

Centralized Accounting System For School Districts Proposed

A centralized accounting system for all school districts except class one was proposed Monday by J. F. Remington, auditor of the Salem school district, at a state legislative tax interim committee meeting here.

The proposal would save money and would reduce time in which financial reports are sent to other state agencies, Remington said.

Senator Howard Belton, committee chairman, said the proposal would lessen work of school clerks and auditors who do accounting in each district.

Committee members receded to send the proposal to the legislative committee on schools so that both groups can study the project.

Belton told the committee he felt some time should be devoted to check on such projects that might eliminate waste of state funds.

"Personally, I think it is time to stop pouring money into the rat hole," Belton said. "I am tired of hearing of the need for new taxes. If we can save a million dollars that is now being wasted in state expenditures that would be better than trying to find means of raising \$1,000,000 by additional taxes."

Members of the tax committee also met with representatives of the county assessors association and discussed various technical questions relating to assessments and tax collections.

Clues Dwindle In Continuing C-54 Search

WHITEHORSE, Y. T., Feb. 6 (CP)—Search for a missing United States C-54 transport and its 44 occupants spread today over scattered sectors from Alaska to the United States, investigating the few remaining clues which might lead to the ship.

From Vancouver, six planes of the R. C. A. F.'s No. 12 group swept north through the trackless Cariboo country on a combined radio and visual search. From Whitehorse, where an ice fog made flying conditions poor, 16 planes were in the air soon after dawn, sweeping the snows of the Yukon mountains.

At late afternoon, they had nothing to report. Crews of the planes from Vancouver hoped to intercept more of the SOS signals picked up in the United States during the weekend. The signals were believed to have come from interior British Columbia.

Flying in pattern, 10 miles apart, they hoped two planes might interpret the same transmission, obtain separate bearings and determine the position of the transmitter. More United States planes were standing by to intensify the sweep if the weather cleared.

At Snag weather station, 200 miles northwest of here, to which the missing plane last reported, it was 60 below today, and a reading of 70 below was forecast for tonight, greatly reducing the chances of survival of the plane's occupants if they were down in that area.

In the British Columbia search area, on the other hand, the weather moderated. Readings generally were well above freezing.

Rodents Find Free Meals at Airport

LONDON (INS)—An unforeseen menace to the huge London airport has been caused by rats and mice taking a meal off rubber-covered cables leading to runway lights.

So concerned were officials over this threat to the airport's electrical system that they had experts from the ministry of agriculture and fisheries study the problems and advise on a plan for large-scale extermination.

It was discovered that most damage was done by the lighting cables on the taxi circuit surrounding the runways.

The rodents were able to eat away the rubber insulation without being electrocuted because the cables are laid in insulated earthenware ducts.

Rat experts explained that the ducts make fine breeding places for rats and, coupled with an exceptionally fine summer, the airport's rat population increased by leaps and bounds.

It is thought that one reason the rats find the airport cables so attractive is because they need something on which to file down their ever-growing teeth.

BABY HIGH (INS)—About 2,700,000 babies were born in the United States in 1949, according to the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. It was the third year in succession in which the number of births exceeded 2½ millions, which is unprecedented in the country's history. The 1949 figure is virtually the same as for 1948, and only five per cent below the all-time peak reached in 1947.

Quiz Precedes Dental Survey

(Editor's note: Following is the last in a series of question and answer articles published by The Oregon Statesman in cooperation with the Marion-Polk-Yamhill Dental society and the Marion county health department, prior to a school dental survey in the near future.)

Does the diet have any influence on the child's dental health? Yes. During about the first eight years diet influences dental health more than at any other period. An adequate, properly balanced diet during these years of growth and development will be conducive to good dental health.

What foods comprise a well balanced diet? The so-called protective foods which include milk and milk products, vegetables and fruits, whole grain cereals and breads, eggs, lean meats, poultry and fish.

Is sugar needed for a balanced diet? Yes, within reasonable limits. However, nutrition specialists assert that most Americans consume so much sugar that our national diet is far overbalanced on the sweet side. A reduction in consumption of sugar in all its forms would result not only in a better balanced diet but in improved dental health since sugar is considered one of the chief causes of tooth decay.

Should candy be included in a child's diet? In a candy-conscious nation like ours it is exceedingly difficult to withhold candy from children. But there is unquestionable evidence that their dental health would be improved if popcorn, nuts and fruits could be substituted for candy. A properly balanced diet contains sufficient amounts of carbohydrates without addition of the concentrated forms found in candies, jams and jellies.

Does calcium taken in tablet form benefit the teeth? Nutritionists tell us that almost all children can obtain the calcium they need from a well balanced diet. If that diet contains enough milk—a quart a day for children, a pint a day for adults—together with adequate amounts of the other basic foods, the body will receive all the calcium and phosphorus needed for normal nutrition.

Birth Lists Omit Addresses of Parents; Law Cited

PORTLAND, Feb. 6 (AP)—Portland birth lists made public today carried no addresses of parents.

