

\$62,000,000 State Highway Bond Measure Approved by Senators

By John H. White
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Oregon's senate Friday approved, 23 to 5, a \$62,000,000 bond issue for highway construction and repair during the next five years.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Snygar

What's going on with government controls on meat?
That question arises all along the line from producer to consumer. The answer isn't clear yet, but a pattern is shaping up; and if it develops as planned meat controls may be more successful than those in the late war.

The first OPS order fixed as ceiling prices the highest price that had been charged in a given preceding period. But some dealers had pushed prices above the market in anticipation of such a price freeze, so the government has directed that the ceiling must be no higher than the price for ten per cent of the volume handled in the period. What is expected is that OPS will establish definite price ceilings on meats from packer to retail counter, varying according to items and regions.

To head off revival of a black market in meat the government applied quotas to packers and set limits to any farm slaughtering. This will prevent, it is hoped, excess killings for the illegitimate price market. Fly-by-night outfits can't spring up because they will not have quotas. If they do "they'll be meat bootleggers."

Finally it is expected that price ceilings will be put on livestock. This wasn't done during OPA days, though the resell prices set for packers naturally set a ceiling on what could be paid for stock. Growers have objected to price ceilings, but the meat trade believes

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Airliner Crash In Iowa Kills 15 Passengers

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 2—(AP)—A Mid-Continent Airlines plane, making a second try for landing on what was a sudden, heavy snow storm, crashed into a bordering cornfield today, killing 15 of the 25 persons aboard.

The twin-engine DC-3 plane burst into flames and was destroyed within a few minutes.

But ten survivors were extricated and rushed to Sioux City hospitals. Two were listed tonight as in critical condition.

The plane was due at Sioux City airport at 9:12 p. m. on a scheduled flight from Kansas City to Minneapolis.

First Fatal for Line.

It was the first fatal crash for Mid-Continent in its 17-year history. Just last Tuesday, another Mid-Continent plane cracked up at Tulsa, Okla., but all occupants walked away from the wreckage. Six persons were injured, none critically.

Pilot of today's ill-fated plane was Capt. James Graham, 34, of Kansas City.

At the airport, observers said Graham flew over the field once, went on to make a climbing turn to the left, then was lost to spectators in the storm. The crash was heard a few moments later. Graham was among those killed.

Rescue Wounded.

An electrician at the airbase, Dave Olson, was among the first to reach the burning plane. He said he and a soldier pulled one man from the DC-3 and found another survivor with both legs broken.

"There was one man walking about 100 yards away from the plane," Olson said. "Another soldier was standing in dazed condition about 20 feet from the plane."

"Another man was lying about 100 feet behind the tail of the plane. I think both of his legs were broken."

"The soldier and I pulled one man out. He was still alive. Then we went to the front of the plane and pulled the pilots out. They were dead."

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I couldn't afford a buggy and so I had these wheels."

Leads Fight



WASHINGTON, March 2—Sen. E. W. McFarland, democratic floor leader, heads forces attempting to rush hotly debated new draft law through the senate.

Monday Vote Seen on Hot Draft Issue

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—By unanimous consent today the senate agreed to vote Monday on the hotly debated issue of drafting young men into the armed forces at the age of 18½ instead of 19.

The test will come on an amendment to the universal military training and service bill, which democratic floor leader McFarland of Arizona is trying to push through the senate as "emergency legislation."

A draft age of 18 has been approved in terms of the registration and classification at 18, induction at 18½, with no waiting until the 19-26 group has been exhausted.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house committee recommended today that expansion of the registration office training corps be deferred in favor of building up more of officer training schools so that youths who are drafted will have an opportunity to become officers.

At a hearing of his committee he expressed fear that college ROTC units may become a haven for students trying to avoid the draft.

ROTC leaders told the committee present plans call for expanding the number of ROTC college students from about 124,000 to approximately 150,000. The cost of the program would be increased from \$88,642,000 a year to \$115,000,000. ROTC students are exempt from the draft under present law.

