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O. V. BREESE IS CHALLENGED BY EX-AUDITOR

Horton, Former Auditor, To Issue Questionnaire; Reply Sunday

BREESE HAS ANSWER

Accountants Meet in Battle Of Words at City Hall Saturday

O. V. Breese, author of the town of Springfield's financial reforms and C. A. Horton, former Springfield auditor, met in personal conflict Saturday morning in a hearing at the city hall where Mr. Breese held "open house" to hear questions on his audit, with results that inquiries in writing will be presented by Horton, to which Breese will reply likewise in writing.

Results of the questionnaire are due Sunday. Mr. Breese explained that he wished to make his replies to Mr. Horton's questions in writing so that there will be no mistaking the meaning and that it will be a much fairer way to present the matter to the public.

A statement prepared by Mr. Breese answering Mr. Horton's charges of May 8 is as follows:

In reply to Mr. Horton's statement of May 8 in regard to my audit of the town of Springfield, I am of course very sorry that it is necessary to make this reply. As a man, Mr. Horton is a fine fellow. I understand he has been county auditor for a number of years and at the present time just completed an audit for the city of Eugene. Mr. Horton makes his livelihood in Lane county and I do not wish to injure this gentleman and I wish to state that I am not looking for a position in Lane county or any other county. In my capacity rather than to hunt a job, I am hiring more men. Now, Mr. Horton, turn to page 123 of my audit and you will find the necessary explanation of that $42,-128.25 item which you raved so much about, and further I ask you where

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HELEN HEMINGSEN IS QUEEN EUGENIA

Blonde Helen Hemingsen was chosen as Queen Eugenia III to represent Eugene at the Portland rose festival this month at the coronation ceremony held at the Colonial theater Friday night under auspices of the Junior chamber of commerce.

The other five candidates will be princesses and will accompany Queen Eugenia to Portland for the festival. A committee consisting of Miss Mary Roe, Mrs. Elizabeth Romane, Joy Rawling, T. I. Chapman and Mrs. Mary Miles acted as judges.

In addition to the selection of the queen a stage show of several acts was presented, with Ralph Newman acting as master of ceremonies. Led by the Junior chamber marching organization, a parade preceded the program with the queen candidates riding in cars to the theater.

The Eugene float, prepared by Milo Merlatt of the Junior chamber, the queen and her attendants and the marching organization all will go to Portland Friday, June 7, for the great floral parade scheduled for 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Forum Topic For Week Is Found Timely

By MARIAN LOWRY

Another timely contest is being conducted this week by the Housewives' Forum. The topic is "Recipes for Using Fresh Raspberries, Gooseberries, and Blackcaps." The recipes may be for pies, puddings, frozen desserts, jams, or other ways you may think of.

The deadline as usual is 6 p. m., Wednesday, every recipe to reach the Register-Guard office by that hour.

Below is run another group of the lemon and chocolate desserts from last week's contest:

Hoosier Sherbet

1 pt. tomato juice
½ pt. crushed pineapple
2 c. granulated sugar
2 T. lemon juice
2 egg whites

Combine tomato juice, pineapple, sugar, and lemon juice and freeze until firm. Remove from tray and beat.

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Chancellor Kerr Issues Reply To AAUP Report; Charges Declared To Be Unsubstantiated, Untrue

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1.—(U.P.)—Chancellor William J. Kerr of Oregon's system of higher education Friday night answered in a 1,000 word statement the attack upon him by a committee of the American Association of University Professors, released in the press Wednesday.

"Although I have no desire to consider publicly the mass of material which appears to have been taken before the committee, and which it now makes public, there are some charges of such a nature as to impugn my personal integrity as a state educational official," Dr. Kerr said. "To these I wish to give specific reply, since the public is entitled to the facts."

"1—Statements repeated in the report that there was a direct or implied 'deal' made with me in connection with my appointment to the chancellorship are entirely unfounded. At no time when I was approached regarding accepting the chancellorship was the Zorn-Thompson bill ever mentioned directly or indirectly, nor was there any reference to the location of the chancellor's office. I made no commitments of any kind in connection with these or any other matters that could under any circumstances be construed as a deal.

"2.—Any statement that I incited, induced, urged, or otherwise had any responsibility for anyone making any 'attack' upon any faculty in any public address or elsewhere is wholly untrue, and hence cannot be substantiated. While this is recorded in the report as only a rumor, its repetition without accompanying findings of fact, gives new impetus, as in other instances, to unfounded gossip.