Deane Huxtable, Oregon registrar of vital statistics, said the addresses, which were carried in the past, were not included today because of a state law that went into effect last July.

That law specifies that such notices carry only name, date and place of births, lax interpretation of the law permitted addresses to be carried in the period since the law was passed, Huxtable said.

He is to confer tomorrow with Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, on the question.

Lake Erie Falls 2 Feet in 2 Years

CLEVELAND (INS)—If an army engineer appears on a radio quiz program, the \$64 question to ask him might be: Why has the level of Lake Erie fallen nearly two feet in the last two years?

"There has been a lot of speculation and theories advanced," said R. B. Perry, engineer in charge of the Great Lakes division, corps of engineers, "but no one has yet found an acceptable answer."

There are those who cling to the earth-tilting theory: As the earth tilts one way and then another, the lake outlets are raised and lowered, allowing water to run out and then flow back in, thus changing the level.

Or, there's the unusual explanation given by an engineer that the lake is fed by an underground passage from the polar regions. Ice caps melted and thus raised the lake levels, he claimed.

But all the engineers' corps would say is that Lake Erie is exactly 1.73 feet lower at present than it was in Sept. 1947.

Likes Salem



Robert H. Bolanos, new manager of the B. F. Goodrich store, 198 S. Commercial st.

New Manager For Goodrich Store Arrives

A new Salem manager for B. F. Goodrich stores arrived Monday and within three hours found himself "right at home" and praising the "friendly welcome" he found here. The manager is Robert H. Bolanos, recently of Portland.

The store at 198 S. Commercial st. is Bolanos' first manager. He has been with the firm for two years, in Los Angeles and Portland. He said no changes are anticipated in either policy or personnel.

Jack Kennedy, manager here for the past two years, has moved to Portland with a promotion in the firm to be announced.

Bolanos, his wife and 16-month-old daughter are residing at 1625 N. Capitol st.

Mercy Killing Try Backfires In Virginia

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 6 (AP)—An apparent "mercy killing" attempt here, police said, resulted in the death of a Richmond jeweler, but the intended victim — his bedridden invalid wife — still clings to a slender thread of life.

Mrs. Rose Appich Stoler, 60, was in critical condition in a Richmond hospital with two bullet wounds in the lower part of her chest. Her 60-year-old husband, Charles S. Stoler, was dead of a self-inflicted head wound, police said.

The woman told police her husband, a small pistol in his hand, came to her bedside today and told her he was going "to put you out of your troubles."

"I begged with him not to shoot me but he said I had suffered enough," she told officers. "He put the gun by my heart and shot me twice."

Stoler then shot himself in the head and died instantly beside his wife's bed, police said. Mrs. Stoler was able to dial the telephone operator after the shooting and call for aid.

Mrs. Stoler's brother, Charles W. Appich, arrived at the home a few minutes after the shooting. He told police his sister suffered a stroke in June, 1948.

He said she had been bedridden since that time, but he said he believed the couple had been in the best of spirits despite Mrs. Stoler's illness.

Silver Shirts' Leader to End Prison Term

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The prison gates will swing open next week for William Dudley Pelley, whose sedition conviction at Indianapolis was a sensation of the early days of World War II.

The U. S. parole board said today he will be released on parole next Tuesday, February 14, ending a long and bitter battle over the continued detention of the founder and leader of the Silver Shirts of America.

However, North Carolina officials said they will attempt to imprison Pelley. Still hanging over him is a two-to-three year prison sentence in North Carolina. A superior court judgment held that Pelley violated terms of a suspended sentence given him in Asheville, N. C., in 1935. He was convicted of violating state laws governing securities dealings. The judgment was affirmed in 1942 by the North Carolina supreme court, but the state made no effort to enforce the sentence because Pelley was under indictment in Indiana.

Solicitor William McLean, of Asheville, said today he would appeal through the state attorney general's office for Pelley's return. Pelley, now 60, was convicted in August, 1942 of 11 counts of criminal sedition, and given 15 years.

He was accused of trying to incite mutiny in the armed forces and obstruct recruiting by spreading false propaganda to the effect that this country was devoid of defenses, doomed to defeat, bankrupt and led by prejudiced and incompetent men.

Sent to the federal penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind., he became eligible for parole in August, 1947 when he had completed a third of his term.

High Court Rules Phonograph Discs Under Obscene Mail Ban

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The supreme court ruled today that phonograph records are covered by a federal law which bars shipment of obscene matter across state lines.

By a 5-3 vote, the court upheld the conviction of a California man who had been fined \$200 for shipping "dirty records" by express. In doing so, it overturned a decision by the U. S. circuit court at San Francisco that the law did not apply to records.

Justice Minton delivered the majority opinion. Justice Black wrote a dissent in which Frankfurter and Jackson joined.

Justice Douglas, still recuperating from injuries he received in a riding accident last fall, took no part in today's actions.

