

Hall Tosses Pinball Issue Back To County Level; D.A. Applauds

The question of whether pinball machines offering "free plays" are illegal was tossed Tuesday by Gov. John Hall back into the lap of the Marion county grand jury.

Gov. Hall's rejection of the jury's request that he instruct the attorney general to obtain a supreme court decision on the issue was applauded by Marion County District Attorney Miller B. Hayden, who said he was in "entire agreement" with the governor.

Asserting that criminal matters like pinball violations are not subject to interpretation under the so-called "declaratory judgment law," Gov. Hall in a letter to the grand jury (now in session here) read: "The duty and responsibility of enforcing criminal laws of the state rests primarily upon the shoulders of the district attorney in each county, assisted by police."

Seconding the governor's policy statement, District Attorney Hayden declared, "My office stands ready to prosecute any criminal case presented to it. De-criminalization of the law, Gov. Hall declared it to be the duty of the grand jury to indict the persons so engaged in such violations."

Grand Jury Duties
In replying to the grand jury's contention that pinball machines are now being conducted in direct violation of the law, Gov. Hall declared it to be the duty of the grand jury "to indict the persons so engaged in such violations."

Gov. Hall referred the county group to the circuit court for instructions if doubt exists about the illegality of the free play. If no doubt exists, the latter adds, the grand jury must indict.

"It is then the responsibility of the district attorney to prosecute. Under such indictment and prosecution every question you have raised can be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction."

District Attorney Available
"The district attorney is required to attend upon and advise the grand jury when required. There is nothing in the report of the Marion county grand jury indicating in any way that the district attorney of Marion county

Gandhi Enters Fast for Peace

NEW DELHI, Jan. 13—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi who has fasted many times to advance the cause of Indian independence, began a fast for peace among Moslems, Sikhs and Hindus today.

His followers feared the 78-year-old "father of Indian freedom" still frail from an illness last fall, was jeopardizing his life. He spurned a last-minute appeal from several Moslem, Hindu and Sikh delegations to postpone the fast for 15 days to give the people a chance to restore peace.

Bombay was cast into gloom as news of the fast spread. Trading was suspended in seeds, cotton, bullion and stocks. Markets in Calcutta and Madras remained closed.

SP Disclaims Title to Beach

PORTLAND, Jan. 13—(AP)—The Southern Pacific railway company today disavowed any claim to Oregon beaches.

The company, an innocent bystander in a controversy between Ex-Gov. Oswald West and the state over the beaches, said in a statement released here that it not only did not want the tidelands, but also was ready to sign a formal release or a quit-claim to settle the title.

West, contesting the state's asserted right to dig industrial sand from the beaches, recently said the railroad could claim Lincoln county beaches through purchase of a long-defunct railroad line 40 years ago.

Motorcyclist Hurt in Wreck

Walker S. Pitts, 1705 S. Commercial st., incurred back injuries Tuesday about 8 p.m. when the motorcycle he was riding collided at Court and Cottage streets with a car driven by Ione Macnamara, 1940 E. Nob Hill st. Pitts was taken by city first aid car to Salem Memorial hospital for observation but was not admitted for treatment.

Damage to the vehicles was not extensive, according to a city policeman whose car was just behind the motorcycle when the mishap occurred.

11 Cons Escape Pen Farm, 5 Retaken

ANGLETON, Tex., Jan. 13—(AP)—Eleven convicts on a wood-cutting detail on the Darrington prison farm near here escaped today when the "water boy" of the working party yanked an armed guard from his horse and, joined by the other prisoners, took his gun, bound him and fled.

Five were later recaptured by state police in a stolen car 200 miles south of here.

The search centered tonight in the Brazos river bottoms, where bloodhounds were turned loose to pick up a trail, and at Houston, to the north, where other escapees had sought refuge in the past.

Supt. Bennett to Attend Meeting At Columbia U.

(Story also on page 1)
The Salem school board Tuesday night authorized payment of expenses in order that Superintendent Bennett may represent this area as one of 25 superintendents to plan and participate in this year's annual work conference for superintendents, at Teachers college, Columbia university, upon the invitation of Paul R. Mort, conference chairman.

Steps to relieve crowding in the second grade at Englewood and the first and second grades at Garfield school were authorized, involving the employment of an added teacher. It was decided to provide bus service for pupils in one area who had ridden the now discontinued Suburban Bus lines to Liberty school, in case city bus service is not restored.

The board confirmed the hiring of Mrs. Hortense Hegstad to replace Mildred Parsons, who resigned as fifth grade teacher at Bush school.

With priorities to be established only upon determined needs, Bennett listed the following projects within the proposed construction program for the near future:

New—Four Corners (Rickey), Capitol and an "east of Englewood" grade schools; 300-student junior high at West Salem; grandstands at senior high and Leslie junior high; eventually replacement of Grant and Liberty buildings if and when outgrown.

Additions—Bush, McKinley, Englewood, Middle Grove, East Salem, Richmond, Auburn, Pringle, Highland and Swegle grade schools; gymnasium and cafeteria and slight remodeling at Parrish junior high; vocational shops addition and music addition at senior high.

Toastmasters Honor Wives

The wives heard all about "Where Did You Meet Your Wife and How Did You Happen to Marry Her?" as Salem Toastmasters club observed ladies night Tuesday at Nohlgren's.

