committee is composed of Miss Dorothy Cornelius Speerstra, Mrs. Magee and George Manolis; Ralph Nohlgren and Lewis comprise the banquet committee.

Engineers Award Benton Contract

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Ford Heiress Marries



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford, II, leave Christ Church chapel, in Grosse Pointe, Mich., Detroit suburb, after their marriage. Mrs. Ford, the former Josephine Ford, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Ford and the only granddaughter of Henry Ford—Associated Press Telegram.

Hop Growers Suffer; Some Stock Lost

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throughout Marion and Polk counties, but suggested that it is quite serious. He believes that many of the farmers in the lowlands are prepared for high water annually but not to the extent that it swept over their farms this year.

John J. Roberts, first among the hop growers to report, declared that damage was "pretty general in the lowlands." His trellises, poles and picker cabins were swept away.

In Mission Bottom, C. C. Russell rescued his sows by swimming them behind a boat to the hay mow where they were lifted by ropes and pulley until after the water receded. Only 10 head were lost. Fred Viesko reported only one-half acre of his 300-acre ranch out of water. He lost 300 sheep from his Goose Acre ranch besides sustaining loss of 100 angora goats and damage to 160 acres of hops and berries. Water penetrated his dairy barn; cattle were removed to higher ground, for safety.

Sidney Talbot district underwent the worst flood since 1923. From Talbot to Buena Vista and north to the schoolhouse not a foot of land was visible. M. T. Jesse's house washed away and lodged on a hop drier. He had vacated only 20 minutes previously. The barn at the Oscar Hoven farm washed off the foundation and lodged on the county road. D. E. Turnidge lost 300 cords of wood and wire and posts from his bean patch. The William Krohn hop yard was stripped of trellises. John Zehner reported milking his cows while they were standing in 18 inches of water. A filbert orchard in the district was destroyed completely.

Reports from Grand Island in-

dicate that it was hit hard. Four cows were lost by E. W. Mandigo; Fred Finnium lost 30 laying hens and William Umbenhower his brooder chicks; George Asher lost several horses and Leslie Scoggin a heifer and several brood sows; Clarence Rockhill lost several heads of hogs.

Discussing rehabilitation in the hop yards, Paulus indicated that obtaining a classification for hops as an essential food might be a solution to priorities and labor problems. Such a classification, pushed by hop growers for some time, would ease the reconstruction period facing growers now. Complete reports of the damage

GOP Pledges Cooperation

Revision of Taxes, Expenses and Bureaus Sought

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mitties to deal with aviation development and post-war problems.

"A fair deal and an opportunity to survive" for small business. Martin said he was "sure we will find others in the congress not of our political faith who will unite with us in these American objectives for the common good."

"We have been given a definite job by the American people," the republican leader asserted. "The heavily-burdened taxpayers are demanding action, and so far as we republicans are concerned, they are going to get it."

He saw as the "first important step of the new congress the curtailment of 'reckless granting of blanket powers and blank checks' and the halting of authorization of large expenditures by some 'bureaucratic chief' instead of by congress."

Laws which tax, regulate and regiment the people, he said, must "come from their congress and not from the bureaucrats."

Martin said that putting into effect by decrees proposals rejected by congress was a violation of the constitution, and promised republicans would "not tolerate this way of destroying constitutional government."

Tax reforms should not be delayed, Martin asserted, promising a drive for "a better planned and more equitable tax program."

Bishop Succumbs

MONTREAL, Jan. 5—(P)—The Right Rev. Arthur Carlisle, 61, American bishop of Montreal for the past four years, died Tuesday after a lingering illness.

to the crops are expected by the end of the week; at present, Paulus believes the damage is surface and that the crop will be unaffected unless the current has cut channels across some of the fields.

