

Tardy Employes Hearing Targets

Charge that the state of Oregon is losing a lot of money and efficiency in the conduct of its business because of tardiness on the part of state employes in arriving at their posts was made by Rep. Orval Eaton, Clatsop County, before the salaries group of the joint ways and means committee Friday.

Other criticism was leveled at state workers who eat breakfast in the State House Restaurant on state time.

"I can't see any reason why state employes should not arrive at their respective offices on time in the morning," Eaton averred.

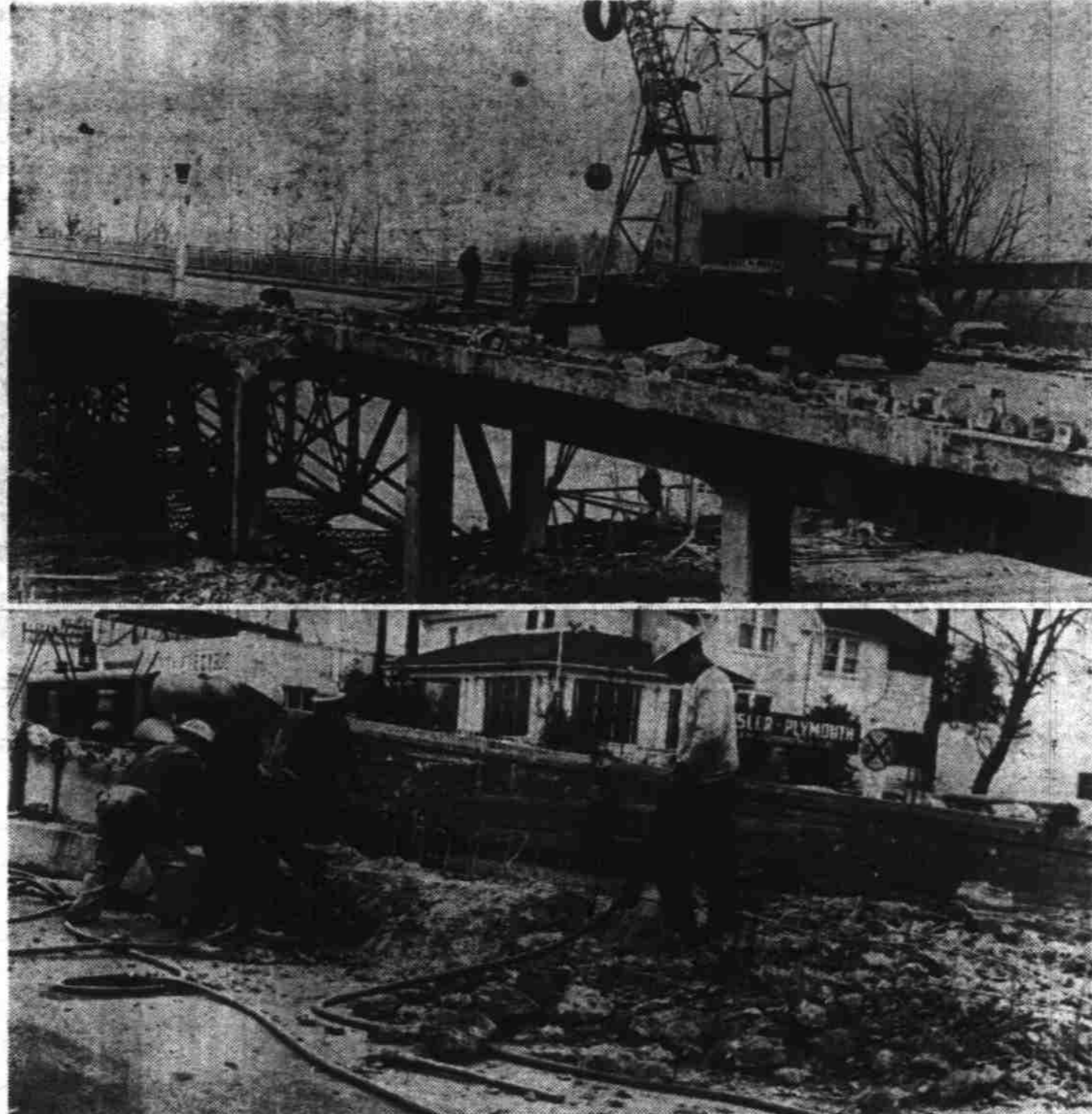
State Finance Department Director Harry Dorman was asked

if he had any control over employes on other state activities. Dorman replied that the conduct of state workers is largely in the hands of the various state departments, but he would see what could be done.