"3.—Why there should be any question over any degree that I held is quite obscure, though it appears to loom large in the report. Though not mentioned personally by committee members while in Oregon, the matter

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TWO DIE AS HOUSE AT WESTFIR BURNS

Two persons are dead and one sustained severe burns as a result of the burning of the residence occupied by Dr. J. A. Benson and family at Westfir at an early hour Saturday morning.

The dead are Mrs. Benson, who died at the Pacific hospital about 10:45 o'clock, six hours after the fire, and her two-year-old son, Joseph Allen Benson, Jr., who was suffocated before he was taken from the burning house. Dr. Benson was severely burned about the face and arms and is at the hospital but he is expected to recover.

Deputy Coroner Harold Poole and District Attorney W. H. Brooke were at Westfir a greater portion of Saturday forenoon and a part of the afternoon investigating the fire and it is probable and inquest will be held although no definite information was elicited from the coroner's office. It was reported by the lumber company officials at Westfir that there were no suspicions of incendiarism.

The blaze was discovered about 4:10 o'clock by Alton Stock, a watchman on the bridge nearby. He gave the alarm and in a short time a crowd had assembled. The house was almost enveloped in flames at the time they were discovered and soon after the

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Willamette Valley Committee Okays Governor's Plan

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—(U.P.)—Governor Martin's pet project—the $1,-000,000 flood control and drainage development on the big muddy river in Benton county—had been approved today by his Willamette valley projects committee.

The drainage plan will be submitted to the state planning board and then to federal authorities, Chairman Douglas McKay, Salem, said.

All valley projects will be handled by the federal government, McKay declared. Local drainage, flood control and soil conservation districts, however, must be organized legally to assure federal engineers of rights-of-way and maintenance and keep the national government from being sued for damages, McKay said, before federal funds may be obtained.

Van Winkle Says Rum Attack False

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—(U.P.)—Attorney-General Van Winkle today branded the Oregon liquor control commission's charges that he was too slow in writing opinions as "wholly unwarranted and untrue."

Van Winkle declared the commission's attack on him Tuesday when Austin F. Flegal, Portland attorney, was hired to do the liquor board's legal work, were simply "a subterfuge to cover the reversal of your originally announced policy not to employ private counsel."

Tillotson, Maybrey Sentenced to Jail

Frank Tillotson, charged with receiving stolen property, was sentenced by Judge G. E. Skipworth in circuit court Saturday to serve four months in the county jail and Walter Maybrey, charged with larceny, was given three months. Both men pleaded guilty. Maybrey was accused of stealing musical instruments at the university and Tillotson of receiving them from him.

Kidnap Car Sought By Medford Police

MEDFORD, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—State police headquarters here, this morning reported they had received orders from Salem to keep a watch on southern Oregon highways, for an automobile described as "the key car in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping." A detail of troopers was dispatched to check all routes in this district.

STORMS REAP TOLL OF DEATH IN NEBRASKA

Tornadoes, Floods Wipe Out Cities Throughout Nebraska Valley

THIRTY KNOWN DEAD

Hundreds Missing; Means Of Communication Are Washed Away

McCOOK, Neb., June 1.—(U.P.)—Meager reports giving a constantly increasing death toll today indicated the raging Republican river, tornadoes and cloudbursts had caused a major disaster in the southwestern Nebraska valley.

More than a score of persons were known dead. There were reports, unconfirmed because the flood had wiped away communication lines and apparently had so damaged radio stations that their signals could not be heard, the toll of life would run into the hundreds.

Several towns had been wiped out. Hundreds of families were homeless and marooned in the 150-mile length of the populous Republican river valley. Damage estimates ran into the millions of dollars.

One of the latest reports from the stricken area came by telephone from Goodland, Kan., to the Denver Post. It said the torrent had wiped out the town of St. Francis, Kan., and that at least 23 persons had perished. A few minutes later all communication with Goodland was broken.

Surveys of known dead include: 12 at Benkleman, Neb.; 10 at McCook; one at Miller; one at Oxford.

The villages of Parks, Trenton, Stratton and Max virtually were wiped out and a huge death toll was probable in those devastated areas.

While families fled to the hills on the rim of the valley, a tornado struck southwest of McCook early today. It was estimated that 16 lost their lives it ahis storm.

Thirty Marooned

Thirty men were marooned in the inundated McCook power plant at noon. They labored there all night.

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Night Riders Nail Carolina Man to Cross, Choke Him

HIGH POINT, N. C., June 1.—(U.P.)—R. J. Riggs, 35, was found here today nailed to a cross, a wire tightened about his neck, near his automobile service station. In a critical condition from nail wounds in the hands and feet, and suffering from extreme shock, he was taken to a hospital, where physicians said he may recover.

