

### Oregon Projects Spurned Because of Election Result, Administration Official Says

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WASHINGTON—The Eisenhower administration has passed over Oregon in preparing the new federal budget in the field of new reclamation projects for 1955, while approving new starts on added irrigation acreages in neighboring Washington, Idaho and California.

A. Robert Smith Oregon was left out because of the outcome of the recent election, in which the voters of the state refused to return Republican Sen. Guy Cor-

### Lumber Mills Face Shipping Space Trouble

PORTLAND (AP)—Pacific Northwest water-shipping lumber mills are going to find themselves in serious trouble within the next month or two because of lack of shipping space, the Oregon Journal said Friday.

There are some 40 big mills in the Northwest which ship by water and they account for a "major share of payrolls," said the article, by Lamar Newkirk, the newspaper's business editor.

One lower Columbia River mill has 8 1/2 million board feet of lumber filling its docks to capacity and is going to have to shut down, the article said. Others will have to do the same, it predicted, as storage areas fill.

The cargo space shortage has many causes, the newspaper said, among them a dispute under which sailors keep steam on loading winches only one shift a day instead of 18 hours as in the past; the world-wide pickup in charter ship business which has taken vessels away from the Pacific Northwest and increased rates to "prohibitive" levels for lumber shipments; and transfer of 70 vessels in recent months to foreign registry which takes them out of U.S. port-to-port service.

Transfer of shipments to rails would be costly, since coastal mills handle heavy hemlock and their fir is heavier than that of inland mills, and it also would add to the rail burden where car shortages have been common in summer and fall months, the article said.

OEA to Seek Basic School Support Boost

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Education Assn. will ask the Legislature to increase the basic school support fund \$20 to \$100 per census child—Cecil W. Posey, executive secretary of the organization, said Friday.

Posey estimated such an increase would boost the basic school funds about eight million dollars. The fund is expected to exceed 70 million for the biennium beginning July 1, based on the present \$80 per census child figure, he said.

The OEA's legislative committee also will urge that Portland State College be made a degree granting institution; that the minimum salary for teachers and employees of the State Department of Education be raised; and that changes be made in school district reorganization laws, Posey said.

### City Promises Aid on Armory At Pendleton

PENDLETON (AP)—The City Council here has agreed to pay \$40,000 of the \$79,000 by which bids for a new armory exceeded estimates, and it hopes the state will put up the rest of the amount so construction can start soon.

If the state will not, new bids on revised plans will be sought. Low bid on the proposed armory was \$399,620.

Happy Canyon, which stages a night pageant with the annual Pendleton Round-Up, sold its building and put the proceeds into the city fund. It hopes to put on the 1955 show before a grandstand to be built adjacent to the armory. However, the armory won't be ready by next fall if new plans have to be drawn.

### Jane Russell Signs Contract For \$1 Million

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actress Jane Russell has signed a new movie contract with Howard Hughes and will receive a million dollars over a 20-year period, a Hughes spokesman said Thursday.

The shapely brunette will make six pictures in five years, but her payments will be spread over 20 years. Three of the five films will be released by 20th Century-Fox.

The dark-haired actress has been away from Hollywood for more than six months while making a picture in Europe called "Gentlemen Marry Brunettes."

### \$6 Mint Price Told at Session

CORVALLIS (AP)—The Oregon Essential Oil Growers League, composed of mint farmers, was told Friday that mint oil from the 1955 crop is being contracted for at \$6 a pound, the highest price to growers since 1951.

M. D. Thomas, Oregon State College agricultural economist, said high prices should hold up at least until 1956. By then, he said, they might result in increased production in other states and that could drive down prices. Thomas attributed the high prices to heavy exports to Europe, increased domestic demands and some drop in production since 1952.

The league closed its two-day annual convention after re-electing John W. Whipple of Rainier president, Dale Turnidge of Jefferson, vice president, and C. E. Horner of Oregon State College, secretary.

Three new directors were named: Orville Grant of Eugene, Howard Snodgrass of Jefferson and George Cowles of Rainier.

### FIRE CALL

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP)—Three fire companies rushed to the burning house of Morgan N. Holmes. He is the fire commissioner.

### Backwash of Crime Leaves FBI High, Undry on Diapers

SEATTLE (AP)—The backwash of crime left the FBI high but not dry on a pile of used diapers Friday. It appeared there was no immediate solution for the triangular problem either; at least it wasn't covered in the official manuals.

Richard D. Auerbach, special agent in charge of the Seattle of-

lice, confessed his plight Friday night after telling of the arrest of six persons for a \$67,655 bank robbery at Tacoma.

Two of the suspects arrested were a married couple with a baby less than a year old. The baby couldn't be left unattended, the agents reasoned with good reason, so they brought it in.