Officials of the Oregon State Bar appeared before the salaries committee and urged increased compensation for justices of the State Supreme Court and circuit and district judges. Included in the group appearing before the committee was ex-State Senator William Walsh of Coos Bay.

Spokesmen for the Oregon Bar stressed that court salaries in Oregon are low when compared with those in California and some other Western states.

Willamette Bridge Plans Revised



Destruction, instead of construction, seems to be the order of the day Friday as crews work on rebuilding the east approach to the Center Street bridge over the Willamette River at Salem. In the top picture a crane truck with a heavy battering ball aids crews of the Natl McDougall Co. to tear down the old concrete approach at the river's edge. A change of plans caused crewmen (bottom picture) to tear down part of newly-erected approach at street level to make it wider. (Statesman photos).

Ike Seen Ready to Give Chinese Nationalists Go-Ahead for Invasion

Suspect Nabbed After Robbery of Ice Cream Firm

One of the two men believed to have held up the DeLuxe Ice Cream Co. in Salem Friday was captured by state police early this morning in the brush off Route 101 near Otis Junction. He was identified as James L. McQueen, 34, of Louisville, Ky. He told police his companion, still at large early this morning, was Bob Fenton, also of Louisville. According to police, McQueen said they had thrown away their only weapon, a .45 caliber automatic.

A manhunt was on early this morning in the wild brush lands near Otis Junction about five miles from the coast for two gunmen who stuck up the DeLuxe Ice Cream Co. office at 1857 State St., Salem, late Friday afternoon and escaped with \$315 in cash.

The holdup was staged about 4:55 p.m. at the ice cream manufacturing plant's office on State Street near 19th Street.

In the office at the time were Mrs. Helen Yagle of 450 N. 20th St., a clerk, and Paul Ernst of 722 Highland Ave., route salesman for the company.

Ernst had just come in off his route and was counting out his receipts totaling \$93 when the gunmen entered the store.

Mrs. Yagle, a 31-year-old blonde, said the men—both appearing about 30 years old and hatless—first asked for a job.

"I told them they would have to take the manager. Then one near the door pulled a gun out and said: 'This is a stick-up.'"

Then the phone rang and the gunmen told Mrs. Yagle to answer it as if everything was all right.

"It was my mother calling," said Mrs. Yagle. "We talked for two or three minutes, but I don't know what she said."

While one of the bandits stood by the door with his gun leveled on the two employes, his companion scooped the \$93 into a blue canvas bag.

Police found the bag late last night in the ditched getaway car. He turned to the state which he rifled without success, and then told Mrs. Yagle to open the cash register which yielded \$222. That was all the cash in the office.

Both Mrs. Yagle and Ernst agreed the gunmen were "very polite."

"They were quite nervous," she said, "and when they left they complimented us on our calmness. But I was scared."

The gunmen left with a warning not to try and follow them.

Police sped to the scene minutes after the holdup, but the bandits slipped out of the city.

Police are continuing their search for the two men. (Additional details on Page 2.)

Move Would Lift Barrier By 7th Fleet

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower was reported on excellent authority Friday night to be about ready to take the wraps off the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa, thus freeing them to raid the Communist mainland of China.

The U. S. Seventh Fleet has been standing guard, under a mandate from former President Truman to prevent attacks on the mainland by Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalists, or attacks on Formosa by the Chinese Reds.

May Be in Message
Under the Eisenhower order, if it is actually issued, the Seventh Fleet would no longer be a barrier to attacks from Formosa against the Communists.

Highly placed sources said that announcement of this reversal of Truman administration policy for the neutralization of Formosa may be made in the president's state of the union message to a joint session of Congress Monday.

