

New Rent Formula Draws Sharp Public Criticisms

Rivals for Fields Estate



LOS ANGELES, May 3—William Rexford Fields Morris and Carlotta Morris, above, contenders for the estate of the late W. C. Fields, met on friendly terms in court here yesterday. Morris claims he is illegitimate son of Fields and entitled to one third of the estate. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

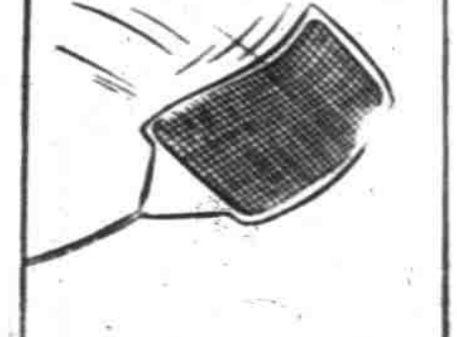
The city council next Monday should come to some conclusion with respect to plans for handling traffic into and through the city.

There is one point which has not had enough publicity and that is that the state highway commission has not adopted any comprehensive plan and has not set any schedule for performance on the plan submitted by the highway department.

Such being the case the council might very well stagger its endorsement of street changes, moving step-by-step as the commission is ready to move.

RECORD SALES REPORTED
PORTLAND, May 3—P-Meier & Frank Co., Portland department store, reported record sales of \$44,172,497 and net profit of \$2,503,518 in the fiscal year ended Jan. 31.

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... and if I'm not telling you the truth may I be stuck down.

NEW YORK, May 3—Scores of landlords and tenants of the nation's largest city turned out in angry confusion today to criticize the government's new rent ceiling formula.

Housing Expediter Tigue Woods, who announced the formula last night to provide owners with a "fair net operating income," came here and stepped personally into a hotbed of landlords' inquiries.

Landlords assailed the formula as giving inadequate relief to hard-pressed property owners.

Thousands of landlords flocked to federal offices here today to oppose the proposed rent increases.

Woods expressed belief both landlords and tenants would be happier under the new formula.

Hangchow Fall Admitted by Nationalists
SHANGHAI, Wednesday, May 4—The Shanghai garrison command today admitted the loss of Hangchow, nationalist escape port 100 miles southwest of Shanghai.

The garrison command communique, issued about 10 a. m., said the Chekiang provincial peace preservation corps evacuated Hangchow on last Tuesday after completing a delaying action.

After the peace preservation corps moved out, the communique said, contact with the seacoast resort city was lost.

The garrison confirmed earlier Chinese press dispatches which said Hangchow had gone over to the communists peacefully.

The boys' school advisory board headed by George Stadelman of the city fire department, has recommended that an educator rather than enforcement officer be chosen as superintendent for the state boys' school at Woodburn.

Sheridan Cleanup Week in Full Swing
SHERIDAN, May 3—Special Sheridan Cleanup week which ends Saturday is in full swing.

Pickups from the north side of the river will be made tomorrow, and from the south side on Thursday.

Mill Crew Praised For Checking Fire
WILLAMINA, Ore., May 3—Fire damage of \$1,500 was estimated by the Murphy lumber mill today.

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The Rev. Walter Naff, Salem, will preside during the afternoon.

Friday's meeting starts at 10 a. m. with speakers in the forenoon including the Rev. Charles Addie man, Portland, and the Rev. Lynn-

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House Test Vote Approves Wood Labor Bill

60,000 Ford Workers to Quit Jobs Thursday

Strike Centers On Assembly Rate Dispute
DETROIT, May 3—An authorized strike of 60,000 Ford Motor Co. workers was ordered today.

The walkout was scheduled to begin at noon Thursday (May 5). Local 600 of the CIO United Auto Workers changed plans to call the strike tomorrow after the international executive board set the Thursday date.

Ford Quiet
There was no comment from Ford.

Things happened in quick and confused succession at Ford today.

The local executive board, in emergency session, ordered the strike at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Shortly afterward, the international executive board set the Thursday date and announced that any walkout before then would be unauthorized.

