

# New Telephone Rate Rise Sought

## 26 1/2% Increased Asked in Oregon

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company Thursday filed a proposed schedule with the state public utilities commissioner in Salem providing for a 26 1/2 per cent increase in telephone rates over Oregon.

The total increase under the proposal would total \$5,500,000 annually, netting the company \$3,311,000 when federal taxes are subtracted. The filing made effective in 30 days unless suspended by the public utilities commissioner. If suspended, the commissioner would then call a hearing and issue an order granting or denying the proposal within six months.

The request for the increase came slightly more than six months after the company was granted a \$1,560,000 annual rate boost by the commission. The company had requested an annual increase of \$2,249,000 prior to that time.

The latest rates requested by

the company would increase a one-party residence service \$1 a month; two-party residence, 75 cents a month, and a four-party residence and suburban service 50 cents a month. No change is proposed in present farmer line rates.

There also would be increases in certain steps on the present intrastate long distance schedules, including an increase to 10 cents on all present 5-cent long distance calls.

F. D. Tellwright, vice president and general manager of the company in Oregon, commenting on the requested increases said "we must have enough price relief to meet current wages and costs and to keep our credit sound."

"Our present intrastate earnings in Oregon, which include the rate revisions granted last January, are rapidly approaching the vanishing point," Tellwright stated.

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# Truman to Make Salem Stops Today

## Weary Senate Passes 2-Year Draft Bill

### New Evacuations Due; Dikes Holding; Vanport 'Missing' List Cut to 59

PORTLAND, Ore., June 10 (AP)—Pacific northwest rivers claimed another life today and sent more hundreds fleeing from the flood's multi-million dollar rampage.

A 2-year-old boy, Neil Rae Wasterlain, tumbled into the flooded Deschutes river of central Oregon today. He was the 33rd known victim of the disastrous three-week flood.

All residents of the precarious Sumas district, on the border of Washington and British Columbia, were warned to evacuate. American and Canadian - 900 strong - in shoring up the endangered dikes.

Canada's Fraser river boiled downstream to meet the year's highest tide of 144 feet. The combination threatened the 5,000-population suburb of Queensborough on Lulu Island.

Army planes flew 100,000 sandbags this afternoon to the Richland, Wash., dikes which protect the Hanford atomic energy project. The dikes held up through last night's storm, but reinforcement work made heavy inroads on the sandbag supply.

River Rising

The Columbia river, which has already wreaked 1,200 miles and untold dollar volume of destruction, was rising tonight. It would again be close to its highest crest.

Storms in the Columbia river's headwaters added to the danger. Rain poured throughout Canada's Columbia and Kootenay river flood areas.

The new levee - about an inch below the June 1 crest - at Vanport, Wash., presented a renewed struggle to keep the Columbia from pouring beyond the 625 square miles of farms, houses, and industries already submerged.

Planes are taking part in the rescue operation and physicians from the surrounding towns and villages have established emergency stations on the beaches.

### Plan Sent To House For Vote

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—Tired and almost talked-out, the senate today passed a bill to draft men 19 through 25 into military service. The vote was 78 to 10.

Day and night since Monday, talking in relays, the senators had debated the bill which would:

1. Require all men 18 through 25 to register with a local draft board.
2. Permit the drafting of those 19 through 25 for two years in the armed services, here or abroad.
3. Let 18-year-old volunteer for one year's service, thus avoiding a two-year draft when they reached 19.
4. Require a special registration for doctors and dentists up to 45 although - to avoid stripping communities of medical service - they could not be drafted without special action of their draft boards.

Exemptions would be given to: Married men, men with dependents, members of the national guard and reserve units, and most veterans.

High school students doing satisfactorily in their studies would be deferred until they graduated or until they reach 20, whichever comes first.

College students would be deferred until the end of a college term. Draftees would have the same rights in getting back their jobs as veterans had under the wartime draft.

But this senate-passed bill is not law and won't be unless, and until, the house also approves.

The house may act next week.

### Illness Fatal



WASHINGTON, June 10—Sec. of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach who died here today in Walter Reed hospital.

### Schwellenbach Succumbs to Heart Ailment

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—Lewis B. Schwellenbach, who had been a buck private in the infantry, a U.S. senator and, finally, secretary of labor, died today. He was 53.

