

Aged Benefits Increase Gets Committee Vote

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excise tax reduction will all be up for decision in the house Monday if there is time to get them all in. The fortified wines decision will be final, one way or the other, and so will that on civil service unless a two-man minority of the judiciary committee can upset the majority "do not pass" vote. The minority, Reps. Leo Smith and Robert A. Bennett, favors a rewritten bill, much simpler than the original draft and with a few more key offices exempted.

The senate assessment and taxation committee has the surplus-distribution-to-schools bills ready for final disposition on the floor, with amendments not so significant that a deadlock with the house is probable. The house will consider supplementary legislation proposing a permanent state-supported-for-schools program which if approved will be submitted to the voters.

But when it comes to the income tax reduction bill which occupied the house two days, anything may happen. The senate committee started study of the bill early Saturday—it has in fact been closely in touch with it all along. But it probably won't be reported out until Wednesday at the earliest, since the committee is expected to devote two days to the task, and the house-approved community property bill will be its concern on Monday.

This much may be said, that the senate committee have some ideas of their own on the subject.

Predictions that the reappearance of a "long truck" bill pre-empted another bitter fight do not seem justified. The bill, passed Friday by the senate, would merely legalize beyond question the present policy of the highway commission. And the house, which "got its back up" when the more controversial bill was before it, will scarcely find in this subject-matter for lengthy debate. It can merely say "yes" or "no."

The house had before it Saturday a resolution for limitation of debate to five minutes for each speaker except a bill's sponsor, who would have ten minutes. The resolution was tabled but may be considered Monday.

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125,000,000 Rationees Sign

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use. "You may learn facts—some unexpected — to guide buying." Choose the size can most economical for your use. "It's not hard to become proficient in doing quick sums when buying . . . as a rule, 16 ounces, or one fluid pint, or one pound, will fill two cups of the kitchen measuring size."

Grade A, or fancy, fruit is not needed to cut up in salad or pie. Put the processed foods where they will keep best until needed. Store tinned foods where it's dry to prevent rust; glass-contained foods in a dark, dry and cool place. Keep quick-frozen foods frozen; once thawed, don't try to refreeze them.

Cook all foods quickly to hold vitamin content. Use all good juices—waste none. Liquids in can or jar contain much of the vitamins and minerals of the food.

Ames Shepard, Pioneer, Dies

Ames R. Shepard, pioneer farmer in the Zena district, died Saturday at the age of 83 years. He farmed the present Frank Crawford place.

Survivors are seven children, Mrs. John H. Lewis of Portland, E. R. Shepard of Washington, DC, Ralph C. Shepard of Zena, Alice Garlington of Missoula, Mont., Robert J. Shepard of Valdez, Alaska, Fred C. Shepard and Ruth Hosh of Bend; 23 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a. m. at the Clough-Barrick chapel with burial at Zena cemetery.

Obituary

Shepard
Ames R. Shepard, aged 88, of Portland, Feb. 27, survived by the following children: Mrs. John H. Lewis of Portland, E. R. Shepard of Washington, DC, Ralph C. Shepard of Zena, Ore., Alice Garlington of Missoula, Mont., Robert J. Shepard of Valdez, Alaska, Fred C. Shepard of Bend, Ore., and Ruth Hosh of Bend. Also 25 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Services at the Clough-Barrick chapel at 11 a. m. Tuesday, March 2, interment at Zena cemetery.

Nelson
Sherman Nelson in a local hospital February 27, at the age of 69. Late resident of 1811 Chemo-keta street, Salem. Survived by his wife, Marie R. Nelson. Announcement of services to be made later by Clough-Barrick company.

Has Nine Children in Armed Forces



Mrs. Emma Van Coutren, 55, (above) of New York has nine children in the armed forces. Of her 12 children, six sons are in the navy, one in the army and two daughters are in the WAACs.—Associated Press Teletype.

Role of Churches in Campus Military Training Discussed

Problems of religious work in institutions of higher learning where military training programs are and may be established and interest in developing a strategy to meet new demands drew to Salem First Methodist church Saturday approximately

40 adult and student leaders from 49 Oregon colleges and universities. Dr. E. W. Warrington, professor of religion at Oregon State college, presided over the Consultative Conference on Religion, which was opened at 9:30 a. m. by President G. Herbert Smith of Willamette, with an explanation of the military college training program.