Robert Sprague was toastmaster, and Charles Schmitz was table topic chairman. Principal speakers were Desmond Long, Louis Mayers, Edwin McEwen, Joseph Dodd, Ralph Nohlgren. General critic was Dr. Ralph Gordon.

Lowell Jones, soon to leave for Detroit, Mich., to reside, was given a farewell by the club. Ed Roth was inducted as a new member.

Too Late to Classify

FOR RENT—Apartment, employed adults, private entrance, \$50 per person, 334 N. Winter.

Hurry-Up Air Defense Project Devised by Special Air Board

By James J. Streib
Associated Press Aviation Reporter

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—The president's air policy commission urged today that America's power in the sky be strengthened by spending billions of dollars above present defense budgets. It called the air force "inadequate" even now.

It added that the arm, as presently constituted, would be, "hopelessly wanting" in a period of "serious danger of atomic attack."

And it went on the assumption that such a period will begin with 1953.

Mr. Truman, describing the report as "valuable," urged that congress and the public study it. The five-man body of private citizens, reporting to President Truman after a five months study of all phases of aviation, called for a new concept of defense based on air, power, the "new element through which this country may be attacked."

Our navy must be maintained, it said, but surface protection alone is no longer enough. It declared the air force must be so strong that it not only can meet an attack but also can deal "a crushing counteroffensive blow on the aggressor."

The commission put the defense problem into two phases: The first, up to 1952, when it is safe to assume a United States monopoly on atomic weapons; phase II beginning with 1953 when it must be assumed that "other nations will have atomic weapons."

The report said the air force today is not only inadequate during phase I "but is hopelessly wanting in respect to the future phase II period when a serious danger of atomic attack will exist."

Mehama Death Called Suicide

MEHAMA, Jan. 13—Otto Zimmerman, 65, was found dead at his farm home a few miles above Mehama Tuesday morning. His only surviving close relative is his 86-year-old mother, Mrs. Minnie Zimmerman, who has been in poor health for some time and confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morris, who live about three miles from the Zimmerman ranch, have been coming to take care of Mrs. Zimmerman, and found the son when they came this morning. Nearest neighbors are the Chester Kubin family. Zimmerman had been in poor health himself and despondent over his own and his mother's health, neighbors said. Zimmerman had been under almost constant medical care since being seriously injured in an accidental dynamite blast in a mine 30 years ago.

Marion County Coroner L. E. Barrick, who investigated, said death was the result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The body was taken to Weddle mortuary in Stayton for funeral arrangements.

TREE ROLLS ON LOGGER
SCOTTS MILLS, Jan. 13—Lawrence Hilton, 25, was taken to Emanuel hospital, Portland, today with both pelvic bones broken and a cracked hip, besides possible other internal injuries, sustained when a tree rolled over him while logging in the Scotts Mills area.

Board Agrees To Compromise Architects' Fee

The state board of control and the Portland architectural firm of Whitehouse, Church, Newberry and Roehr agreed Tuesday on a compromise on how much to pay the firm for designing the proposed \$2,000,000 state office building in Salem. Construction will begin soon.

The original agreement was to pay the firm \$6 per cent, but that was when the estimated cost was \$1,000,000. The firm wanted 6 per cent on the \$2,000,000 structure.

The agreement calls for 6 per cent only on the first \$1,000,000, 4 per cent on the next \$1,000,000, and 3 per cent on any additional. The firm, in a conference with the board, said its latest estimated cost is \$1,850,000, but it said it feared the actual cost might be more than the \$2,000,000 authorized by the legislature. In the latter event, the board of control could get additional funds from the state emergency board.

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Marshall Plan, Price Controls Said Unrelated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said flatly today that proposed food shipments to Europe under the "Marshall plan" have nothing to do with the administration's bid for standby power to put meat and other food under rationing and price control.

Anderson's statement, made as the senate foreign relations committee questioned him about the effect of foreign aid on the nation's larger, directly contradicted a view often expressed by opponents of the four-year European recovery program.

Republicans have charged there will be shortages in this country if food shipments are made to Europe.

"Meat rationing has no relationship to this (foreign aid) program," Anderson said. He said a meat scarcity will result from a "very large slaughter" and a short, high priced corn crop.

Lutefisk Dinner Planned by Lodge

The lutefisk dinner slated for January 24 by Thor Lodge, Sons of Norway, will be closed to reservations after January 20. President Theodore G. Nelson announced Tuesday night. The affair is to be open to members and their families.

The program, at Salem Women's clubhouse, will include movies of Norway and an initiation ceremony.

At Tuesday night's meeting at the Nelson home, the next business session was slated for February 10 at the Louie Rudie residence, 696 N. Cottage st.

Junior YMCA Induction Set

Induction for new members of the Salem YMCA junior division will be next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., the YM junior board of directors decided Tuesday night. A skating trip was tentatively set for January 30.

To conduct the induction for about 50 boys will be Peter Paulus, Wayne Demetz, Wilford Loggan,

Bob Rath, Billy Dunsworth, Don Hughes, Wally Nelson and Bob Hamblin.
The board meeting, at which Wally Nelson presided, heard several committee reports.

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