One high government source said that Eisenhower is seriously considering the action. Others made clear that they consider it is virtually decided upon.

Threat to Chinese
One purpose of the projected move is to create a new strategic threat to the Chinese Communist force which are fighting the troops of the United States and Allied nations in Korea and the troops of France and of native states in Indochina.

The possibility of a Nationalist strike from Formosa, and the danger which that possibility creates for China's main north-south rail line, might reduce the mobility of Red Chinese armies by tying up large forces in the regions across the 90-mile water gap between Formosa and the mainland.

Truman Policy
The Truman administration policy, laid down immediately after the outbreak of the Korean war 2 1/2 years ago, of having the United States Seventh Fleet prevent military actions by either of the Chinese groups against the other has been criticized by Republicans in the past. Secretary of State Dulles is known to have held the view that the United States was prevent friendly forces from effective employment against its common enemy.

POW's Beat GI to Death

PUSAN, Korea (AP) — Three North Korean prisoners of war beat to death an American soldier in a Kojiki Union compound Wednesday, touching off a disturbance which required tear gas to quell, the U. S. Command said Friday.

The soldier, a private, went into the compound at Choguri with a Republic of Korea Army sergeant to clear barracks of prisoners for the twice-daily prisoner count.

The ROK sergeant later missed the American. By the time he was found, the soldier had been fatally beaten and died on arrival at a hospital.

Under orders, the prisoners turned over three men they said were guilty. But the milling prisoners refused to go back to barracks and started throwing rocks. Tear gas restored order.

Superforts Blast Red Supply Base

SEOUL (AP) — U. S. B-29 Superforts rode through a storm Friday night and bombed a key Red supply center just south of the capital of Pyongyang.

Explosions touched off by 110 tons of bombs ripped through the 80-acre Ujong target, six miles south of Pyongyang.

Daily Speller!

(The following words are among those from which will be chosen the words for the 1953 Oregon Statesman-ESL Spelling Contest for 7th and 8th graders of Marion, Polk and part of Yamhill County:)

- weapon
- dictionary
- motor
- banana
- compass
- specify
- debate
- mosquito
- hardware
- hairpin
- mountain
- quality
- puddle
- headquarters
- imitate
- gasoline
- experiment
- rhubarb

White House Whisky 'Delight' for Visitors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Evening Star said Friday foreign ambassadors were "surprised and delighted" Tuesday afternoon by being served whisky highballs and old fashioned at a White House reception.

Asked about this, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty refused to go beyond a statement saying that it has been the custom to "serve liquid refreshments" to diplomatic chiefs making their first formal call on the new President.

Star writer Betty Beale wrote in her society page column "Exclusively Yours" that apparently none of the ambassadors who came to call on Tuesday could remember getting such drinks at an afternoon White House party "in all their years in Washington."

And some of them have been here "off and on for years and years," she said.

The article added: "White House personnel are also at a loss to remember the last occasion at which whisky was offered in an undisguised state before 8 o'clock in the evening."

Hagerty, fending off all attempts for further explanation, read to reporters this statement from Howell Crim, chief usher at the White House.

"It has been the custom at the White House to serve liquid refreshments to the chiefs of mission of the diplomatic corps when they make their first formal call on the new President. This is the only time the White House serves such refreshments at receptions."

to this statement in response to repeated questions as to whether "liquid refreshments" meant alcoholic refreshments or specifically highballs and old fashioned.

Previously the White House had said that tea and cookies were provided.

Hagerty wouldn't say Friday whether tea was the only liquid refreshments the diplomats got, but again he pointed to the Crim statement and said it was in response to inquiries about printed reports the diplomats got highballs and old fashioned.

Reporters were not allowed at the Tuesday reception. In describing it to them at the time, department and the diplomats were to get to the state dining room "where they have light refreshments — tea and cookies."

"No whisky?" a reporter asked. "No whisky — tea and cookies," Hagerty replied. "No American wine?" "You wouldn't want to go," Hagerty said.

Friday, there were other questions for Hagerty.

