

SEC Rejects Bids for PP&L; New Syndicate Seeks Control

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27-(AP)—The Securities and Exchange commission today refused to approve two bids to buy control of the \$77,000,000 Pacific Power and Light company.

County Backs Joint Airport Zoning Board

Cooperation of Marion county with the city of Salem in establishing a joint airport zoning board was promised Friday by County Judge Grant Murphy.

Murphy said the county court would appoint two men residing outside the Salem city limits as their representatives on the board. No men have been considered yet for the positions, he said.

The city, Murphy said, will appoint four representatives from within the city limits. City Manager J. L. Franzen notified the court Friday of the city's intention to establish the zoning board and asked cooperation of the county in the joint venture.

Franzen's request followed approval by the Salem city council of the zoning plan which was suggested recently by Salem's long range planning commission.

The joint airport zoning board, establishment of which was authorized by the 1947 legislature, will zone areas surrounding the airfield to prevent construction of tall buildings, radio towers or other objects which might prove hazardous to air traffic.

Cooperation in Reappraisal Work Lauded

Salem property owners are, in general, cooperating well in the state tax commission's work of reappraising local property for tax purposes, according to Robert V. Nelson, tax engineer with the commission.

But often, he said Friday "those who will benefit most from the reappraisal are the most reluctant to supply information," all of which he kept confidential.

The project is aimed at a more equitable distribution of the costs of government, Nelson told Salem Board of Realtors at its weekly luncheon.

The speaker recalled that announcement of the reappraisal brought remarks that the commission was going to raise taxes here. He reminded, however, that neither the commission nor the county assessor can raise taxes. By increasing appraisal values, though, tax income can be boosted. Tax levies, he said, can be raised only by elective officials and budget boards subject to public election.

Outlining tax procedures, Nelson pointed out that appraisal is an "inexact science of observation" and that individual judgment is an important factor. He said "true cash value" is the figure sought in appraisal and that cost and income and other items must be considered in arriving at appraisal conclusions.

ADM. SHERMAN INDUCTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27-(AP)—Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, at 53 the nation's youngest chief of naval operations, was formally inducted today into that post after his approval by the senate.

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JACK EVANS
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March of Dimes
Regular Prices Will Prevail

Reapportionment Plan Devised By Young GOP

PORTLAND, Jan. 27-(AP)—The Young Republicans of Oregon came up with still another way of reapportioning the legislature today.

President Jim Collins said initiative petitions would be circulated for setting up the legislature on a population-area basis. It would work like this: The senate would have 36 members and the house 60, with one representative for every 25,000 persons and one senator for every 40,000. Counties would get one representative to start with, and additional ones according to population.

No county could have more than 25 per cent of the membership of either house. Meanwhile the Oregon Farm Bureau federation said it might abandon its campaign for reapportionment of the legislature on the congressional system: one senator to each county, and the house according to population.

Lowell Steen, Salem, said so much opposition has risen to the plan in western Oregon that the bureau's local units will be polled to see whether they want to give it up. The federation had intended to circulate petitions putting that reapportionment system on the 1950 ballot. Giles French of Moro is father of the system.

Two 'Widows' Appear after Colonel Dies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27-(AP)—One Mrs. Babcock flew in from Germany today with the body of Col. William T. Babcock and another Mrs. Babcock met the plane at the Washington airport.

Both claimed to be the widow of the deputy American commissioner for Berlin who died here Monday of a heart attack.

Accompanying the body was an attractive brunette, apparently in her early 30's, who said she is the widow. She said she left her 3-year-old son in Berlin.

The other Mrs. Babcock, from New London, Conn., showed a reporter a hand-written letter signed "Dad." She said it was written last month by Col. Babcock to one of their two married daughters.

It is true that I am not divorced and not remarried."

Both "nots" were underlined. "Might Seek Divorce"

The letter said the writer might try for divorce when he returned to the United States, but was not sure.

"I am the real Mrs. Babcock," the New London resident said. "He has been married to me for nearly 34 years."