Schwellenbach was more than just another department head to President Truman. He was also one of the president's best friends.

Mr. Truman issued this statement at Olympia, Wash.:

"I have learned with deepest grief of the death of Lewis Schwellenbach. He was my warm personal friend. He was a great senator, a great judge and a great secretary of labor."

Schwellenbach died at 3:40 a. m. EST. at Walter Reed hospital where he had been since May 28. Mrs. Schwellenbach was at his bedside when he died.

The White House, in announcing the death, said it was due to "cardiac failure which complicated his recent illness."

### President May Tour City Briefly, Speak At Depot at 4 p.m.

President Truman may tour Salem briefly today as his 25-car caravan drives from the Salem airport to Portland on the first of two brief visits to the city, according to tentative plans announced Thursday.

The president will arrive at McNary field by special plane at 11 a. m. after a flight over flooded Columbia river.

H. G. Mason, state police superintendent, said Truman's Salem tour is contingent on whether the presidential plane arrives on time. In the event of a timely arrival, the caravan-escort probably will travel from the airport west on Mission street to South Commercial street, north on Commercial street to Court street, east on Court street to North Capitol street and then north to the Pacific highway and to Portland.

If the President's plane is late, the caravan will go directly from the airport to Portland by the shortest route. It was announced. Riding with the president will be acting Governor Leslie M. Scott, state treasurer, who left Thursday afternoon for Olympia, Wash., to meet the party, and Mayor Earl Riley of Portland.

Escort will be provided by secret service agents, state police and the Multnomah county sheriff's department, led by Sheriff Martin Pratt. Salem police and Marion county sheriffs will handle traffic.

City police warned that parking space at the Salem airport will be restricted due to the number of caravan and official vehicles. All planes, both commercial and private, will be grounded prior to the arrival of the president's craft.

To Broadcast

While in Portland President Truman will broadcast from the civic auditorium at 1 p. m. and will confer with state, county and city officials before boarding his special train for California.

The President and acting Governor Scott will return to Salem aboard the train at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon where he is expected to speak from the rear of the observation car.

While in Salem the President is expected to confer briefly with former Gov. Walter M. Pierce, Roy Hewitt, Salem attorney, Monroe Sweetland, Newport publisher and Democratic national committee-man-elect from Oregon and State Rep. Lyle Thomas of Dallas.

### Housing Bill Rammed Past Senate Group

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—In a surprise move, a democratic-republican coalition rammed through the house banking committee today all major provisions of the senate-passed Taft-Eliender-Wagner housing bill.

The vote was 14 to 13.

It was a victory for Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and the democrats and republicans backing the bill, designed to encourage the construction of 15,000,000 homes in 10 years.

It was a bitter reverse for the banking committee's own chairman, Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.) He has branded public housing features of the bill as "socialistic."

Thus the committee recommended for house action a bill containing, among other things, these controversial provisions:

1. Federal financing of 500,000 low rent homes to be owned by public housing agencies in the communities.
2. Subsidies for slum clearance and redevelopment of city areas.
3. Farm home building aids.

These are only parts of the bill. The main emphasis in the measure, its sponsors explain, is on encouragement of private enterprise to do the job of home-building.

### DAMASCUS BOMBED

TEL AVIV, June 11 (AP)—Military headquarters announced today that the Jewish air force bombed Damascus last night in the final hours before the truce in Palestine.

### TRAILER HOMES DUE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10 (AP)—The first of 630 trailer homes to house refugees of the Vanport, Ore., floods will begin to move north from Stockton tomorrow.

### Plant Shutdown Due To Recent Coal Strike

DETROIT, June 10 (AP)—Plant shutdowns which will idle 230,000 workers across the nation were announced late today by General Motors Corp. and the Ford Motor Co.

General Motors said a shortage of steel resulting from the last coal strike would force it to lay off 200,000 employees for a week at the end of employes' shifts.

### Conferees Cut \$5 Million from McNary Dam

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—Senate and house conferees agreed tonight on a record \$573,000,000 money bill for waterways.

They slashed \$67,000,000 off the \$102,000,000 added by the senate to the house figure of \$538,000,000.

