

Districts Told Of Union High Advantages

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STAYTON, April 24—Between 90 and 100 persons from 23 school districts in Marion and Linn counties met here tonight to learn about formation of a union high school district. Stayton Chamber of Commerce, through a committee headed by Dale Crabtree, presented the report of its investigation, offered 21 acres of land for the location of a union high school district and presented authorities on the subject of school law and taxes, advantages of larger units and formation of union high school districts.

Aim of the committee is to obtain interest of sufficient districts to make at least a \$3,000,000 valuation, located within a nine-mile radius of Stayton, taking in territory west of the hills of Marion, east of the mountains of Me-hama and outside of the area served by Salem and Silverton high schools.

Would Be Fourth Union High
Marcel Van Driesche acted as chairman of the meeting and Crabtree outlined the proposal for the organization of what would be Marion county's fourth union high school.

Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent, discussed the law governing the organization, while J. M. Bennett, Linn superintendent, told of Lebanon organization of a union high school district last year under somewhat similar circumstances.

Effect of Education Told
Financial advantages of the larger unit of instruction and the effect of education upon the total wealth of a community were discussed by Frank Bennett, Salem superintendent. The return of the Smith-Hughes department to the community was stressed in particular.

Only a few of the districts invited to attend the meeting failed to answer roll call by Edmund Klecker, third member of the chamber of commerce committee. West Stayton and Turner were not represented because of community meetings, Crabtree said.

Huson Sent to State Hospital

Search for a 16-year-old Seattle boy is being conducted today in southern Oregon, after John William Huson, 27, allegedly left Tacoma, Wash., with the boy on Saturday and did not return. A Roseburg court sent Huson to Oregon state hospital, where he was received at 5:15 p. m. Thursday.

Huson was committed to the hospital after a sanity hearing in connection with possessing a stolen car. Investigation was begun when Huson telegraphed the boy's parents for money to repair the car, which broke down at Roseburg. Instead, the parents went to Roseburg, Huson was taken into court where he told of going to Sacramento, where the youth asked him to return the car to Seattle.

Roseburg Police O. A. Kennerly said he doubted the two had time to reach Sacramento and that the state line car checking station is being consulted.

MERGER APPROVED
PHILADELPHIA, April 24—(AP)—The merger of two Portland, Ore., companies — Northwestern Electric company into Pacific Power & Light Co., the surviving firm — was cleared today by the securities and exchange commission.

EL SINORE
TONIGHT!
CAN HIS LIPS TELL WHICH IS WHICH?
OLIVIA de HAVILLAND
LEW AYRES
in *Remedy Johnson's*
'THE DARK MIRROR'
with **Thomas MITCHELL**
CO-HIT!
LAUGHS UNLIMITED!
LOVE UNBOUNDED!
The Magnificent
Rogue
with **ROBERTS**, **DOUGLAS**
EXTRA!
TEXAS CITY DISASTER

Minnesota House Members Picket the Senate



ST. PAUL, April 24—Members of the Minnesota house of representatives set up a picket line outside the senate chambers at St. Paul because the upper house committees killed two of their favored bills which would have added to the state highway system and reallocated gasoline tax proceeds. The feud was later settled by a liaison committee of the two branches. AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.

Global Police Force Poses New Problems

NEW YORK, April 24—(AP)—The United States today called for publication and full discussion of the controversial United Nations report on organization of a global police force.

The American delegation took its stand in the midst of an all-day session of the highly secret military staff committee, which must have the report in the hands of the parent security council by next Wednesday.

As the committee neared completion of the summary, which has taken more than a year, Russia still stood alone on several major issues.

Points unresolved included these:

- 1. Whether agreements between the U. N. and member governments should specify that each country will make available bases for use by the U. N. forces. Russia opposed this.
- 2. Whether forces, after utilization by the U. N. army, should return to their home country or go back to the nearest base maintained by their country. Russia demands that all be shipped back home.
- 3. Whether the five major powers should make "comparable" or "equal" contributions to the world force. For instance, the Russians insist that the countries provide plane for plane, soldier for soldier and ship for ship. The United States and the others favor a system whereby one nation might contribute more soldiers and fewer planes.

Cherry Festival Association Makes Official Debut

A Salem cherry festival association, with a community festival this summer as its objective, was formed Thursday night with about 50 representatives of local organizations.

Meeting in Salem Chamber of Commerce offices to get underway a revival of Salem cherry festivals, the responsive men and women enthusiastically indicated their support and decided on a directorate to assign festival planning and work.

They elected as directors William C. Dyer, jr., W. W. Chadwick, Rex Kimmell, Mal Rudd, Graham Sharkey, Mrs. Glenn McCormick, Emery Sanders, Irvin Wedel, Sidney Stevens and Mrs. Arthur Weddle. Dyer is temporary chairman.