Riggs, conscious when found by patrolling policemen, said a band of men came into his bedroom after midnight, threw a quilt around his head and drove him to the crucifixion scene.

There, he said, his feet and hands were nailed to an improvised cross.

Coal Miners Given Notice to Strike

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(U.P.)—More than 400,000 United Mine Workers' members in all bituminous coal fields today were formally ordered to strike at midnight, June 16.

LUMBER WORKERS GO BACK TO JOBS

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Agreements heading workers back to their jobs popped up like mushrooms today in many sections of the Pacific northwest lumber strike.

The movement back to work was under way in practically every affected area of Oregon and Washington except the largest city of each state—Portland and Seattle.

A. W. Muir, executive of the carpenters and joiners union and spokesman for the striking sawmill and timber workers' union, declared 12,000 men will be back on their jobs Monday under agreements concluded.

The only Western pine section affected by the strike was released from its grip today with announcement that the Deer Park lumber company mill in the Spokane district reached agreement with the union and would resume operations Monday.

At Longview camp workers again wielded axes and peaveys yesterday and mill workers will return to their posts Monday under the "Muir plan" agreement of 50 cents an hour minimum wage with the 40-hour week.

One lumber operation in the Astoria district resumed yesterday, another the Uptegrove Lumber company veneer plant, will reopen Monday and it was rumored others would follow suit. A number of other companies were reported ready to accept the Longview plan.

University Head's Home Is Bombed

TIFFIN, Ohio, June 1.—(AP)—A terrific bomb explosion demolished the front porch and badly damaged the home of Charles E. Miller, president of Heidelberg college early today.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and their daughter, Gretchen, who were asleep in the house at the time escaped injury. Every window in the house was shattered.

Neither President Miller nor Chief Mutchler could give any reason for the bombing. President Miller said he had received no threatening letters and had no enemies.

"Romeo And Juliet" Staged Colorfully By Guild Group

In the romantic setting of the new outdoor Terrace theatre on the campus Ottilie Turnbull Seybolt's Guild players are doing "Romeo and Juliet" these nights (performances Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 8:30 sharp) and as entertainment it is one of the best shows ever produced in these parts.

Under the arch of the firs and against the background of trees and stars the Guild players with the skillful aid of Horace Robinson as set designer have created an "old Verona," atmosphere, picturesque, conducive to the moods of passionate romance. Suitable music by the Phi Beta trio completes the magic worked upon the audience.

When the brawling mediaeval feudists storm across the stage in the opening scene it is "the expected." The embittered partisans of Capulet and Montague belong in this. In the atmosphere created in the Terrace theatre, Shakespeare's introduction becomes peculiarly appropriate. The intricate tale of Romeo and Juliet and their beautiful but ill-starred love is no longer strained but evolves gracefully, appropriate and inevitable to time and place.

The huge cast which Mrs. Seybolt has brought together in the piece has caught the spirit of play and setting. Little more need be said to indicate the show is well done; it would compare favorably with the best professional productions of the masterpiece. By the ingenious arrangement of sets and lights, scene follows swiftly on scene with no waits. The players get full value from the action and poetry of the piece.

It is impossible to mention all the players, but a word must be said of the two Juliets, Virginia Mikulak and Elenore Gullion who play on alternate nights, displaying the wide possibilities for characterization in the part. Mrs. Mikulak, small and petite, gives us the classic Juliet, innocent, ingenuous. Miss Gullion's version presents the precocious child, compound of simplicity and sophistication.

There is only one Romeo for the production, Milton Pillette, and he

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RETURNED SNATCH VICTIM AND HIS PARENTS!

George Weyerhaeuser, 9-year-old Tacoma youth who was returned Saturday morning following the payment of $200,000 ransom by his parents, shown above. George is shown at the right. "G-men" from all over the Pacific coast are attempting to apprehend the kidnapers, believed to be members of the Alvin Karpis gang.

AUTO THREATENED; EGG WORKERS QUIT

Threats to wreck a beer truck enroute from Portland to Eugene, a walkout of the egg handlers and candlers in Eugene, organization of a sawmill and timber workers union at Cottage Grove and continuance of the strike at Westfir marked the labor situation in Lane county Saturday.

Police reported Saturday that five cars had followed a local beer truck from Portland to Eugene, making threats to wreck the truck or prevent it from unloading when it reached Eugene.

The truck reached Eugene safely, however, shortly after midnight, and was unloaded under police surveillance. Police were told the threat was an outgrowth of labor protests against the beer companies in Portland.