Responsibility of the YMCA and YWCA, the Wesley and Westminster foundations and similar organizations on the campus meeting needs of service men who are in the peculiar position of being students and at the same time under strict military discipline which will limit their time for participation in student activities was discussed.

By joining forces, Oregon colleges and universities can sponsor outstanding speakers in the religious fields, it was decided. Speakers of the day, in addition to President Smith, included Lt. Col. Frank J. Worthington, chaplain at Camp Adair; Dr. Paul Means, professor of religion at University of Oregon; Jim Maxwell, area secretary for the YMCA, Seattle, and Howard D. Willitts, national student secretary for the Pacific Northwest for the YMCA and YWCA.

Attending also were: Dr. Carl J. Hollingsworth, U. of O medical school and a member of the area council YMCA board; C. S. Botsford, director of recreation, Reed college; Winston Taylor, director of religious education, First Methodist church, Salem; Catherine Thomas and Harriet Monroe, president and past president, respectively, of the Willamette Methodist student council; Miriam Ferrin, YW treasurer, WU; Anna Merle Hohenleitner, president of Christian Council Eastern Oregon College of Education; Sybil Tucker, director of Wesley foundation, Oregon State college; Alice Jacobson, executive secretary Round Table, OSC; Mrs. H. E. McLean, director Westminster foundation, OSC; Margaret Ewing, secretary of associated students, WU; C. W. Reynolds, Corvallis Christian church; Herbert F. Kuehn, director of Wesley foundation, UO; A. F. Holmer, executive secretary, YMCA, UO; Helen Dower and Roberta Johnson, Oregon College of Education Campus Christian Youth movement; Alene Ringo, OSC Women's federation president; Beverly Pardham, YW president, UO; Olive M. Dahl, WU dean of women; Jane Dale and Mary A. Donaldson, OCE religious guidance committee; Dr. Daniel H. Schulze, WU dean of men; Kenneth A. Tobias, assistant pastor, First Baptist church, Eugene; Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor Salem First Methodist church and president WU trustees; Robert H. Dann, OSC adviser, YMCA-YWCA; Mrs. Frank J. Worthington, Corvallis; Mrs. J. D. Bryant, director student work, Westminster foundation, UO; Hollis Huston, Willamette Methodist Student council, and Don Tasker, Pacific Northwest regional YMCA chairman.

Navy Acquisition Of Land Totalled

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—(AP)—Between July 1, 1940, and Jan. 15, 1943, the navy acquired approximately 80,000 acres of land in the Pacific northwest, Rep. Maas (R-Minn) told the house during consideration of a naval public works bill (HR 1892).

The tracts, in Washington, Oregon, Utah and Idaho, ranged in size from 16-hundredths of an acre to 68,666.89 acres and included 38 pieces. The total amount deposited for payment for the land totaled \$7,430,136.36.

The sites included the following: Oregon—Tongue Point NAS 141.45 acres, \$12,852 (deficit \$24,475); Portland plant expansion, 13.04 acres, \$65,200 (deficit \$24,300); Tongue Point addition, 7.68 acres, \$12,852; Tillamook LTA station, 1596.07 acres, \$263,891.

Western Fairs Restrict Shows

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 27—(AP)—Santa Barbara was selected Saturday as the 1944 convention city of the Western Fairs association. Closing a two day meeting here, 75 delegates representing Oregon, Washington and California exhibitions re-elected E. G. Vollman, secretary of the San Joaquin county fair, as president.

Catholic Writer Dies

NEW YORK, Feb. 27—(AP)—Mother Margaret Bolton, 70, director of religion for the Cenacle convents of America and a prolific writer of religious books, died Saturday in the New York Cenacle.

Train Service Set

PORTLAND, Feb. 27—(AP)—The US maritime commission will inaugurate its commuter train service

Joint Group Aids Boeing

AFL, CIO Unions Join Forces for Aircraft Wages

SEATTLE, Feb. 27—(AP)—Formation of a joint committee of both Congress of Industrial Unions and American Federation of Labor organizations, for the purpose of aligning organized labor on the Pacific coast behind the aircraft workers' plea for more wages was announced here Saturday night.

