

Southern California Pelted by Storm

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Wind-driven rain pelted the southern California coastal area today, accompanying a sharp drop in temperature, while at high elevations snow sufficient to block one major highway was reported.

Workers Here—

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back the mayor and city council in whatever solution they can find for the problem," she stated.

Mrs. Naomi Nichols, assistant probation officer for Lane county, agreed Tuesday that the general situation as stated by the military officers was essentially correct. However she stated that the juvenile officers had found only one case of venereal disease in the last six months, and that there were only four known cases of disease among juveniles since Camp Adair was started. Mrs. Nichols stated that it was a county problem as well as a city problem, many of the juvenile girls being picked up by the juvenile officer coming from surrounding communities.

"What is needed for Eugene kids is more recreational facilities, the same as advised for the soldiers," she said, "our kids don't have one solitary place to go for entertainment of a decent sort."

The Lane county health department also said that very few juveniles come to the V. D. clinics there, and Miss Gertrude Peterson, supervisor of the Lane county public health nursing, pointed out that few juveniles were infected or they would come. The county health officer investigates all reports emanating from Camp Adair, she said, and there is an elaborate setup between the cantonment, selective service, state board of health and the police department. The health department works with cases referred to them by the various agencies and private physicians but the department is not one of picking up offenders from hotels, taverns and various other "hot spots."

What the health unit needed, in Mrs. Peterson's opinion, were funds necessary to support a full-time venereal control investigator. The Lane county unit, she stated, is now working with an inadequate staff and budget. Marion county, Miss Peterson explained, which has less population than Lane has a much greater budget and staff. Since the war Lane's staff has been cut by one-third, while the Marion staff has remained intact.

Miss Peterson in her discussion of the problem stated that hotels in the city were usually given in



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reports as the place of contact and that occasionally the home of the girl would be cited as the place of contact.

Camp Adair officials would not release statistics relative to the venereal disease problem in this locality but statistics in the bulletin of the Oregon state board of health give the following cases of newly-discovered venereal diseases for counties surrounding Camp Adair for the months of September and October which is the period in which Adair officials said that Eugene's venereal infections were equal to Portland's and Salem's combined.

Benton county—51 cases, (2 women).
Marion county—20 cases, (11 women).
Linn—12 cases, (8 women).
Lane—5 cases, (2 women).
Multnomah—77 cases.
Portland—335 cases.

These statistics as given by the state board of health could mean either that other counties were finding more venereal disease than Lane county was discovering, or it could mean that conditions in those communities were worse, one public health official pointed out. Furthermore it was stated that these statistics were not always complete as only certain percentages of the private physicians in each community report their cases to the state board.

A hint that the present problem is not one chiefly between Camp Adair and Eugene is given in the November issue of the American Journal of Public Health in which Lt. Col. Thomas B. Turner, chief of the venereal disease control bureau for the U. S. army, said that the problem of sexually-delinquent young girls is not a problem of law enforcement but a social and medical one.

Turner further states, "I do not know the solution for it and I am not sure that anyone else does. But it is imperative that facts be accumulated quickly, in the hope that these might point the way to a more rational approach to the problem." The army's venereal disease control chief then calls the situation one for opportunity for wise community leadership.

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ago repulsed three Japanese counterattacks, the first in any strength encountered since the invasion, east of Arawe.

Japs Tricked

Absence of strong opposition at Cape Gloucester it may be revealed, was due to the perfectly timed diversionary invasion of the Arawe peninsula nearly two weeks earlier. The feat at Arawe drew Japanese attention from the Cape Gloucester area, and the enemy was believed rushing reinforcements south to Arawe at the exact moment the marines hit Cape Gloucester.

From Adm. William F. Halsey's south Pacific headquarters came word that the American carrier task force which raided Kavieng harbor Christmas day successfully fought off three Japanese air attacks while en route to its home base.

On Bougainville, American patrols advanced in the wake of dive-bombing and strafing attacks that all but smashed Japanese defenses near the west bank of Torokina river inland from Empress Augusta bay.

Bomber in Vatican Raid Believed Known

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Indicating that the nationality of the plane which bombed Vatican City on Nov. 5 is known, Pope Pius XII in a statement broadcast by the Vatican radio, said the attack was "deliberately planned and dishonorably and unsuccessfully screened behind the anonymity of the pilot."

The statement, made in the Pope's response to Christmas greetings from the college of cardinals, did not identify the attacker. The federal communications commission recorded the broadcast last night.

Allies Pound Road To Rome

By United Press

American, British, and French Moroccan troops, fighting in bitterly cold weather, battered steadily today at the Nazi defenses guarding the inland road to Rome. American 8th army troops captured two more enemy strong points on Mt. Sammuco and brought the strategically important village of San Vittore under complete allied observation. Advanced elements of the American wing consolidated their positions less than one and one-half miles from the village. Other 8th army forces battled slowly forward through stubborn enemy resistance in the central mountains.

On the Adriatic flank the bloody battle for Ortona, coastal anchor of the enemy line, raged unabated as Canadian units fought to clear the nazis from their last foothold in the northern end of the town. Indian units of the 8th army scored small gains on the inland flank of the Canadians, seizing hill positions less than half a mile from the strongly-held town of Crechio.

Berlin reports said German troops abandoned Ortona last night.

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that he may have a part in the planning and building of his home community and help to make it a better community. And this all ties in with our principle of democracy to have every person fit in to his part."