Twenty egg handlers and candlers employed at the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers plant in Eugene walked out on strike Saturday morning and placed pickets about the plant to prevent release of eggs.

No wage demands were included in the reasons for the strike, it was learned, the handlers and candlers demanding a 40 hour week instead of the present 48 hour week at the present wage scale of $17 minimum for women workers and $22 a week for men workers.

The strike is in connection with a similar walkout said to have been

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INDIA QUAKE TOLL PLACED AT 30,000

QUETTA, India, June 1—(AP)—The number of dead in this earthquake-stricken area was unofficially estimated at 30,000 today as relief work went forward under martial law, proclaimed to facilitate rescue of the injured and burial of the victims.

The bodies of those who died in the catastrophe were burned or buried as soon as they were recovered to avoid the risk of an outbreak of disease. One of the disaster's most tragic incidents was the razing of the general hospital, killing 200 to 300 patients.

Floods outside the city added to the horror within. Water gushing from fissures caused by the quake in some places flooded to a depth of several feet.

Kidnapers Give George a Dollar

RENTON, Wash., June 1.—(AP)—The $1 bill given by the kidnapers of George Weyenhauser to the youngster before he was released today near Issaquah was used to buy gas to start him on his way home.

Ed Walske, service station operator, related how John Bonifas, chicken rancher, and the boy drove into his station in the early morning hours, looking for a telephone.

"We don't have one but Bonifas had to get some gasoline and when time came to pay for it, George spoke up: 'I'll pay for it.'

"He gave me the $1 bill the kidnapers had given him and told me how he got it. I'm going to frame that bill and keep it."

BREVITIES

STATE

BEND, Ore., June 1.—(U.P.)—Miss Helen Fisher was re-elected president of the Oregon Graduate Nurses' association at the convention under way here today. Mrs. Linnie Laird was re-elected president of the state organization for public health nursing, holding its convention jointly with the nurses.

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—(U.P.)—In a final drive to clear its shelves of slow-moving stock, Oregon's Liquor Control Commission today issued a new price list, cutting many items. Old whiskey, however, was raised considerably. Many wines were reduced.

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—(U.P.)—All 12 Corinthian columns that lent a majestic air to the old state capitol building lay in ruins today. Broken chunks of brick and mortar were strewn over the State house steps and grounds as the columns fell with a crash at the tug of powerful trucks and cables. The walls will be tackled next, F. G. Leary, in charge of wrecking, said.

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—(U.P.)—Walter E. Baer, Portland engineer fighting deportation to Germany, return-

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President Works On Plan to Save "Social Security"

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WASHINGTON, June 1.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt has determined to exhaust every possible means of coping with the NRA crisis before resorting to the drastic expedient of attempting changes in the constitution, it was learned today.

Thus far no satisfactory plan for continuing the NRA has been envolved however, and administration officials believed several days would elapse before a cohesive program could be evolved.

The newest development was an authentic report that Mr. Roosevelt, seeking a means of stabilizing the labor situation in the face of threatened strife and dissention, would insist upon passage of the Wagner labor relations bill.

The president made this clear to three senators, Robert F. Wagner, D., N. Y., author of the bill; James F. Byrnes, D., S. C., and Robert M. La Follette, P., Wis., who called upon him last night.

The prospect of strikes and labor unrest has developed marketedly since the supreme court decision which thrust the laboriously constructed NRA codes into the discard.

Elks Tour Couple To Stop in City

The Eugene Elks lodge will be host group to two visitors in the national Elks magazine national good will tour, Saturday evening. Albert Rasmussen and Richard F. Flood, Jr., are the two to be welcomed here, the visitors coming north from Sacramento. A committee from the local lodge, headed by J. R. McKy, as well as traffic officers and prominent local citizens will welcome the visitors at the city limits. Some time this evening a broadcast will be given over KORE. At 8 o'clock Saturday evening there will be an informal reception for all of the lodge at the local temple. Past exalted rulers and lodge officials are to banquet with the two visitors at 6:30 o'clock at Cafe Del Rey. Mr. Rasmussen is from Chicago and Mr. Floor is from New Jersey.

HUNTER IS SLATED TO ANSWER MONDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—The Journal said today that Dr. Frederick Maurice Hunter, chancellor of University of Denver, is expected to give a definite answer Monday as to whether he is interested in becoming chancellor of Oregon's higher educational system.

Dr. Hunter came here last week-end at the invitation of the state board of higher education to determine whether he would care to accept the chancellorship.

The Journal said the Denver educator has wired for copies of the laws on education and copies of the by-laws of the state board and these have been forwarded to him.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, former president of Oregon State college, resigned as chancellor two years ago but the board asked him to continue in the office until his successor had been named.