Support for drafting 18-year-olds came today from Senator Cain (R-Wash.), who told the senate "we need every man we can get in Korea."

HIT COASTAL TARGETS

TOKYO, Saturday, March 3—(AP)—Three British warships Friday targeted North Korean military targets on the west coast north of the 38th parallel.

YOUNGEST SPELLING CHAMP NAMED—She's 11;

St. Luke's, Hazel Green Choose Entrants

Judith Wolf, 11, the youngest school champion in The Statesman-KSLM spelling contest thus far, will represent Waconda in a division semifinals at the competition in Keizer, March 16.

Judith, in the 7th grade and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wolf of route 1, Gervais, was certified as school winner by her principal and teacher, Mrs. Margaret L. Pierce.

Beverly Steinberger, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steinberger of route 1, box 9, Brooks won second place and Jay Conrad, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meyers of route 1, box 35D, Brooks placed third. Beverly and Jay also are in the 7th grade.

Frances is in the 7th grade. She was certified as St. Luke's top speller by her principal, Sister Mary Flavia. Her teacher is Sister Mary Blanche.

Rosemarie Golik, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Golik of 988 2nd st., Woodburn, won 2nd place, and Carmen Roler, whose mother is Mrs. Rosie J. Roler of 548 Settlemier st., Woodburn, won 3rd.

Barney White, 14, helped the boys keep pace with the girls in spelling by winning first place at Hazel Green school.

Barney, in the 8th grade and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. White of route 7, box 225B, Salem, will compete in the division semi-finals at Keizer, March 16.

Second place at Hazel Green went to 12-year-old Betty Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Baker of route 7, box 223H, Salem, and 3rd place to Eileen Dalbey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dalbey of route 7, box 218J, Salem.

Both are in the 7th grade. The Hazel Green winners were certified by Principal Esther H. Franz.

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Automatic Raises Assured 1,700,000

Cost of Living Index Shows 1.5% Climb

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—An estimated 1,700,000 workers were assured tonight of an automatic pay increase as the government announced that the cost of living rose 1.5 per cent in January.

These employees, including 800,000 automobile workers, have contracts tying their scale of wages directly to the labor department's cost of living index. Auto workers may get four or five cents an hour more.

The auto industry's cost of living or "escalator" contract, provides for raising or lowering pay one cent an hour for each rise or fall of 1.14 in the index.

The tip-off was cancellation of a statement by Charles E. Wilson, mobilization director. He had let it be known he would reply today to the attacks the union leaders made on him when they pulled their representatives out of the economic controls setup.

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The unions argue they have not been given enough voice in the program; that the program favors big business, and is unfair in car order. It probably won't permit increases in ceilings, but will make allowances for differences in quality between cars of the same model.

2. Consideration should be given to increasing social security benefits to help solve the living problems of pensioned persons. He advocated that this be taken up when congress extends the control legislation which expires June 30.

Ohio Baby Weighs Hefty 17 Pounds

CLEVELAND, March 2—(AP)—A baby weighing 17 pounds, five and a half ounces—was born today to the 32-year-old wife of an engineer on night shifts.

The child was delivered at Berea hospital to Mrs. Charles Bush, who has three other children. Doctors said the delivery was entirely normal.

"I don't believe it," the startled mother exclaimed when told of the baby's weight.

Both the child and mother were reported doing fine.

Brooder House Fire Burns 1,500 Chicks

A brooder house and 1,500 chicks were destroyed by fire Friday night on the M. A. Askey farm about seven miles south of Salem on the Pacific highway.

The building was nearly a total loss, according to a state police report. The blaze occurred about 9:30 p. m. Crews from the Four Corners fire station near Salem and Turner fire department answered the call.

U.S. Marines Resume Drive North After Capturing City of Hoengsong

Drivers' Walkout Stops Greyhound

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2—(AP)—Pacific Greyhound bus drivers and station employees went on strike in seven western states today.

About 3,600 members of the AFL motor coach employees union left their jobs early today after negotiations had failed to produce a settlement of their wage dispute.