Harold J. Gibson, president of the Aeronautical Industrial Council (AFL), the controlling body of the aircraft workers' union here, made the announcement and said he had been elected president of the joint committee.

The organization was formed following a meeting of approximately 75 union representatives of both AFL and CIO groups, he said. Others elected to the joint committee were listed as:

Charles Meyers, executive secretary of the Seattle CIO council; Robert Hawkes, National Maritime Union (CIO); Dewey Bennett, International Longshoremen's and warehousemen's Local 19 (CIO); Grover Tracy of the Cooks and Assistants union (AFL), Hollis Matheny of the Ship Scalers union (AFL), and Harry Carr of the Seattle AFL Building Trades council, who attended as an alternate for Ed Weston, president of the AFL Pacific Coast Metal Trades council.

The committee drafted the following telegram, which was sent to President Roosevelt, Economic Director James F. Byrnes, members of the war labor board, Washington congressmen and high ranking union officials:

"As the war labor board has seen fit to delay the decision of the Boeing workers' request for a reasonable wage adjustment and therefore after 10 months has caused a situation that has created national notice of the injustice being dealt these workers through this delayed decision.

"A joint committee of the CIO and AFL representatives met and they were unanimous in their demand that the WLB immediately render a decision pertaining to the aircraft workers.

"The public sentiment as expressed in this locality feels the WLB is showing an undemocratic spirit in delaying this important decision and thereby causing undue absenteeism and slow-down in production in the aircraft industries on the Pacific coast in this critical hour of our war needs."

Earlier Gibson said a war labor board member advised him the board may decide on the Boeing Aircraft company employees' wage increase case Monday or Tuesday. Gibson said the council decided Saturday to have the council open a 24-hour meeting at 12:30 a. m., Monday and invite any unionists to attend only while off shift. The meeting will be held in the labor temple, which accommodates several hundred spectators, instead of hiring a large downtown auditorium for the thousands of off-shift workers, as was done for Thursday's "general meeting."

The council warned unionists not to quit work to attend the meeting.

Kharkov Scene 'Vandalism'

By The Associated Press

Kharkov itself was a scene of mindless German vandalism. Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore visited the great Ukrainian city and sent back Saturday a story of brutal destruction left by the retreating Germans who ruthlessly applied the German occupation, the Ukrainians. During the first days of the invasion the Germans hanged Kharkov citizens along the street for a mile and a half.

That brutality, however, was but a fraction of the human carnage all over tortured Europe. The inter-allied information committee said in a statement in London that 3,400,000 persons had been executed or had died in Nazi prisons in the nine countries enslaved by the Germans. Poland led the list with 2,500,000 and Yugoslavia was next with 744,000.

Judge Commutes Objector's Term

PORTLAND, Feb. 27—(AP)—Federal Judge Claude McCulloch Saturday commuted the sentence of David W. Hoyt, 43, Corvallis, sent to a DuPont, Wash., federal road camp December 2 for failing to report to a conscientious objectors' camp.

Hoyt has served two months and 25 days of a two-year sentence. The court said the commutation was based on the presidential order deferring men over 35 from military service and on a supreme court decision providing a sentence can be recalled under certain circumstances.

Records Not Called

PORTLAND, Feb. 27—(AP)—The securities exchange commission ruled Saturday the Bonneville administration does not have to produce its records for inspection at the Portland Electric Power company reorganization hearing.

Ciano Arrival Said Delayed By Peace Aim

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Yet all that came from Vatican city was a declaration that "one continues to retain the greatest reserve."

Count Ciano is expected to appear Monday to hand over his papers to the papal court of international diplomacy.

Foreign diplomatic observers were convinced that the delay in his appearance scheduled for Saturday and the departure of the German envoy were connected with an address on peace hopes and aims Ciano had planned to deliver before the pope.

The best judgment Saturday night among Vatican observers was that Archbishop Spellman's visit somehow was connected with the peace hopes of some factions in Italy and Balkan nations allied to the axis. Yet none here professed to know whether there was any official support for these hopes in any of the axis nations.