Lumber Turnover Up 79 Per Cent

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—New business totaling 79,272,000 feet, 79 per cent over the 3-year weekly average for May, was reported by the Western Pine association today for the week ending May 25. The volume was 17 per cent above the total for the previous week.

Shipments were 61,334,000 feet, and production was 62,298,000 feet. For the corresponding week last year the same mills showed orders of 37,-872,000 feet and production at 45,-949,000 feet. For the year to date orders have been 36 per cent above the total for the corresponding period last year.

Linslaw Warrants Sell Here Readily

Three thousand dollars of the negotiable warrants of the Linslaw school district, issued to finance the erection of a gymnasium for the high school there, were sold readily in Eugene, according to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Higgins, director and clerk of the board respectively, who were in Eugene Saturday. The people of the district recently authorized the issuance of the warrants which draw five per cent interest.

Bousson Presents "Save Franc" Plan

PARIS, June 1.—(U.P.)—Fernand Bousson presented today to President Albert Lebrun and the nation his "save the franc" cabinet.

Next Tuesday he will face the chamber, over which he ruled for ten years as president, to demand emergency powers to strengthen the national finances and restore economic normality.

GRANGE TO MEET

The Willakenzie grange will meet Saturday evening, June 1, at the grange hall at 8 o'clock for the program and entertainment.

$200,000 IS PAID; G-MEN SPREAD NET

George Weyerhaeuser, 9-Year-Old Child, Alive And Well

KARPIS GANG SOUGHT

"Alvin" Described by Boy Believed Public Enemy No. 1

BULLETIN

Stanley Stevenson, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce and proprietor of a drug store here, reported to city police the possibility that Harry Campbell, one of the alleged Karpis kidnap gangsters, might have been in Eugene Saturday morning.

Mr. Stevenson told police a man had entered his store Saturday morning and asked for some eye lotion for an injured eye. The man bore a marked resemblance to the picture of Campbell carried on the front page of Friday's Register-Guard, Stevenson said.

Police were checking up on the report and planned to communicate with authorities working on the case to see if the men were thought headed this way.

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TACOMA, Wash., June 1.—(AP)—Little George Weyerhaeuser was freed early today from nearly eight days' captivity by his kidnapers who got $200,000 ransom as the price of the boy's freedom.

No sooner had the nine-year-old lad been restored to his overjoyed parents, than the greatest manhunt in the history of the Pacific northwest was unleashed to capture the abductors.

The boy identified three of his captors as "Harry, Bill and Alvin—who must be that fellow Karpis."

George referred to Alvin Karpis, widely sought gang leader, whose name and that of his gangster pals has flitted through the story of the abduction for the past two days.

Silence Brought Down

Federal agents clamped immediate silence on all details of the search while Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser offered prayers of thanks and clasped their son in the seclusion of their home.

The ransom was paid by F. Rodman Titcomb, uncle of the boy who was seized from a Tacoma street May 24 as he returned homeward from school during a noon recess.

When or how the money was paid could not be learned, but apparently the snatchers were paid the full amount they demanded for release of the boy, a sum which has been paid

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LIGHT FOG THOUGHT LIFTING AT COAST

A rising barometer and a light wind indicated possibility of good weather on the coast at Florence for Sunday, according to reports from the U. S. Coast Guard station Saturday.

A light shore-line fog clung to the coast Saturday morning, but was lifting Saturday afternoon, it was reported. It was believed the fog did not extend over a mile or so inland. No definite forecast on conditions for Sunday were possible, but guardsmen believed there was a good chance for a fair day. Hundreds of Eugene citizens were planning to go to Florence Sunday for the annual rhododendron day, the sea food dinner and the mass meeting on the Port of Siuslaw development.

WEATHER NEWS

A little more rain fell Saturday. No damage has yet been done and it is believed to have been a benefit. The forecast:

OREGON: Cloudy tonight, Sunday fair. Warmer in the interior. Normal humidity. Moderate west and northwest winds off the coast.

LOCAL STATISTICS: Minimum temperature Saturday, 46 degrees. Maximum temperature Friday, 68 degrees. Trace of precipitation. Willamette river, .5 of a foot. Wind from north.

SIUSLAW TIDES: Sunday, high, 12:20 a. m., 1:53 p. m.; low, 7:29 a. m., 7:29 p. m. Monday, high, 1:03 a. m., 2:38 p. m.; low, 8:10 a. m., 8:13 p. m. Tuesday, high, 1:42 a. m., 3:16 p. m.; low, 8:50 a. m., 8:58 p. m.