Negotiations, resumed this afternoon under direction of federal conciliator Omar Hoskins, recessed tonight until 10 a. m. Saturday.

There was no indication what progress was being made in the discussions. Hoskins announced, however, that talk late today concerned fringe benefits rather than wages, the principal issue.

Hardest hit by the strike were about 14,000 commuters in the San Francisco bay area. The Golden Gate bridge from Marin county into San Francisco was jammed with an additional 2,500 to 3,000 cars this morning. Thousands of San Mateo county commuters also took to highways.

For the second time in six weeks Greyhound bus lines in and out of Salem, especially runs south, are tied up.

Regular schedules, however, are being operated north, east and west of Salem. Drivers only are out on strike. About seven employees at the Salem Greyhound depot, who are not on strike, have been laid off temporarily because of the tie-up.

Oregon Motor Stages is operating seven daily runs from Salem to Portland via Newberg, Hamman Lines, Salem-Silverton and Valley Motor stages are running buses to Rickreath, Monmouth, Dallas and other points west of Salem and to points in the Santiam canyons area and to Bend.

All these lines operate from the Salem Greyhound depot. Trailways said it was operating six trips daily to Portland and planned to provide additional service if necessary.

Biggest bottleneck is transportation from Salem to southern points.

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Ten Inches of New Snow on Santiam

Ten inches of new snow fell in the Santiam Pass area Thursday night with lighter snowfalls in some other sections of the state, the state highway department reported here Friday.

Plows were operating in the higher elevations and chains were advised. Ice pavements were reported at Pendleton, Lapine, Sisters and Lakeview. All roads west of the Cascade mountains were reported in normal winter condition.

Learn to Spell!

These words will figure in The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest for grades, now underway for 7th and 8th grade pupils of Marion and Polk counties:

proportion institute rear release result secure effect exact failure generous impossible

item luncheon moral occasion paragraph placing prepaid professor quote

Expansion of AEC Hanford Works Seen

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—Rep. Jackson (D-Wash.) said tonight the Atomic Energy commission will spend in excess of \$25,000,000 expanding its Hanford plant at Richland, Wash.

Jackson, a member of the joint congressional committee on atomic energy, said the expansion will be part of the overall program to keep this country "on top in atomic stockpiling."

He said he could not reveal details of the expansion except to say the construction force at Hanford will reach 7,000 for April and May and average about 6,000 a month from then until mid-1952.

"With 3,000 in the operating force this means there will be 15,000 or 14,000 working there each month for more than a year," Jackson said.

Asked if the expansion would increase the operating force, Jackson said he was unable to comment at this time.

The Hanford establishment is known as the AEC's plutonium plant.

Hoax Admitted By Feathers, Syrup Victim

LOS ANGELES, March 3—(AP)—Although stuck for details, Charles S. Smith—victim of a thorough syrup and feathers job last week—cleared up the messy investigation today. Smith, it seems, stuck Smith.

Sheriff's Sgt. Sidney Jolivette said Smith, 49-year-old real estate broker, admitted he must have poured the syrup on himself and applied the feathers after a tour of night spots.

And the \$1,600 he first said was stolen by three men must have been spent by Smith himself, he was quoted by Jolivette.

The broker said he was "hazy about details" because he had taken an assortment of pills for a pain in his side, the officer reported. Smith had a fuzzy recollection of visiting card clubs in company with a woman friend, but wasn't sure that he gambled, the officer said. He was sure that the money was gone, however, when he came to in his office.

Investigators, anxious to wash their hands of the case, were undecided whether to press hoax charges against Smith.

Cool March Forecast For Far West

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Dalmatians Picket Dogfood Factory

PORTLAND, March 2—(AP)—A strike at a dogfood plant here today brought about picketing by the dogs.

There were two dalmatians marching in front of the O'Connell Packing company (8501 N. Albina Ave.). At the other end of their leashes were the sign-wearing members of the picketing team. They were AFL teamsters, whose company workers local is on strike for pay increases.

POPE PIUS 15

VATICAN CITY, March 2—(AP)—Pope Pius XII today observed his 75th birthday.