Major cuts made in the final version of the bill include these reductions from the amounts allowed by the senate:

- McNary lock and dam, Columbia River, Oregon and Washington, from \$27,000,000 to \$22,000,000.
- Amounts agreed upon by the conferees include: Flood control (construction): Oregon—Detroit reservoir, \$3,500,000; Pudding River none.
- Rivers and harbors (construction): Oregon and Washington—Columbia river between Vancouver, Wash., and The Dalles, Ore., \$326,000; Columbia river, Umatilla (McNary Dam), \$22,000,000; Columbia river at Bonneville, \$500,000.
- Oregon—Coos Bay, \$1,500,000.

### Averill Heads WU Alumni

The Willamette university alumni association elected Edward P. Averill of Portland as president for 1948-9 to succeed Steve Anderson of Salem, according to reports released Thursday from Registrar Harold Jory's office which received them from the election committee.

Elected to the executive committee of the alumni association, was Mrs. Waldo Zeller of Salem. Her term is for three years.

Re-elected to new terms on the trustee board were Dr. Carl J. Hollingworth of Portland and Hugh McGilvra of Forest Grove.

Averill has been active in Willamette athletics and helped organize the Portland Bearcat Boosters, of which he was president, last fall. In 1944 he obtained the 125 pound Paul Bunyon prize as a prize for the winner of the annual Whitman-Willamette football game.

### Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	77	54	.97
Portland	77	57	.84
San Francisco	70	57	.62
Chicago	83	55	.00
New York	86	57	.00

Willamette river 24 feet.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Considerable cloudiness today and tonight with scattered light showers again tonight; continued mild afternoon temperatures. High today 78, low tonight 55. Weather will be generally favorable for all farm work except for afternoon and evening showers and moderate afternoon winds which will interfere with dusting and spraying.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to June 11)

This Year	Last Year	Average
46.87	36.22	36.28

### Planes Travel 'Much Faster' Than Sound

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—Two American experimental planes have repeatedly flown faster than sound, aviation authorities announced today.

Secretary Symington told a news conference that the supersonic feat has been performed "many times" by Air Force Capt. Charles Yeager, 25, a World War II ace. And he said Yeager had reached a speed "much faster" than sound.

The national advisory committee for aeronautics followed Symington's announcement with a disclosure that two of its pilots, flying another of the planes alternately, have exceeded the speed of sound several times.

The NACA, government research agency, notified its pilots as Herbert H. Hoover and the late Howard Lilly. Lilly was killed while testing another type of plane.

The faster-than-sound plane is the XS-1. Only two of them are in existence at this time - one being used by the air force, the other by the NACA.

The XS-1 has a wing span of 28 feet, a length of 31 feet and is 11 feet high. It carries 8,000 pounds of fuel for its rocket motor. It does not take off from the ground, but is taken aloft in the belly of a B-29 bomber and released at high altitude.

### Coronation of St. Paul Rodeo Queen Today

ST. PAUL, June 10 — Elaine Smith will be crowned queen of the 13th annual St. Paul rodeo in ceremonies in the community hall Friday, June 11. This is the preliminary feature for the rodeo and will end show scheduled for July 3, 4 and 5.

Rex Kimmel of Salem, deputy state attorney general, will put the white hat-crown on the brunette queen-elect, Elaine Smith, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith. Ray Maneger is president of the St. Paul Rodeo association and in charge of details.

Other members of the queen's court are Princesses Jane Smith and Patricia Kirk, both of St. Paul; Lou Ann Kerr, Seaside; Carol Flesher, Salem.

### HIGHWAY BILL PASSES

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—A two-year highway bill, authorizing expenditures of \$468,500,000 a year for federal and federal aid roads was passed today by the senate. The measure must now go to a senate - house conference committee.

### WAR SURPLUS ON WAY

CHICAGO, June 10 (AP)—More than \$100,000 in war surplus household furniture and bedding will begin leaving here tomorrow assigned to victims of the Washington-Oregon flood disaster.

### Aurora Veterans Ask \$10,000 Slice of County Memorial Fund

A \$10,000 appropriation to apply on the cost of a veterans' memorial building at Aurora was requested of Marion county court Thursday.