Bethlehem Steel, CIO Agree to Wage

NEW YORK, April 24—(AP)—The Bethlehem Steel Co. and the CIO United Steelworkers reached an agreement today involving wage boosts of "at least 15 cents" an hour, and Bethlehem Chairman Eugene C. Grace said the pay boosts ended any chance of price cuts in the firm's product.

A company spokesman said "agreement on all main points" had been reached in the negotiations involving 70,000 workers.

HOLLYWOOD
— OPENS 6:45 P. M. —
Comedy! Laughs!
Robert Young
"LADY LUCK"
—
Jimmy Wakely
"Moon Over Montana"

6 Nazis Pay with Lives For Lidice Slaughter

PRAGUE, April 24—(AP)—Gestapo Chiefstain Harold Wiesman and five of his henchmen died on the gallows today for their part in the vengeful destruction of the little Bohemian village of Lidice in 1942.

At least 178 men — the entire adult male population — were killed, more than 235 women sent to concentration camps and 104 children scattered. The town of 100 stone buildings was torn down and he ground plowed up by the Germans.

Reserve Said Political 'Kitty'

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—A charge that the administration has a \$24,000,000,000 "kitty" to use against the republicans in the 1948 campaign was made in the house today by Rep. Robert F. Jones (R-Ohio). He made this statement during debate on the \$136,538,513 interior department appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Jones, chairman of the appropriation subcommittee that wrote the bill, said budget bureau figures show the administration has \$24,000,000,000 in funds previously appropriated for various departments and agencies. These funds have been "frozen," he said, but can be thawed out and spent.

62 Perish in British Gale

LONDON, April 24—(AP)—A violent four-day gale subsided somewhat tonight, leaving the veteran battleship Warspite impaled on the rocks of the Cornish coast and at least 62 men dead or missing in the wrecks of other ships.

The gravest tragedy befell the British tanker Santampa, whose breakup on the Welsh coast line last night probably cost the lives of 40 of her crew and eight lifeboat met who tried to aid her. Unrecognizable from a battering on the rocks the oil-coated bodies of 22 of the Santampa victims were washed up on the beach. All 48 were believed to have perished.

Dr. Lantz Takes Woodburn Post

Resignation of Dr. Robert E. Lantz from the Willamette university faculty in order to become superintendent of schools at Woodburn was announced by the local university Thursday.

Lantz has been associate professor of education here since 1945 and a faculty member since 1941. He had received his education at University of Nebraska, Texas university and UCLA.

The university had no announcement of a replacement for Lantz.

Truman Lauds Price Slashing

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—President Truman said with pleasure today that his "moral suasion" campaign against high prices seems to be getting some results and indicated that he plans no other action.

Simultaneously the bureau of labor statistics reported a drop of 0.6 per cent in wholesale commodity prices in the week ended last Saturday and a decline of 0.5 per cent in retail food prices from March 15 to April 15, a time when they usually rise. But the food prices were at a record high March 15.

Double-Parked Drivers Fined

City policemen commended cooperation from the public Thursday in the new drive against double parking. About a dozen persons have received double parking tickets, which carry a \$1 fine, each day since the drive began Wednesday.

The number of double-parked cars on downtown streets was said to have diminished considerably during the past two days.

Warning tickets written for drivers who park overtime or without paying at metered spaces were reportedly near the 200 mark each on Monday and on Tuesday, but dropped to less than half that number on Wednesday and Thursday. Police will, in a few days replace the warning tickets with violation tickets, which cost \$1 each.

Willa Cather, Authoress Dies

NEW YORK, April 24—(AP)—Willa Cather, 70, one of the nation's foremost novelists, died today from a cerebral hemorrhage.

In 1922 she received the Pulitzer prize for what was named the outstanding novel of the year, "One of Ours."

DANCE

Every Saturday Night
Silverton Armory
Music by
Glenn Woody's
15-Piece Orchestra

Every man for himself beyond the PASS!
DANA ANDREWS
BRIAN DONLEVY
CANYON PASSAGE
Starts Today!
SUSAN HAYWARD - PATRICIA ROC
2nd FEATURE
It's the Bumsteak's Rattiest Bedlam!
"BLONDE'S BIG MOMENT"
Penny Singleton - Arthur Lake
CAPITOL

10% Raise in Rents Killed By Committee

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—A proposed 10 percent general increase was killed on a 14 to 10 vote today by the house banking committee in a reversal of its previous stand.

The committee approved and sent to the house for action a bill continuing rent controls in virtually their present form at least until December 31. The bill would abolish government controls over materials and construction under the veterans housing act.

The senate banking committee already has voted unanimously against a flat 10 per cent rise.

