

Petitions Seek New Highway Right-of-Way to Silverton Area

SILVERTON, Nov. 29.—Petitions requesting immediate completion of the Salem-Silverton highway over a proposed new right-of-way are now being circulated by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

The petitions are addressed to the Marion county court, and ask that the court "begin at once the condemnation proceedings necessary to completion of the new right-of-way."

The county court has temporarily deferred action on obtaining certain property on the new route because of objections from a group which stated the new route would involve a duplication and excessive costs.

They have suggested the present route be widened and improved instead of completing a proposed three-mile stretch from Steffen's Corner to Silverton on the south side of the existing highway.

The petitions state the "present road cannot be widened to conform to the portion already completed without encroaching on the Silverton cemetery and disturbing a large number of graves. To bypass this would make the cost of improving the old road equal, or almost equal, to the cost of the new project approved by state or federal authorities."

The petitions also state that the new stretch is coordinated with the proposed Cascade highway which would give the east side of the valley a primary route between Portland and Springfield.

The move was approved by the chamber's board of directors and highway committee. Walter Gern, chamber secretary, prepared the petitions. Members circulating the petitions reported they were being received favorably.

Acquisition of property for the three-mile section was started about a year ago, but was deferred when property owners filed protests with the county court.

FBI Agent Tells Of Kickbacks In Parnell Trial

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Testimony that Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.) had a 71-year-old bedridden relative on his congressional payroll was introduced today at the lawmaker's trial on salary "kickback" charges.

An FBI agent testified he had been informed that Thomas' office payroll included not only the aged relative who did no work, but Thomas' daughter-in-law, who lived in New Jersey.

There was no testimony that they kicked back their pay to Thomas, former chairman of the house un-American activities committee, but the representative is accused of requiring three other "employees" to turn pay over to him.

Federal witnesses testified today that congressional salary checks totaling about \$8,675 were issued in the names of these three purported employees.

Late Sports

Cards Drop Hoop Opener

SWEET HOME, Nov. 29.—(Special)—Sacred Heart Academy's Cardinals were noosed out in the final minutes here tonight in their opening basketball game of the season against the Sweet Home Huskies. The final score was 36-33.

The Cardinals, with Dick Staudinger and Jim Collieran setting the pace, jumped to an early lead and held it until deep in the final quarter. Collieran was high scorer for the evening with 11 points and Staudinger had 10.

The Cardinal B squad lost the opener to the Sweet Home Pups in another close tilt, 27-24.

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Street Decorating Too Much for Man Who Directed It

ALMA, Mich., Nov. 29.—(AP)—Harold L. Smith convinced the city commission this year that, for once, Alma should be properly decorated for Christmas.

Recalling complaints of previous seasons, the commission agreed. They gave Smith, a faithful city employee for 18 years, the job.

For weeks Smith and his assistants prepared elaborate lighting arrangements, evergreen streamers and dozens of Christmas trees. Everything was set last night and the whole town turned out for the lighting ceremony in front of city hall.

Proudly, Smith stood with arm raised to signal for the throwing of the switch.

As he dropped his arm, the little city blazed forth in a scintillating array of Christmas lights.

And then, while the populace was still cheering, Smith fell dead with a heart attack.

Merrill School Destroyed in Morning Fire

MERRILL, Ore., Nov. 29.—(AP)—A spectacular fire destroyed the Merrill elementary school building before classes convened this morning.

John Scott, janitor who occupies a basement apartment, discovered the blaze at 7:30 a.m., after it apparently started in furnace room. An hour later the flames shot through the roof of the two-story brick building, constructed 38 years ago.

Some books and equipment in the school cafeteria were saved, but most of the desks and other equipment were lost, along with a winter's supply of coal, delivered yesterday.

Merrill volunteer firemen were able to save an adjacent frame gymnasium.

Belongings of Scott and Warren Humphal, a teacher, and his family who occupied another basement apartment, were saved.

Child-Slaying Suspect Bound Over for Trial

BURLEY, Idaho, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Neale Butterfield, 16-year-old Heyburn high school athlete, was bound over for trial on a first degree murder charge today for the slaying of seven-year-old Glenda Joyce Briscoe.

Probate Judge Henry W. Tucker ordered the husky high school junior held for district court trial without bail after a preliminary hearing from which press and spectators were barred.

The body of the blonde first grader was found in a canal near Burley Nov. 17 after one of the most intensive manhunts in the history of south central Idaho.

Butterfield entered no plea. He was remanded to the custody of Cassia County Sheriff Saul H. Clark.

Prosecuting Attorney Adonis H. Nielson told reporters what happened behind the closed doors of the courtroom.