The right of congress to restrict the amount of refined sugar which Puerto Rico may ship to the U. S. mainland was upheld by the court. To Regulate Refining

Justice Frankfurter, speaking for the court, said congress had the power to regulate the refining of sugar even if the legislation brought slight hardship to individual sugar companies.

"This court is not a tribunal for relief from the crudities and inequities of complicated experimental economic legislation. The issue was thrashed out in congress; congress is the place for its reconsideration," Frankfurter said.

Complying With Order In another case, the court ruled that the Morton Salt company and the International Salt Co. had to submit reports to show they were complying with commission orders issued years previously. The court upheld the commission 7-0, without passing upon the exact nature of the reports it may require.

The original order, under the anti-trust laws, dates back to 1941. In 1947 the commission called for special reports on compliance within 30 days. The reports were not made.

Jackson said for the court that a law enforcement agency "have a legitimate right to satisfy themselves that corporate behavior is consistent with the law and the public interest."

Several new phosphorous compounds are deadly to mites, aphids and other insect pests.

Deceased



John Albert (Jack) Wright, an employe at the Salem postoffice nearly 30 years, died unexpectedly Sunday afternoon at his home at 1361 N. Church st.

J. A. Wright Services Set Wednesday

Funeral services for John Albert (Jack) Wright, long-time Salem resident who died here Sunday, will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. at the W. T. Rigdon chapel.

Wright had just returned from the local postoffice, where he worked nearly 30 years, when he collapsed and died of a heart attack. He was one of the oldest postal employes in point of service and would have retired next September.

Water Supply Remains Short In Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 6 (AP)—Only partial relief was gained today from this city's critical water shortage despite hopes that had been raised by warmer temperatures.

Lower area homes were receiving a partial supply. Hillside residences, however, were still being forced to depend upon water hauled in on trucks or caught in rain barrels, pots, pans, etc.

Little was learned from workmen on the ice-clogged pipeline to the Wishkah river, main source of the city's normal water supply, except that it was feared some breaks still remained in the line.

Early today a report said the line was cleared to within one mile of the reservoir and progress was being made.

The fire danger is still considered extreme because of very low pressure in the mains.

The Schafer Bros. lumber mill resumed operations today, however, hauling in the necessary 60,000 to 75,000 gallons of water on tank trucks.

St. Joseph's hospital operated on an emergency basis, using water hauled in sterile milk cans. Seven babies were delivered at the hospital this weekend.

Rainier, Ore., meanwhile, reported its reservoir was beginning to fill again today after nearly going dry Friday because of ice in the pipelines.

Hoagy Carmichael Changes Course of Eastern Rivers

PITTSBURGH, (INS)—Where Mother Nature has failed, Hoagy Carmichael has done it with a song.

The Allegheny, Monongahela and Susquehanna rivers now meet in his song entitled "Three Rivers."

Any Pennsylvanian knows the Monongahela and Allegheny do meet to form the Ohio in downtown Pittsburgh. But the Susquehanna remains — or it did until the popular songwriter did a little handwork with his song — in central Pennsylvania.

Hoagy said recently that he and lyricist Francis Webster hoped "the song would bring a rise out of somebody in Pennsylvania." He said they had "dashed" off the song in three days.

The composer of "Stardust" confessed: "Naturally we knew that all three rivers don't actually meet. I considered their headwaters close enough to use the word meet."

Carmichael said they used the Allegheny, Monongahela and Susquehanna because they are "perfectly wedded" words.

At least, Hoagy pointed out, they knew how to spell the names.

The Communicable Disease Center of the U. S. Public Health Service is at Atlanta, Ga.

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Springfield PUD, Mountain States Power Co. Dicker

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 6 (AP)—Springfield city officials resumed negotiations in Albany today with the Mountain States Power company for possible purchase of power facilities here.

Members of the city power committee, who went to Albany for the session, have until March 15 to reach an agreement to buy.

The city has announced it will build its own power system if there is no agreement by that date.

Ticket Sale for Policemen's Ball to Start

Don't worry when those uniformed city policemen call on you this week, merchants — the policemen's annual ball is drawing near again and the ticket sale will hit full stride Wednesday.

The ball will be Thursday night, February 16, at Crystal Gardens dance hall in downtown Salem.

To explain why the event is held, members of the ball committee released the following statement Monday:

"Through the policemen's annual ball your police department is able to raise a sum of money which is used in a great many ways.

"This summer the city of Salem and your local police department will be host to the convention of the Oregon association of city police officers. We as a department are proud to entertain these officers who will be in our midst.

"It is the hope of the department heads to have a pistol team in the near future and compete

with officers from other departments in the state.

"These and many other activities outside the regular duties of your police department require financing.

"We, the members of your police department, ask you, the citizens of Salem and vicinity, to help us make this year's ball a huge success.

Mayor Cancels Resignation

OAKRIDGE, Feb. 6 (AP)—Still mayor of Oakridge is L. F. Gerspach, the village blacksmith, who took back today his previously announced intent to resign.

Gerspach said at least 100 persons had appealed to him to stay in office. He announced his intention to resign last week in a dispute involving the placing of water meters in the city.

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