"Have you heard from the W. C. T. U.?" "What is the favorite drink of this administration — Scotch or rye?"

Hagerty just laughed, in a thin sort of way.

Korean Harbor City Guttered by Record Blaze

PUSAN, Korea (AP) — The worst fire in modern Pusan's history razed one square mile of business blocks and homes in the heart of the wartime provisional capital Friday night and left thousands of Koreans homeless.

At least 700 shops and homes, mostly ramshackle frame structures, were gutted. Some estimates placed the number as high as 1,000.

There was no official estimate of property loss but authorities said it would perhaps run into millions of dollars.

Two U. S. soldiers and two Koreans were overcome temporarily by smoke. These were the only reported casualties.

More Rainfall On Forecast

Salem can expect scattered showers over the weekend, particularly Sunday, according to the weather man.

But today, there is a chance the sun might poke through occasionally and the temperatures will be mild. A high of 55 degrees is predicted today.

Friday was notable for its lack of rain—only a trace was measured here—and its mildness.

Meanwhile, the Oregon Coast Highway was closed by slides again Friday south of Port Orford to all except emergency traffic, the State Highway Commission said.

Knife Act Sharp, Wife's Cheek Cut

YAKIMA (AP) — A knife thrower hit his target here Thursday night, but it definitely wasn't in the script.

The target, who happened to be his wife, was cut slightly on the cheek.

The two were appearing as part of the entertainment at a local club house.

Approach Plan For Bridges Gets Revision

The east approaches of both the Marion and Center street bridges over the Willamette River here are to be made wider than was originally planned, the State Highway Department revealed Friday.

Preliminary work began this week on the Marion Street bridge. There about 40 feet of the north handrail will be removed and rebuilt several feet north and the street to that side widened correspondingly. This will make a wider approach angle.

Highway officials said it was noted that big truck-and-trailer vehicles turning onto the bridge from N. Commercial Street could not negotiate the turn without swinging too far into the south lane of traffic on the bridge.

On the Center Street bridge similar work is taking place. A portion of a new concrete railing on the south edge of the approach is being removed to make that turn onto Commercial wider. This will enable east-bound traffic on the one-way bridge plating of room to make the south swing onto Commercial.

Meanwhile the old section of the concrete approach near the river's edge and butting against the steel center span, is being torn down preparatory to building a new one.

When completed the approach will come to grade on N. Commercial Street rather than on Front.

Carrier Planes Blast at Wonsan

TOKYO (AP) — The Navy said Saturday night swarms of planes from three U. S. carriers and the roaring guns of the mighty battleship Missouri are staging a "vicious bombardment" of the battered East Korean port city of Wonsan.

The Navy announcement said two destroyers, the USS Moore and the USS Uhlmann, also are in on the operation.

Blessed Event May Make Zoo History

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — If the Vilas Park Zoo's new baby camel gets over the hump, the blessed event may make zoo history.

Zoo Director Harold Hayes says no zoo-bred dromedary ever has survived in this country. Volas Park, long an oasis for the Arab racers, has welcomed two infants previously but lost them both.

Snapped Cable Strands Ferry, Automobile in Willamette River

Statesman News Service
INDEPENDENCE — A cable snapped and stranded the Buena Vista ferry in the Willamette River six miles south of Independence Friday morning.

Two passengers went to shore by life boat while the ferry awaited a tug that came from Independence and towed it to shore. One auto was on the ferry.

Bill Lawrence of Independence, ferry operator, said the cable snapped at the point where it was anchored to the ground on the Buena Vista side. The carriage that supports the ferry's trolley fell into the river when the cable broke. It

Liquor Control Measures Top Senate Study

Liquor matters returned to the floor Friday as the Oregon legislature completed its third week of sessions.

Coincident with a bill introduced in the Senate to pay salaries to the three-man Liquor Control Commission, the commission notified the legislative alcohol committees that, effective Feb. 9, it would discontinue regulating radio and television advertising.

The Senate bill, drafted by Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart, would pay the liquor commissioners \$9,500 a year, with the chairman receiving an extra \$500. A similar bill in 1951 failed.