Coffee Prices Query Target

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—A senate committee set out today to find out why consumers are paying much more for coffee now than several weeks ago.

The lawmakers said they believe that the recent price increases were due to speculation and profiteering.

But a spokesman for the National Coffee association denied this. He blamed the increase mainly on hoarding by housewives.

Since early last month the retail price of popular canned brands has jumped from around 60 cents a pound to 80 or 90 cents, with bulk coffee going up in about the same proportion.

New Sailors Union Contract Approved

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Harry Lundberg, head of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, said today a new contract with ship-owners has won virtually unanimous approval of union members.

He said results of meeting in San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, San Pedro, Honolulu, New Orleans and New York showed 3,142 yes votes and only two noes. The vote in San Francisco was unanimous—1,579 to 0.

Austria has 13 universities or institutions of university rank with a total enrollment of 35,000.

Teachers Told Positive Action Answer in Promoting Peace

Marion county school teachers must take positive rather than negative action in preparing pupils for peace and democracy.

This was the assertion Tuesday night of Miss Martha Shull, state president of the Oregon Education association, as she addressed the Marion county division of OEA.

Miss Shull urged teachers to spend more time teaching democracy and promoting positive action toward peace and less time belittling communism and opposing war.

OCE Exchange Teacher Talks At High School

It's easy for a youngster in this country to get a fine education compared with the chance that an English student has, an English exchange teacher told a Capital Guidance area group at Salem high school Tuesday night.

Alice Pendlebury, who is an art instructor at Oregon College of Education this year, said children in her native England take an examination when they are 11 years old that decides their fate.

Those who receive top grades go to an academic grammar school until they are 18, and only the high bracket at grammar school is groomed for college or university. After receiving a diploma they still must pass competitive tests and be accepted by a board of examiners, she said.

Those who don't get a grammar-school rating when 11 years old are sent to secondary vocational schools until they are 16. Junior technical and art schools are available for those fortunate enough to be transferred from these schools, said Miss Pendlebury.

She also mentioned England's thriving adult education program, stating that nearly every school is open every night.

The Capital Guidance Area group consists mostly of high school and college instructors from the Salem area.

Plumbers Cause Harvard Plenty Of Pipe Trouble

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 29.—(AP)—Harvard wishes it had taught its plumbers to read and write a half-century ago.

So now the university has done the second best thing—it's purchased a mine detector.

Some turn-of-the-century plumbers were illiterate, according to University Plumber Foreman Donald E. Robinson. They weren't able to record where they laid their pipes.

Consequently, he said, "Every time a squirrel runs down a drain and clogs it up, the plumbers have to dig up half of Cambridge to find the trouble."

So Harvard now has a \$200 mine detector that buzzes when it finds a pipe.

River Pollution Study Grants Slated for Area

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Grants totaling nearly a million dollars to date for studies of stream pollution were disclosed today by the federal security agency.

Most of the money, \$782,979, went to the states, all but three of which participated.

Five interstate agencies shared \$78,400 and an additional \$67,508 was allocated for special industrial water studies.

Congress allowed \$1,000,000 for the work.

FSA Administrator Oscar R. Ewing said provisional allotments have been made for special projects but grants will not be made until applications have been approved by Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele.

These projects include effect of industrial wastes, including paper and pulp mills, on aquatic life. Washington state pollution control commission, \$10,000.

Grants to the states and territories include: Idaho, \$9,969; Montana, \$9,619; Oregon, \$12,208; Washington, \$13,473; Alaska, \$9,212.

Schomaker Unshaken by Trial Cross Examination

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—A principal government witness in the Harry Bridges perjury trial was subjected to a savage cross-examination today. But he remained unshaken in his testimony that Bridges was active in the communist party in the 1930s.

John H. (Bug John) Schomaker, admitted ex-communist and former co-worker of Bridges' in the latter's CIO longshore union, refused to back down on his essential contention: That the communists directed the 1934 Pacific coast longshore strike, and told Bridges what to do.

Ohio State Student Indicted for Death Of Fellow Student

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 29.—(AP)—The grand jury today indicted James D. Heer, 20-year-old Euclid, O., freshman, for first-degree murder in the homecoming fraternity slaying of an Ohio State university senior.

The jury considered the case nearly seven hours before returning the indictment.

Heer is held in Franklin county jail without bond. He is charged in the fatal shooting of 21-year-old Jack T. McKeown of Norwood, O., managing editor of the university paper.

Heer will be sent to Lima state hospital for the criminal insane for observation and examination before he goes on trial sometime after the first of the year, Prosecutor Ralph J. Bartlett said.

Farm Prices Show Decline From October

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The agriculture department reported today that farm prices dropped about two per cent between mid-October and mid-November.