The colonel in 1946 sued Mary Magdalene Babcock for divorce in New London, but the decree was denied. Mrs. Babcock's attorney said he never received notice of any divorce action anywhere else.

At the airport the women kept about 100 feet apart. The Berlin Mrs. Babcock left the airport shortly after her arrival. The American Mrs. Babcock watched as the body was placed in a military hearse. Then she went to Arlington National cemetery nearby and talked to Col. R. J. Williamson, officer in charge there.

Emerging from that conference, the New London Mrs. Babcock said: "An American wife will be at the funeral, but a British woman will be given the flag."

Her reference was to the flag to be draped over the casket. It customarily is delivered to the widow after the funeral.

Mrs. Florence M. Babcock, the Berlin Mrs. Babcock, said she is a British subject.

Creek Washing Out Bridge Fill

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 27-(AP)—Several residents of Gales Creek, a community northwest of here, complained to the state highway department about what their creek is doing.

Its channel has been changed by a gravel bar in mid-creek, they said, and the stream is eating away at a highway bridge fill. They expressed fear that the fill might wash out and destroy farms.

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Vancouver Freeway... Given 'Go-Ahead' Sign

OLYMPIA, Jan. 27-(AP)—Governor Langlie disclosed today he has directed the state highway department to proceed with its plan for a \$4,500,000 Pacific highway freeway route through Vancouver.

He directed the department to proceed, he said, after receiving word from the Vancouver city commission that it had approved the plan at a recent meeting.

Speaker Denied Use of Portland School Building

PORTLAND, Jan. 27-(AP)—A new meeting place was found today for Carey McWilliams, California, after the Portland public school board refused to let him speak in a school auditorium.

The school board voted last night to deny McWilliams use of the building after a police captain said the organization sponsoring McWilliams' speech was "subversive."

The organization — Citizens Committee for Civil Rights — does not, however, appear on the U. S. attorney general's list of subversive organizations.

Irving Goodman, attorney for the committee, called the school board's ruling a violation of the Oregon constitution, which authorizes "the right to speak... on any subject whatever."

He said McWilliams would speak as scheduled Sunday, but in the Redmen's hall here.

Capt. William D. Browne, police officer and chairman of the American Legion's local committee on subversive activities, had complained of the sponsoring group.

Mother of Victim Sees Slayer Die

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 27-(AP)—A young man written in the agencies of electrocution while his victim's mother, brothers and sister watched grimly.

After 18-year-old Arthur Moore's body had ceased struggling and hung limply against the leather thongs, Mrs. M. T. Dean, the mother, observed, "I'm satisfied."

Moore was convicted of slaying J. L. Dean, 23, navy veteran and insurance company employe, here Jan. 27, 1948.

Mrs. Dean, a frail woman, walked into the execution chamber yesterday leaning heavily on the arm of a son.

They watched carefully, wordlessly as the youth was strapped in the state's portable electric chair.

Witnesses to his death struggles, besides Mrs. Dean, were Basil Barnhill, the victim's brother-in-law; Mrs. Kathryn Barnhill, Dean's sister; and his three brothers.

Ships Shelled By China Reds

HONG KONG, Saturday, Jan. 28-(AP)—Two British merchant ships reportedly were shelled by Chinese communist shore batteries near the southeast China port of Amoy this week.

The small British coaster Cloverlock reported to her owner, the Wheelock Marden company, that she was shelled and hit several times 17 miles off Amoy.

Casualties if any and extent of damage were not given. Earlier, the 3,560-ton freighter Wingsang reported to its owners, Jardine Matheson company, that it had been fired upon in the same general area. No damage was reported.

EXPERIENCED LECTURER
TOKYO -(INS)- Gennai Kubota, 61, who spent 23 years in various penitentiaries serving 14 sentences for offenses ranging from picking pockets to armed robbery, has been retained to lecture rail security officers on what Kubota calls his "Three Principles of Crime Prevention."