The end of the time limit on radio and TV broadcasts sponsored by alcoholic beverage manufacturers marks the second time in two years the commission has modified its stand on such advertising. In its previous action, the board lowered the time restriction from 10 to 8 p.m. for earliest broadcast of such advertising.

The commission gave notice Friday, however, that it would watch results closely to see if further regulations were needed after the bar vote.

Power legislation also held major attention at week's end. The House, state and federal affairs committee will hold a public hearing next Friday night on the Portland General Electric company proposal to allow court appeals from decisions of the hydroelectric commission.

PGE also wants reorganization of the commission, which has denied it permission to build Pelton dam on the Deschutes River.

Expense Bill Eyed
Four Central and Southern Oregon representatives introduced a bill to repeal the state law that gives the federal government prior claim to lake and river waters up to four years after filing.

Expense money for the legislators appeared brighter. The bill to provide \$10 a day, guided by Rep. Robert Klemensen, St. Helena, already has signatures of more than a majority of the house.

House action on the proposed \$32,000,000 highway bond issue is slated for next week. The highway committee said it expects to give the bill a green light at its meeting next Tuesday.

Unemployment compensation and income tax benefits headed up the new bills introduced Friday. Labor puts in its proposals to raise unemployment compensation benefits from a weekly maximum of \$25 to \$35, bring all employers under the law, and discontinue one-week waiting period for benefits.

Income Tax Break
Parents of new-born babies would get full-year income tax deduction for their offspring instead of only that part of the year after the baby's birth. This would make the state and federal regulations identical.

Legislative discussions ended early Friday, most of the legislators leaving by chartered buses for Eugene to be dinner guests of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and view the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game.

FIFTH TRAFFIC DEATH

PORTLAND (AP) — The fifth traffic fatality of the year was reported in Portland Friday with the death of Charles E. Olson, 77, Portland, who was struck by an automobile ten days ago.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	55	47	trace
Portland	57	48	0.05
San Francisco	56	45	none
Chicago	55	42	trace
New York	40	28	none

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy with scattered showers today, tonight and Sunday. Continued mild temperatures. High today near 54 degrees, low near 46. Temperature at 12:01 was 54 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
Since Start of Weather Year	Sept. 1	Normal
This Year	29.70	22.78
26.48		

Animal Crackers



"CLUNNY CAP! DID YOU EVER SEE ANY OTHER SNAKE FALL OVER A ROCK?"

Atomic Cannon Test Scheduled

FT. SILL, Okla. (AP) — The Army's huge 280 MM cannon will be used to fire atomic shells at the Nevada proving grounds this spring after crews are trained here.

Major Gen. A. M. Harper, commander of the artillery center, said the gun will also be fired here, but emphasized no atomic shells would be used. The big gun can fire both conventional and atomic shells.

There are several of the guns here for training but the Army is withholding the exact number. Harper said two will be shipped to Nevada for tests to be conducted by the Atomic Energy Commission.

OREGONIAN SITE SOLD

PORTLAND (AP) — The site of the old Oregonian Building at S. W. 6th and Alder in downtown Portland, has been sold to the Prudential Insurance Company for one million dollars.

First Congregational Church Plans Sunday School Building

Construction plans for a new Sunday School building and the calling of an associate pastor were announced Friday by First Congregational Church.

Expected to cost some \$50,000, the building addition will be started in March, to be ready by September. It will have two stories and a basement, joined to the east side of the church built in 1941 at Cottage and Marion Streets.

The associate pastor, the church's first, will be the Rev. Edward (Ted) Hastings, who has accepted and will come Sept. 1. Hastings has been pastor for two years of Hubbard Parish in North Marion County, including Hubbard, Elliott Prairie and Smyrna Churches. He will direct youth work as well as other ministerial duties.

Woman Diets Away 100 Pounds in Year

CHICAGO (AP) — Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, 38, of Milwaukee, who shed 100 pounds in 12 months, was crowned Friday as the champion woman weight loser of 1952.

Mrs. Schmidt, mother of two sons has come down from 271 to 171 pounds since Jan. 30, 1952, and is aiming for a weight of 120 pounds within the next 12 months.