In a short while the baby was uncomfortable and crying for food. An agent was sent out to collect the necessities of infant care. And for a full day while the crime-hunters worked on the case they had to suffer periodic interruptions to feed and change the baby.

Late Friday night the child was given to the custody of an aunt but the diapers remained, a problem still unwashed, unwanted and unsolved.

WIDOW'S MITE  
CHATTANOOGA (AP)—One of the ladies at the Old Ladies Home stepped forward during breaking ceremonies for an addition to the home. She handed officials a ten-dollar bill and said she wished it to be used toward the cost of the new building. Impressed, officials said the money had been given her for Christmas spending by a local civic group.

### Distribution Of O&C Funds Sought in State

WASHINGTON (AP)—A. W. Lafferty has urged Oregon's members of Congress to do all in their power to force immediate distribution of more than 6 1/2 million dollars to 18 Western Oregon counties.

The money is held in a special account pending settlement of the dispute over administration of 472,000 acres of Oregon and California (O&C) railroad grant land.

Lafferty, an attorney for Clackamas County, has been working for court settlement of the controversy and a distribution of the money. He said that although members of the Oregon delegation disagree over who should administer the land, he feels they can unite to press for distribution of the funds to the 18 counties.

Lafferty said the Library of Congress figures the money should be allocated to counties as follows: Benton \$209,400, Clackamas \$399,287, Columbia \$116,182, Coos \$410,695, Curry \$160,090, Douglas \$1,749,509, Jackson \$1,093,612, Josephine \$652,519, Klamath \$162,116, Lane \$1,120,631, Lincoln \$27,019, Linn \$194,540, Marion \$104,700,

### Gas Dealers Hit Stamp Giving on State Credit Card

ROSEBURG (AP)—The Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn., winding up a two-day session here Thursday, deplored the issuance of trading stamps to governmental employees who buy on credit cards of the state or federal government.

A resolution said this practice was common, was not proper, and it called on members to stop issuing the stamps under that circumstance.

The association, taking note of its growth, decided to hire a secretary-manager. It set its next meeting for April 12-13 at Eugene.

### PIN RETURNED

HOLDREGE, Neb. (AP)—R. P. Anderson recently received a small package in the mail containing the fraternity pin he had lost 20 years ago. It was returned by a Bethany, Mo., woman who had traced it from a number on the back through the organization's national headquarters. Anderson has never been in Bethany.

Multnomah \$53,636, Polk \$160,000, Tillamook \$14,880, Washington \$45,933 and Yamhill \$52,687.

### Manslaughter Charge Filed

MEDFORD (AP)—Fred Warden, 32, was arraigned here Friday on a manslaughter charge based on the fatal shooting of a child while hunting deer Oct. 16.

A bullet fired by Warden, who said he shot at a noise, fatally wounded Philip Minear, 12, Medford. The same bullet also struck Sharon Ruth O'Connors, 12, Medford, but she recovered.

The grand jury indicted Warden Thursday. Date for his trial will be set later.

### Death Boosts Portland Toll in 1954 Traffic

PORTLAND (AP)—This city's 1954 traffic fatality toll jumped to 42 Thursday with the death of Mrs. Annie Massey, 35.

She and her husband were injured early last month when their car skidded on icy pavement, plunged through a bridge railing and crashed in a deep canyon. He still is hospitalized with serious injuries.

Portland's 1953 traffic death toll was 55.



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### Reese, Paulus To Take Trip For Courses

PORTLAND (AP)—A dozen Northwest attorneys, who are Air Force reservists in the Judge Advocate General's Dept., will fly to Washington for a special orientation course.

They also will be admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the U.S. Court of Military Appeals.

Among those making the flight are attorneys from Portland, Medford, Salem and Vancouver Barracks, including Col. Seward Reese, dean of Willamette University law school and Maj. John Paulus, of the Willamette law faculty.

Col. Eugene L. Clark, commander of the 264th Air Reserve Center at Vancouver Barracks will head the group. Col. Charles H. McGirr is Portland flight commander.

### Girl Burned As Clothing Catches Fire

JOHN DAY, Ore. (AP)—A little girl who stood too close to a fire-place in her nightclothes Friday was brought to a hospital here in critical condition.

The child, Debbie Sue Moore, who was 5 years old only Tuesday, was warming herself at the family home in Seneca when her nightclothes caught fire. Before the flames could be put out, burns covered most of her body.

The temperature at Seneca has been below zero for several mornings.

The child is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dinty Moore, who have one other child, Laurie, 2. The father is an employe of Hines Lumber Co.

DIVORCE ASKED  
CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth Wedding, 38, sued Ralph Wedding, 39, for divorce Thursday, alleging desertion. Their wedding occurred June 16, 1942, in Mount Vernon, Ind.