The court answered it would probably confer with veterans' groups of the county to determine a workable plan for use of the \$25,000 which the legislature authorized counties to apportion for such purposes. Such a plan would probably appear on the general election ballot in November, thus placing it outside the 6 per cent limitation on budgeting.

The application was filed by Kenneth E. Holt, commander of Aurora post 110, American Legion, and Gordon E. Frederickson, commander of Aurora post 9478, Veterans of Foreign Wars. They requested the fund for use in a proposed \$14,000 structure for which ground has already been secured.

This is the second application for such funds, the first having been filed by Marion county chapter, Disabled American Veterans, for use in its Living Memorial building in Salem, on which construction has begun.

According to the statute, said County Judge Grant Murphy, all applications must be in by July 1. However, he said it appeared desirable confer with all interested veterans' organizations in the county in order to gain cooperation and make plans suitable to a large portion of the county. Placing it on the ballot for approval of the electorate would place it outside budgetary limitations and would release some of the restrictions imposed by the legislative act, he said.

### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The unification of western Germany was a necessary step to end the confusion and uncertainty and stalemate which has prevailed most of the time since its liberation. It does mean a division of Germany, with Berlin, the old capital, located in the Russian zone. We may expect the active opposition of Russia to the creation of a political organization in western Germany and Russian efforts to blame the western powers for the division of Germany. Yet all the while Russia has been busy building a pro-Communist bloc in its zone, and the door is open for Russian participation in bringing all of Germany together whenever the men of the politburo are ready to cooperate.

The real test comes now. If Trizonia is made to function successfully the German people residing there will be satisfied. Their expressions of approval will counteract Russian propaganda in the eastern zone. However if the east should forge ahead and provide better living conditions for the people than the west will grow dissatisfied. We of the west have full confidence that our system of political and economic organization will accomplish far more than the communist system. Certainly it has to date.

There is a current lull in the exchange of acerbities between the United States and Russia. There are some "border incidents" in the cities of joint occupation, but no major controversies have (Continued on Editorial page)

### 4 School Districts To Consolidate; One Rejects Plan

DAYTON, June 10 (Special)—Four of five districts voting in a special Yamhill county school election held here today decided to consolidate with Dayton district 28, final tabulations showed.

Unionvale district 44 voted 36 to 3 against joining the consolidation with the four other grade schools.

The four districts voting in favor of consolidating with the Dayton grade school district were Webfoot (district 27), 18 for and 12 against; Pleasantdale (district 64), 25 for and 19 against; Dayton Prairie (district 18), 8 for and none against; Unity (district 23), 25 for and 19 against.

### Rail Strike Injunction Renewed, Hearing Set

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough today issued a new order forbidding a railroad strike but gave the engineers, firemen and switchmen another chance to fight back.