The Geneva Tribune told of the shifting of Italian ambassadors. Ciano's predecessor at the Vatican, Baron Raffaele Guariglia, was named ambassador to Turkey, Francesco Lequio, ambassador to Spain, was replaced with the announced appointment of Marquis Paulucci Di Calboli Barone.

Stimson Backs Over-All Draft

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ing program. As a further result, proposals have been made to give blanket deferment to groups of workers thus limiting greatly the manpower pool on which the army depends for its soldiers."

Austin, who made public the letter, said he interpreted this portion of it as opposing proposals by Sen. Bankhead (D-Ala) and others to provide for the furloughing of men in the army to do farm work, as well as pending proposals for the deferment of farm workers.

The Austin-Wadsworth bill calls for a national registration of women and provides that these women, along with the men registered under selective service who have not already been drafted, shall be available for compulsory assignment to war factories and farms where necessary.

Shores Said Not in Danger

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 27—(AP)—Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, asserted Saturday night that "danger does not threaten our shores any longer" but that he was "afraid, and deeply afraid, of the destruction of our republican form of government under excuse of war."

In an address prepared for a meeting of the Indiana republican press association, Col. McCormick said: "If the Japanese had been able to change their long laid plans to take the empire in the southwestern Pacific, and instead had sent their entire navy, air force and a sufficient army, they could have overwhelmed the Hawaiian islands. From there, at that time, landing on the mainland might have proven as disastrous as Homer Lea had predicted it would 34 years ago.

"Our salvation," he continued, "lay in the Japanese meticulous general staff plans, which could not be rapidly changed, when the attack on Pearl Harbor succeeded beyond expectation. All the empires in the Pacific which we had gone to war to save, fell, but in falling gave us time to recover from our early terrible naval and military blunders."

Medford Copilot Killed in Crash

CASPER, Wyo., Feb. 27—(AP)—The names of ten men killed in the crash of an army bomber from the Casper air base were announced Saturday by the public relations officer of the base.

The victims included: Second Lt. Joseph N. Hirshman, bombardier, Long Beach, Calif.; Second Lt. Ned J. DeVries, co-pilot, Medford, Ore.

Around Oregon

By The Associated Press

The University club of Portland announced the cancellation of all private banquets, effective March 1, because of the difficulty of obtaining food under current wartime conditions. . . . The Baker chamber of commerce endorsed the reappointment of Herman Oliver of John Day to the state highway commission.

Joseph J. Meyers, 79, was killed by an automobile in Portland . . . Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation launched its 142nd Liberty ship, named the E. H. Harriman for the New York banker and western railroad magnate. . . . A Portland family of three persons declared 2148 cans of food and 170 pounds of coffee in registering for ration book No. 2, a Portland rationing board reported to the OPA.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Wide World War Analyst for The Statesman

Implicit in Chinese agitation for quickened allied aid, headed by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's Washington appearances, must be a Chungking conclusion that there is an exposed flank of Japan's conquest zone which can be hit and hit now with telling effect.

The first lady of China did not deal with strategy, only with urgency for more planes, guns and fighting equipment. Her brother, Foreign Minister Soong, has now come, much closer to indicating just what chance Chungking sees to deal Japan a blow without delay and without requiring any major change in the clearly indicated Anglo-American purpose of hitting first in Europe.

Soong holds that with "less than 1000" allied planes based in China, Japan can be driven out. It seems obvious, however, that to fuel, supply and maintain any great air force in China by air transportation, the only present means, would be a big undertaking.

It is to reopen the Burma route for supplying China with more fighting equipment as well as to regain possession of Burma oil fields to cut allied transportation difficulties that General Wavell with American air help has started his Burma campaign from India. That bids fair to be a slow business at best. Apparently it does not satisfy Chinese strategists.

Assuming that any substantial part of 1000 long-range allied bombers were based in central China and could be maintained there for offensive operations, certainly Japanese traffic in the China sea would be in peril. Strike a circle of 1000-mile radius, from deep in the center of the great eastern bulge of China that juts into the China sea and not only all Japanese supply routes to French Indo China, Malaya, the Dutch Indies and the southern Philippines, but part of Japan itself would fall within it. All would be in allied air range. The Japanese Gibraltar of Formosa is within easy bombing range of many good Chinese air bases or suitable sites within that eastern bulge never threatened by the invader.