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Russ Try to 'Soften' Berlin Via Blockade

By Thomas A. Reedy
BERLIN, Jan. 27-(AP)—Western officials declared today the Russian squeeze on East-West truck traffic this week is part of a desperate move aimed to soften West Berlin for communism.

Americans in this divided city are talking about the possibility of economic reprisals if the tinkering with the traffic continues. East and West Germany have a trade agreement which could be suspended, it was pointed out.

Informed quarters in the American and British occupation forces said the Soviet restrictions are part of a many-sided plan which has three objectives:

1—Shake the confidence of West German business in West Berlin.

2—Make it difficult for West Berlin to get the full benefit from European recovery funds now voted, so the man-on-the-street will be more susceptible to communism.

3—Divert truck cargoes to the Soviet controlled railway system which needs the business.

These views came out of a series of conferences being held by the western authorities since the Russians cut the flow of trucking between Berlin and the west by more than three-fourths.

Despite two protests from the west, the Russians continued today to stack up traffic at Helmstedt frontier by fusing with every vehicle. From midnight until nightfall the Soviets permitted only 75 trucks to cross to the west. Of this number, 27 were loaded. Forty-eight were empty and, in normal circumstances, would have been passed in an hour.

Not Bothered
The railway system has not been bothered.

C. A. Dix, U. S. transport chief, said the Soviets and their East German government apparently are trying to encourage shippers to use the rails. In the past month, the rail system listed 1,000 loaded freight cars from Berlin to West Germany and 8,900 empty cars.

Railroad men say this percentage is the percentage of bankruptcy.

If the truck business is diverted to the rails, Dix said, almost half the empty cars would be utilized and return a revenue.

King Arthur Court Held by Keizer Cubs

KEIZER, Jan. 27 — A Cub Scout court of honor was staged by pack 41 of Keizer tonight in the form of a King Arthur's Court.

Forty-three Cubs and their leaders, brandishing home-made armor and spears, formed a circle around the "round table" to receive awards from "King" C. E. Shidler, pack cubmaster.

Each cub was called before Shidler during the evening to receive his 1950 "registration card."

WDF awards were presented to Art Lewis, Ernest Karn, Albert Leslie, Steven Billings, Keith Kilday, Grant Harder, Johnny Rohrer, Richard Ronk, Crayton Gerard, Albert Leslie, and Gary Nopp, all in the wolf rank.

Bear rank award winners included Ronald Weathers, Larry Cummings and Melvin Hasche. Lion awards went to Brent Neiger, John Keller, George Baker, Billy Shattuc, Leonard Hayes, Melvin Hasche and Kervin Morse.

Three past cubmasters and committeemen were honored during the meeting. They were Gordon Gettis, Wright Noel and Fred Cast.

Glider Sets Altitude Mark

BISHOP, Calif., Jan. 27-(AP)—Harland Ross today claimed a new world's record of 36,100 feet above sea level for a two-place motorless glider.

Ross said he and George Delbert, his passenger, soared to that height near here today after having been released from an airplane at 11,500 feet.

He claimed another world mark for soaring 24,600 feet above his point of release, and said no other motorless glider ever had risen so far above its release altitude.

Witness Flatly Denies Bridges Met with Reds

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27-(AP)—A flat denial that he was a communist or ever attended communist party meetings was made today by the witness stand today by Henry Schmidt, one of the three defendants in the Harry Bridges perjury trial.

Schmidt, 51, is international representative of the CIO Longshore union of which Bridges is president.

He denied without qualification the assertions of government witnesses who had placed both Schmidt and Bridges at numerous communist party gatherings.

Bridges was indicted for perjury, charged with lying when, in his 1945 citizenship hearing, he denied he was a communist. Schmidt and J. R. Robertson, another union official, were indicted for conspiracy. They were indicted with Bridges at the naturalization hearings.

Schmidt's answers always were in the negative as Defense Attorney James Macinnis led him through a long series of questions on the communist party matter.