The bill written by the house committee today behind closed doors provides:

- 1. Continuance of rent control just about as is, until December 31, with the president having authority by proclamation to keep ceilings in effect until next March 31 if he deems this necessary.
- 2. A new provision whereby tenants and landlords may voluntarily enter lease contracts for up to a 15 percent rent increase, provided, these leases do not expire December 31, 1948.

Without continuing legislation, rent controls would expire June 30.

Wallace 'Expert' - On Hogs, Corn, Officers Declare

Henry Wallace's name cropped up at the Wednesday night meeting of the Marion county chapter of Reserve Officers' Association at the Golden Pheasant.

The chapter adopted a resolution authorizing its secretary, Maj. Reginald Williams, to notify the heads of all European governments "suggesting that they have their respective secretaries or ministers of agriculture consult with Henry Wallace and obtain his advice about chickens, hogs and corn. We recommend that Wallace is qualified to speak on these subjects." The motion was presented by Dean Seward P. Reese.

Injured on Hazing Trip



BERKELEY, Calif., April 24—George Boutelle, 23, Berkeley, Calif., junior student at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, Calif., who suffered serious head injuries when he fell 300 feet down a cliff near Pasadena last night, awaits removal to an ambulance. He and three other youths fell to the canyon bottom while upperclassmen were chasing a freshman who had escaped them during an interclass hazing expedition. (Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Expose Threat At May Trial

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—A threat of a 1944 campaign fund expose "involving high democratic party officials" came today from the defense at the war fraud trial of Andrew J. May, former house military committee chairman.

Sawyer Smith, an attorney for the ex-congressman from Kentucky, announced that May is ready to testify about 1944 campaign contributions that would involve "high party figures, including members of congress."

Smith said May would talk if the government pursues further in the trial the matter of two \$1,000 checks the government claims May received for interceding with the army in behalf of two soldiers.

Truman Backs First '47 Veto

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—President Truman today stood by his first veto of 1947 despite an earlier assertion by his press secretary that it was a "mistake."

The president yesterday vetoed, on the ground that the language was too broad, a measure clearing the way for former Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont) to become special counsel to the senate war investigating committee.

Senators immediately said that measure containing the same language had been signed before, and Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the veto was an error which would be rectified.

But this afternoon Mr. Truman read to his news conference a memorandum from Attorney General Clark saying that the resolution in question "was properly vetoed." Mr. Truman indicated agreement.

STATE
— OPENS 6:45 P. M. —
ENDS TODAY! (FRI.)
Ossa Massen
"GENT MISBEHAVES"
—
Phil Terry
"DARK DARK"
Tomorrow! Cont. Shows!
Barbara Stanwyck
"STRANGE LOVE OF MARTHA IVERS"
—
Margaret O'Brien
"THREE WISE FOOLS"
LIBERTY
— OPENS 6:45 P. M. —
New! Virginia Grey
Johnny Weismuller
"SWAMPFIRE"
—
Johnny Mack Brown
"RAIDERS OF THE SOUTH"
—
First Chapter
of New Serial
"Daughter of Don Q"

ENDS TODAY! (FRI.)
William Bendix
"WHITE TIE AND TAILS"
—
James Mason
"MAN IN GREY"

GRAND
STARTS
PHONE 3467 • MATINEE DAILY FROM 1 P. M. •
TOMORROW! TWO SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURES . . . RE-ISSUED ON A THRILL-PACKED PROGRAM!
FOR THE LOVE of a HEADSTRONG SPIRIT
THEY FOUGHT and DARED and DIED!
ARDENT LOVER . . . ROMANTIC HERO . . . DECEITFUL PRIVATEER . . . THE fightingest that ever sailed the seven seas . . . driving terror into the hearts of men, storming the hearts of every woman . . .
Australia's Robin Hood and his daring band re-live the breathless days when men fought, loved and died to carve a nation out of a lawless wilderness!
HAL ROACH PRESENTS
"CAPTAIN FURY"
STARRING
Bolan Victor
AHERNE • MCLAGLEN
June LANG • John CARRADINE
Paul LUKAS • George ZUCCO
Douglass DUMBRILLE • Virginia FIELD
AND A TREMENDOUS SUPPORTING CAST
Directed by HAL ROACH
Screen Play by Greer Jones, Jack Levin and William De Mille
Released by Favorite Films Corp.
PLUS! AIR-MAIL NEWS FLASHES!
ROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT SETS NEW RECORD!
. . . TEXAS CITY DISASTER! . . . BABE RUTH RESTS AND FISHES IN FLORIDA! . . . ROYAL LIVESTOCK SHOW IN AUSTRALIA!
KENNETH ROBERTS
(Author of "NORTHWEST PASSAGE")
CAPTAIN CAUTION
A Richard Wallace-Grover Jones Production
Victor MATURE • Alan LADD
Vivienne Osborne • Robert Barrat
Ella Chandler • Bruce Hus - El Brendel
Released by Favorite Films Corp.