It seems fairly clear, however, that Chinese allies think the same roads leading the other way, from Japan to the outposts of her far-flung conquest zone through the China sea to maintain her thinly held fronts, are the weak flank. They feel, too, that the quickest and easiest way to blast Japan out of China or out of any other part of the regions she has looted around the China sea is to strike by air from bases in China at those critical sea lanes.

So, from almost prosaic task to decidedly prosaic life the Gay Marie came quietly to berth Saturday night, the only relic of the days when she was intended as a night club her name and the still unfinished ballroom.

Japs Pushed In Guinea

By The Associated Press

The Pacific theatre was relatively quiet. Munda in the Solomons was bombed by US planes on the 7th time and Kiska in the Aleutians was raided anew. The British attacked Minbya, 30 miles northeast of Akayab in Burma, and Ratchedang. MacArthur's bombers from New Guinea kept pounding away at Rabaul.

In a flareup of ground patrol activity Sunday in New Guinea, Japanese elements were forced backward in the Wau-Mobu area below Salamaua, leaving many dead, the noon communique from allied headquarters in Australia reported.

It also announced that 660 Japanese were being killed and 73 taken prisoner during February in a round-up of stragglers near Buna and Sanananda in the aftermath of the Papan campaign. Aerial activity was on a considerably reduced scale.

Women of Church Hit Legislature

EUGENE, Feb. 27—(AP)—The state legislature's memorials advising the deportation of all Japanese and Americans of Japanese ancestry and barring them from the armed services were condemned by the Oregon Council of Church Women Friday.

The council closed a two-day conference by drafting a letter of protest describing the memorials as "shameful, un-Christian, un-American, undemocratic and an insult to the intelligence of the citizens of Oregon."

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Red Cross Fund Drive to Begin

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the city is concerned, comes today with the proclamation of Mayor I. M. Doughton urging "all public spirited people of this community to make every effort to support the 1943 Red Cross war fund—every man and woman, boy and girl, to give their support by contributing through our local chapter" . . . and further proclaiming "that it is the sense of all of us who are residents of Salem that our gifts must be larger than ever this year, in order to enable this great national organization of our to meet whatever demands are made upon it.

Over the county, according to Floyd Miller, co-chairman for the war fund drive, four meetings were held last week in which workers were informed of procedure and were given supplies.

Already Jefferson has reported \$265 of its quota of \$450, Miller said. J. T. Jones is chairman in that district.

"These county meetings were well attended and workers were very enthusiastic in spite of the fact that the rural districts have been given the largest quota ever to be assigned to them," Miller said.

Salem's share of the quota is \$31,000 and the county has \$11,000.

Lumber and Mining Get 48-Hour Week

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handled by officials on the ground in a "horse sense" manner rather than according to dictates from Washington.

One grant of authority to the local directors is to determine just where the labor shortage area ends. The original order designating them simply listed cities. Under Saturday's regulations, the local WMC official is empowered to say whether a plant lying outside the community's corporate limits is or is not included.

Any employer or workers dissatisfied with a decision by the regional officials can appeal to the war manpower commission.

Employers who fail to comply with the 48-hour order may not hire new employees for replacement or expansion. Harper said an employer would be in compliance if, by April 1, he files a statement of how many employees he can release by a longer work week, or files a request for exemption.

Among points brought out in response to questions were:

There can be no guarantee that an employee released to go to another job will be paid the same, or a higher, wage although he is not to be released until federal employment services have "suitable employment" for him.

An employer able to release employees in a labor shortage area by going on the 48-hour week may not transfer them to another plant he owns in an area where there is no labor shortage unless manpower officials approve.

If an employer can best accomplish the purposes of the order—to release manpower or increase production—by placing his establishment on a work week longer than 48 hours but shorter than 48 he should do so.

Redmonder Decorated

CORONADO, Calif., Feb. 27—(AP)—Decorations and citations for heroism on Pacific battlefronts were presented to 17 navy officers and men Saturday in a Wall air station ceremony witnessed by Artemus L. Gates, assistant secretary of the navy for air. Among those receiving air medals were John W. Schlickelman, aviation radioman first class, Redmond, Ore.

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