Cherry Price Depends on Tariff Rate

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

The 1950 cherry price will depend largely upon whether brine cherries are left on the foreign trading list this spring. This was what Robert E. Shinn, manager of the Willamette Cherry Growers, Inc., told more than 75 growers gathered Friday at Mayflower hall for their annual meeting.

Shinn explained that brine cherries have been named on the list of trade items to come up for consideration in April. Last year, they were listed but later removed through the efforts of Cherry Growers and Industries foundation.

Shinn added that cherry growers owed much to the Oregon delegation in congress for its efforts in maintaining the tariff on cherries.

Seller 2 Cents Less
Italian brine cherries, he said, were now selling two cents less on the market than U. S. cherries and yet they carried a 9 1/2 cent tariff.

"It wouldn't take much imagination to see what would happen with no tariff," he concluded.

But Shinn urged the growers to continue their cherry fly control. Last year, he said, many growers stopped spraying when they became worried over the market. In consequence the last half of their crop was lost through infestation.

Meeting Arranged
The meeting was arranged by Don Rasmussen, Marion county extension horticultural agent, and N. John Hansen, Polk county extension agent.

Speakers included A. L. Steenland, plant pathologist, and Robert W. Every, entomologist, both from Oregon State college. Both urged careful use of controlling agents for insects and diseases.

They urged the growers to notify the county agents at once if any new diseases or insects appeared in their orchards. Steenland warned particularly against Albino and Little Cherry diseases which, he believed, had not yet entered the valley but "were getting close."

Virus-Free Stock
Steenland urged new growers to purchase registered virus-free stock. All registered stock, he added, was not virus-free; and Every cautioned against the indiscriminate use of new sprays and dusts, warning that these may have toxic effects. Rubber gloves and masks should also be used with dusts and sprays not well known. A methoxychlor spray and dust will be used this spring for the first time on the fresh market cherries, Every stated. It is the same dust, he explained, which is replacing DDT in dairy barns.

Tax Clinic Told Voters to Add To State Costs

PORTLAND, Jan. 27-(AP)—Oregon voters can be expected to add millions of dollars in expenses for the state at the next general election.

That was the prediction today of three speakers at a tax clinic here. They said they expected voters to approve a \$30 per pupil increase in the basic school fund. They also expected approval of a veterans bonus.

One of the speakers, State Senator Austin F. Flegel Jr., Portland, said the bonus (\$10 a month for domestic service, \$15 a month for overseas service) would cost about \$36,000,000.

The other two were State Senator Howard C. Belton, Canby, and William M. Tugman, Eugene editor.

Other speakers, led by French Representative Giles French, Moro, attacked tax exemptions.

"The personal property and corporation excise taxes are greatly weakened by their many exemptions. It is almost impossible to remove exemptions, but the same could be accomplished by abolishing the tax and substituting one with no exemptions," French said.

He urged adoption of what he called a "net business tax," plus abolition of personal property, corporations excise, and the state property tax, and elimination of the 6 per cent limitation.

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5 Injured as Cars Collide On Icy 99-E

Five persons were injured, one critically, when two cars rammed together on an ice-covered highway 99E at the south end of the Jefferson junction overpass 12 miles south of Salem Friday night.

The injured: Charles Olson, Beta Theta Pi, Seattle, head injuries and bruises; Norman Burvick, Seattle, cuts and bruises; Richard Parker, Tacoma, fractured skull and multiple bruises; George Walker, Portland, cuts and bruises; Mary Lou Walker, fractured wrist, cuts and bruises.

The three Washington men, traveling south to attend a University of Washington-University of Oregon basketball game at Eugene, were taken to Albany hospital. Hospital attendants there described Parker's condition as "poor" early this morning.

The Portland couple, in the northbound car, were still in surgery at Salem Memorial hospital at an early hour today.

State police reported the accident occurred about 8 p.m. Friday. Both cars were demolished by the accident, police reported.

RECORD FOR BLOOD BANK

ASTORIA, Jan. 27-(AP)—More than 400 pints of blood were taken by the Red Cross blood bank at the Tongue Point naval station yesterday and bank officials here think it is a national one-day record.

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