This decline brought the parity ratio to 100 for the first time since November, 1941. The parity ratio is the relation between prices farmers receive and prices they pay for things they buy.

Products which dropped during the month included: Hogs, soy beans, corn, eggs and cotton. Truck crops increased considerably while some food grains and dairy products rose slightly.

As of November 15, the index of prices received by farmers was 239 per cent of the 1909-14 base compared with 243 per cent a month ago, 271 per cent a year ago and a record of 307 per cent set in January, 1948.

The index of prices paid by farmers for things they buy, including interest and taxes, was unchanged at 240 per cent of the 1909-14 base compared with 248 per cent a year ago and a record of 251 per cent set in August, 1948.

The average prices received by farmers and parity prices, respectively, for major commodities on Nov. 15 included:

Wheat \$1.90 and \$2.12 a bushel; rye \$1.25 and \$1.73; corn \$1.02 and \$1.54; oats 66.4 and 95.8 cents; barley \$1.10 and \$1.49; grain sorghum \$1.66 and \$2.90 for 100 pounds; flaxseed \$3.57 and \$4.06 a bushel.

Potatoes \$1.34 and \$1.76 a bushel; sweet potatoes \$1.89 and \$2.11; dry beans \$6.59 and \$8.09 for 100 pounds; apples \$1.43 and \$2.30 a bushel.

Hogs \$15.60 and \$17.40 for 100 pounds; beef cattle \$19.20 and \$13.00; veal calves \$22.00 and \$18.20; lambs \$21.46 and \$14.10. Butterfat 62.6 and 63.1 cents a pound; milk, wholesale \$4.24 and \$3.84 for 100 pounds.

Chickens, live, 23.1 and 27.4 cents a pound; turkeys, live, 34.4 and 34.6 cents a pound; eggs 47.1 and 51.6 cents a dozen; and wool 46 and 43.9 cents a pound.

NEVER GO BROKE

GEORGIANA, Ala.—(INS)—Charlie Boggan, 45-year-old railroad section hand, has carried a dime in his mouth for 38 years for luck. He claims the habit arose from his grandfather, who carried a dime in his mouth for 20 years.

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Notes Entered In Hiss Case

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(AP)—A cryptic note hinting that the Russians obtained plans for two pre-war American superbattleships was read today at an explosive session of Alger Hiss' prejury trial.

The government also barred secret reports intended to show how a fantastic Soviet underground web was woven deep into Washington in the early New Deal days to influence U.S. government policy.

Both disclosures came in the form of reports by government officials of talks with Whitaker Chambers, chief accuser of Hiss and former courier for a Russian spy ring.

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Estonian DP Family Starts Life Anew Midst Friendly Neighbors

(Picture on page 1.)
Mr. and Mrs. Willem Stein and their four blonde children from war-torn Estonia started a new life in Salem Tuesday, dazzled by a rousing reception and the hospitality of their new neighbors.

Arriving at the Southern Pacific depot on the ultra-modern Shasta Daylight with their parents were Fanny, 10, Georg, 7, Mary, 6, and Aleksandr, 3.

They were brought to Salem by the First Congregational church, which also furnished a rented home and paid two months rent. They had been living in Germany recently.

Welcoming the smiling but weary family at the train were 30 members of the church, the pastor, Dr. Seth R. Huntington, and Thomas Lawson McCall, secretary to Gov. Douglas McKay, who extended them official greetings.

Stein, an engineer educated in Russia under the Czarist regime, was speechless when he saw the crowd. Through an interpreter Stein said, "I have never seen such hospitality; I just can't believe all this was done for us by people we'd never seen."

The blonde, blue-eyed kiddies beamed as they played with toys which were provided.

The new arrivals were taken to their home at 942 Statesman st., which was redecorated by church members. The cupboards were filled with food, kitchen utensils and dishes. Stein, the only member of the family who knows any English, said he was unable to express his appreciation for the kindnesses.

He will work as a draftsman for the state highway commission, using his knowledge as a skilled highway and railroad engineer. He was taken from Estonia to Germany in 1944 as a slave laborer. Prior to this he had lived under Russian wartime rule.

At noon, women of the church prepared the first meal in the Steins' new home.

Elfstrom Slates 'Mayor Speaks' Talks on Radio

Salem is going to have its own "fireside chats."

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom will speak over KOCO at 9 p.m. tonight in the first of a series of programs tentatively titled, "The Mayor Speaks to the People."

In announcing the new program Tuesday KOCO officials said the talks would be a general report on civic affairs with discussions of the city's problems from time to time. Other city officials, leaders and citizens may appear on future programs, they added.

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