To Europe



WASHINGTON, March 2—Ambassador-at-Large Philip C. Jessup, who left here today en route to the Deputy Foreign Ministers meeting in Paris.

Truman to Eye U.S. Problems From Key West

KEY WEST, March 2—(AP)—President Truman came here tonight to view the international and domestic problems of his administration far removed from the turmoil of Washington.

He flew to Key West after a final pre-vacation conference with his cabinet and a talk with Ambassador-at-Large Philip C. Jessup before the latter's departure for the deputy foreign ministers' conference in Paris.

Mr. Truman was in a cheerful mood as he alighted from the "Independence" at the navy's Boca Chica airport. He rode 8½ miles to his naval submarine station where he will make his headquarters for the next three weeks in the recovered commandant's house which serves as the "White House" here.

Unusual precautions were taken to guard the president's safety at Boca Chica field, along the line of his ride to the submarine station and on the station itself. The secret service detail, enlarged after the attempted assassination at the Blair house, was larger than on Mr. Truman's eight previous visits here.

Mr. Truman showed no worry over the decision of the united labor policy committee to boycott his defense mobilization setup. He claimed they knocked out 21 in attacks on the convoys.

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THE WEATHER

Place	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	47	28	.00
Portland	46	28	.00
San Francisco	51	40	.00
Chicago	41	29	.16
New York	44	28	.36

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy, with showers by the weekend tonight and Sunday. Occasional light rain Sunday. High today, 48-54; low tonight, 30-37.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 43.29 33.18 57.67

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By The Associated Press
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The swirling snow, driven by 25 mile an hour winds with gusts up to 35, cut visibility to near zero in eastern South Dakota. Highway travel was hazardous and the storm threatened to block roads.

South Korean Troops Meet Stiff Opposition

TOKYO, Saturday, March 3—(AP)—U. S. marines today pushed north of captured Hoengsong on the third day of their Central Korea attack but South Koreans on their left flank ran into furious Chinese Red opposition.

The marines, who overran war-wrecked Hoengsong Friday, resumed their drive at 8 a. m. north of that highway junction. The Chinese resisted with small arms from dug-in positions in the hills.

Five miles west of Hoengsong, the South Korean Sixth division had to use bayonets before ousting Reds from a vital hill. The two-hour fight was heavily supported by Allied artillery and planes.

Hit Entanglements
The pursuing South Koreans then ran into wire entanglements, additional proof that the Reds mean to make a fight for the road miles to Hongchon.

South Koreans advancing east of Hoengsong were heading toward two lines of trenches three miles apart, air observers reported.

The U. S. Second and Seventh divisions, operating farther east, made new gains. The Second occupied more hills north of the lateral Pangnim-Hoengsong highway. The Seventh sent patrols north of captured Amido to within 26 miles of the 38th parallel.

Pangnim is about 24 miles southeast of Hoengsong and Amido is six miles north of Pangnim.

In the western front, North Korean small arms and mortars in Red-held Seoul repulsed the latest in daily attempts by U. S. Third division patrols to knife into Seoul.

South Korean naval headquarters at Pusan disclosed two more command-type raids by the republic's marines in the Haeju area, about 90 miles northwest of Seoul and within five miles of the 38th parallel. The raiders attacked two communications bases.

The date the raids began was not announced but the navy said they were completed by Feb. 28.

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The new storm came on the heels of a similar storm Wednesday which left up to 18 inches of snow in parts of the Dakotas.

Swirling snow whitened Chicago's loop and special snow warnings were issued by the weather bureau for Wisconsin, northern Iowa and Minnesota.

The storm was expected to bring heavy snow as far eastward as Michigan, with strong winds causing considerable drifting.

Sleet or freezing rain was forecast south of the snow belt.

Light snow also fell in parts of New England. Portland, Me., had five inches of snow on the ground. Sub zero cold again chilled Canadian border states. Blizzards, N. D. 11 below zero, Glasgow, Mont., -10 and Grantwood, Ill., -11.