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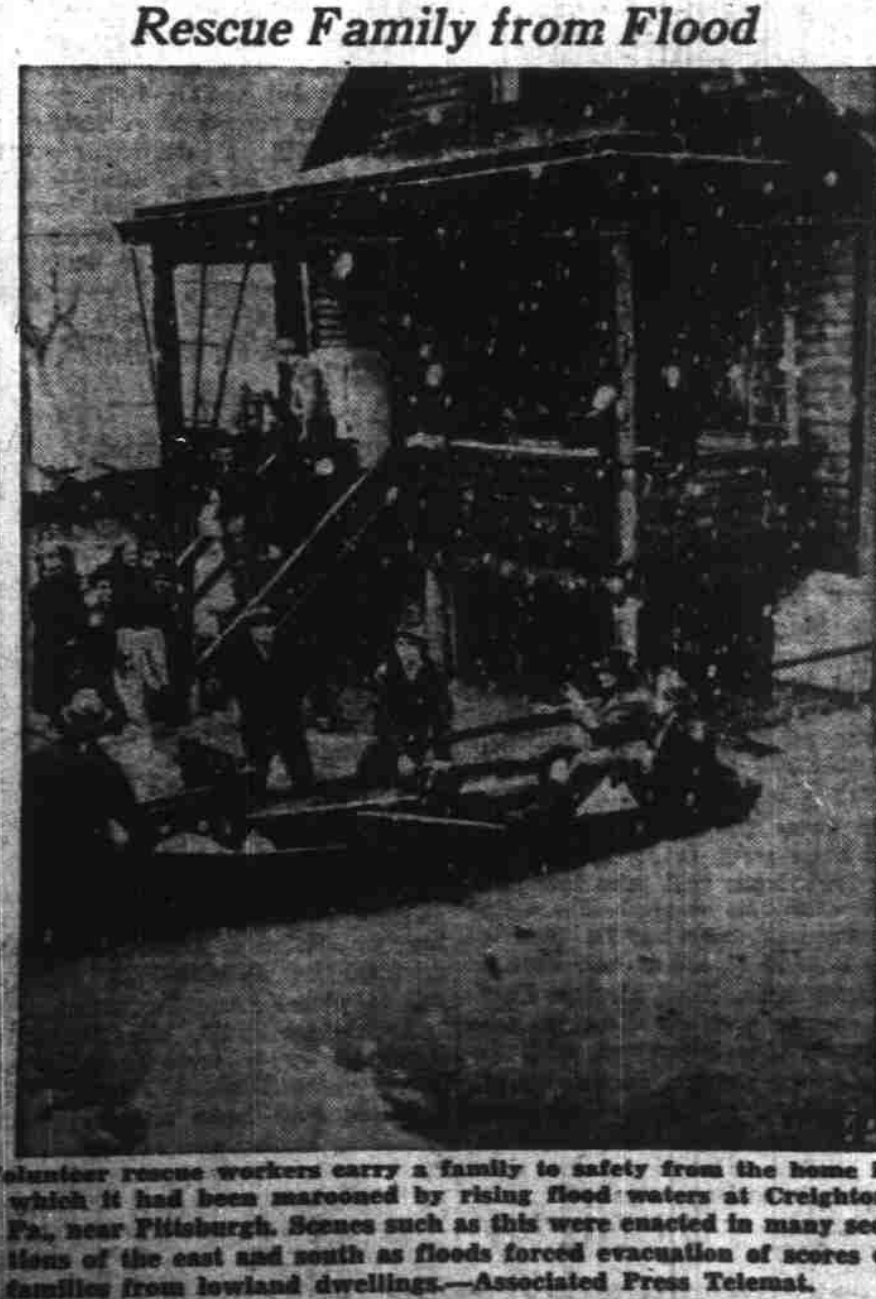
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Rescue Family from Flood

Volunteer rescue workers carry a family to safety from the home in which it had been marooned by rising flood waters at Creighton, Pa., near Pittsburgh. Scenes such as this were enacted in many sections of the east and south as floods forced evacuation of scores of families from lowland dwellings.—Associated Press Telegram.

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