The announcements broke out of a clear sky when it appeared settlement was near.

Feeling was running high among Rouge workers in favor of a strike.

THE WEATHER
Salem Max. Min. Precip. 69 36 00
Portland 56 36 trace
San Francisco 55 47 00
Chicago 91 53 00
New York 78 58 16
Willamette river 15 feet

SALEM PRECIPITATION
From Sept. 1 to May 4
This Year Last Year Average
39.94 42.03 33.92

Seven Die in Air, Bus-Auto Crashes; Mid-Air Collision Hurts Ranger Trio

Two separate air crashes and a bus-auto collision killed at least seven persons in Oregon Tuesday.

Columbia Tops Flood Stage; Rain Forecast
The Columbia river crept above flood stage at Vancouver, Wash. Tuesday.

Little damage is expected with a moderate rise in the Snake river and a slow but steady rise in the middle Columbia.

Heavy Rains Inundate Lake Labish Farms
LABISH CENTER—Because of heavy rains the past few days, nearly 300 acres of vegetable gardens in the lower Labish Lake area are inundated from flood waters of Pudding river.

SPUD BUYING EXTENDED
PORTLAND, May 3—The federal government is extending its potato program to May 15.

Rains Submerge Labish Area Onion Lands
LABISH CENTER—Onion lands in the Labish area are submerged by flood waters of Pudding river.

Envoys Await Russian Move On Blockade
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The Medford air collision saw one plane plummet directly to earth. This was the ship carrying Barkley, commander of the 1905th reserve unit, and the woman.

Bergman 'Flame', Husband Confer On Divorce Bids
ROME, May 3—Dr. Peter Lindstrom, his film star wife Ingrid Bergman, and Roberto Rossellini, Italian movie director, met tonight in a hotel in Messina, Sicily, the Italian news agency ASTRA said.

Zoning Plan For Kingwood Gains Approval
A zoning plan for the new Kingwood area of Salem, lying across the river in Polk county, was approved by the Salem planning and zoning commission Tuesday night.

Victor Point Title Picked for Union School District
VICTOR POINT—New union school district 42-C will be named Victor Point.

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Administration Handed Defeat By Coalition
WASHINGTON, May 3—The Wood bill retaining most of the Taft-Hartley act was approved by the house tonight on a 217 to 203 rollcall test vote which dealt the Truman administration a smashing defeat.

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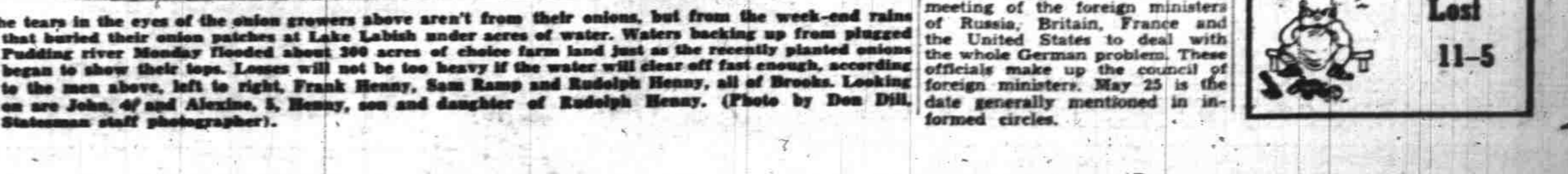
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The tears in the eyes of the onion growers above aren't from their onions, but from the week-end rains that buried their onion patches at Lake Labish under acres of water. Waters backing up from plugged Pudding river Monday flooded about 300 acres of choice farm land just as the recently planted onions began to show their tops. Losses will not be too heavy if the water will clear off fast enough, according to the men above, left to right, Frank Henry, Sam Kamp and Rudolph Henry, all of Brooks. Looking on are John, 47 and Alexine, 5, Henry, son and daughter of Rudolph Henry. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

OUR SENATORS
Lost 11-5