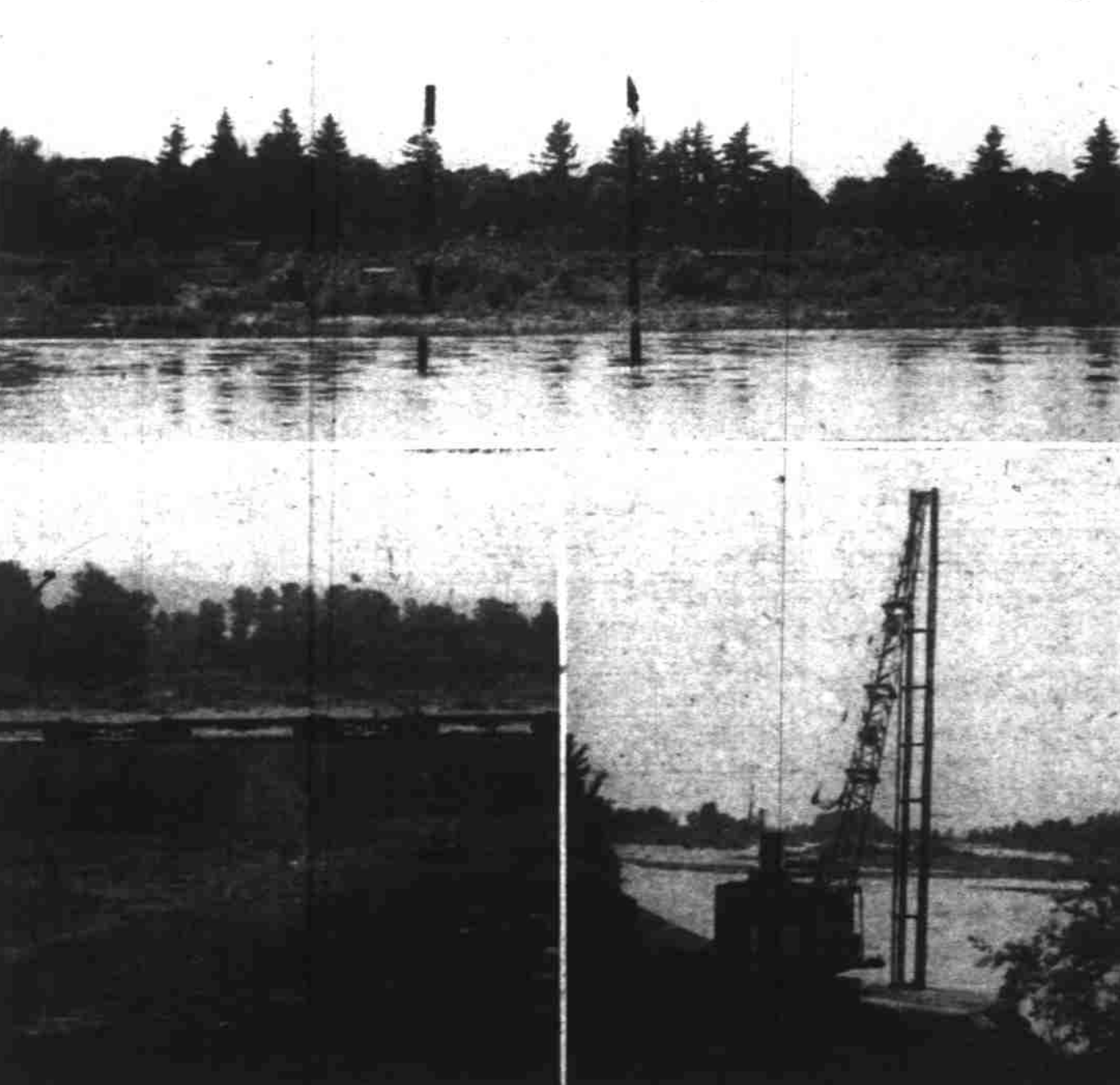
He heard their arguments and rejected them but said he will set a final hearing in about five days.

### Animal Crackers



"My gosh! There's a man at the door!"

### Initial Work Starts for Independence Bridge



First steps toward erection of a new bridge between Marion and Polk counties at Independence are being taken this week with clearing of ground for the approaches and the sinking of test piling. The upper photo shows the Polk county terminus of the bridge between the dotted lines at "T" street in Independence, looking from the Marion county side. In the foreground is the Willamette river, then one of two islands which will reduce the lengths of single spans. At lower left is the Polk county approach with two test piling in place at left of the road. The crane-pile driver in the lower right photo is on the Polk county bank of the Willamette about 1,000 yards upstream from the bridge site. At this point a temporary trestle will be constructed to the island in the background where materials will be hauled for the piers, to be constructed this summer. The Macco corporation of California has contracted to finish the bridge by Dec. 31, 1949. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

### Church Frowns as Anne, Mihai Wed

ATHENS, June 10 (AP)—Former King Mihai and Princess Anne, whose romance encountered religious differences, were married today in the solemn ritual of the Greek Orthodox church. The ceremony united the royal families of Romania and Denmark.

(Catholic prelates at the Vatican said the bride had placed herself outside the Roman Catholic church and incurred a "grave sin" in marrying Mihai. They added that the ceremony in Athens is "no marriage" in the eyes of the Catholic church.)

### Palestine Hears 'Cease Fire' Order

CAIRO, June 11 (AP)—The order to cease firing in Palestine was broadcast to Egyptian troops at a few minutes before the deadline (1 a. m. EST) today.

Trans-Jordan troops had received a similar order earlier and presumably the four-week armistice called for by the United Nations and agreed to by both warring factions brought a step to the shooting at the appointed hour.

### OUR SENATORS

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