J. E. Hayward, manager of a local department store: "Here is a fine idea. It is a move that stands to benefit the community at large, gives all the opportunity to work together for the good of the community."

Mrs. Fanny Mariatte, president of the Eugene Zonta service club: "It is an excellent plan. It gives one and all a chance to express their desire to aid the community. It is a plan meriting the support of all public-spirited people."

Fred Fisk, former county judge and prominent in many civic activities: "It is a most worthwhile endeavor. It fulfills an idea many have had; many did not know where to place funds to be used in doing public good."

Phil Bartholomew, Springfield mortician: "It is a grand idea. It is a set-up that makes us all feel we want to get in on it and do our part toward its goals. It will build good feeling, cooperation and be a fine thing, too, in that it will neighborliness among our communities."

Frank P. Mitchell, local grocery store owner: "This appears to be a good plan. It is worthy of study and consideration."

Dr. W. N. Dow, Springfield dentist: "The idea is fundamentally sound, and has wonderful possibilities. It is something our communities have needed for a long time. It will serve to have us work as a unit, not as individual municipalities and communities bickering with each other over needed actions and improvements."

Continuing of Milk Subsidies Expected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The WFA is expected to announce this week a continuation of its milk subsidy program for the month of January.

The program was inaugurated last October for a three-month period ending Dec. 31, but officials have indicated the extension would be made.

Under the program, dairymen are paid subsidies ranging from 30 to 50 cents a hundred pounds on fluid milk and from three to six cents a pound on butterfat. The payments are designed to offset increased production costs without increasing consumer prices.

What Goes on at The Statehouse

By JERRY HANNIFIN

SALEM, Ore.—(AP)—Oregonians will elect a U. S. senator, a state treasurer and an attorney general in addition to 75 state legislators and 10 circuit judges next year.

Three justices of the Oregon supreme court, Chief Justice J. O. Bailey, Arthur D. Hay and Halls S. Lusk, will have completed their six year terms Jan. 1, 1945, and may be up for re-election on a nonpartisan ballot.

Republicans and democrats may nominate candidates during the Oregon preferential primary May 19 for the office of U. S. senator now held by Rufus C. Holman, republican. The term of State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott will expire Jan. 1, 1945 and he may be a candidate for re-election next year.

Gov. Earl Snell recently appointed George Neuner of McMinnville as attorney general to serve the unexpired term of the late I. H. Van Winkle. Neuner probably will be a candidate to succeed himself.

Each party will nominate six presidential electors and a representative from each of Oregon's four congressional districts. Incumbents are Rep. James W. Mott, first district; Rep. Lowell Stockman, second district; Rep. Homer D. Angell, third district, and Rep. Harris Ellsworth of the fourth district.

Both parties will nominate preferential candidates for president and vice-president of the U. S., together with six candidates for presidential electors. In addition, each party will elect a national committeeman and woman to serve four-year terms.

Twenty-six of the state's 36 counties will elect district attorneys to four-year terms. Counties not electing district attorneys are Benton, Curry, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Lake, Linn, Malheur, Multnomah, and Wallowa.

Ten circuit judges will be elected on a nonpartisan ballot for six year terms. In the fourth judicial district, Multnomah county, two of nine judges' terms expire. They are those of James W. Crawford and Alfred P. Dobson.

In Clackamas county, fifth district, the term of E. C. Latourrette will expire. Judges also will be nominated in the sixth district, Morrow and Umatilla counties, in which Calvin L. Sweek of Pendleton is incumbent; ninth district, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties, Robert D. Lytle, incumbent; Tenth district, Union and Wallowa, R. J. Green of La Grande, incumbent; 11th district, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, George D. Updegraff of Moro, incumbent; 12th district, Polk and Yamhill, Arlie G. Walker of McMinnville, incumbent; 14th district, Lake county, Charles H. Combs of Lakeview, incumbent, 21st district, Linn and Benton counties, L. G. Lewelling of Albany, incumbent.

Incidentally, there are no judicial districts listed as Oregon 15, 16 and 17. A legislature before World War I provided for them, but Gov. Oswald West vetoed the act.

Council—

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any group of citizens at any time may initiate such charter changes as its sees fit, the people deciding in the end.

Council Decision Free

It was pointed out also that when the charter commission has completed its draft, the matter comes back to the council for action and the council in submitting the issue to the people may or may not endorse the new charter as the members see fit.

The council chamber was filled almost to capacity, since the meeting had been publicized as open for discussion of both city management and the "rat problem." Interested citizens were present to discuss both issues.

Councilman Carl Baker said that he believed the majority of people in Eugene "are intelligent enough to vote for what kind of government they want."

On the citizens' side, A. C. Dixon, Stanley Stevenson, and Duane Humber spoke briefly and emphatically in favor of putting the city's business under management.

"I cannot think of any business which has been successful where administrative responsibility is divided," said Dixon, "and I can think of several which have failed where authority was dispersed or where administrative duties were scattered through boards."

Stevenson said: "I have read a great deal about the various possible plans of city organization and there is no doubt that the manager plan has proved extremely efficient in more than 500 cities. It is true that a few cities have tried it and gone back to other plans but the total that have gone back is less than the manager cities in any one state. I do not contend that a manager government will spend less, but I feel quite sure that with management the city's money will be well spent."

Humber urged submission of a clear cut plan, stating that he believed the people would inform themselves adequately and vote intelligently.

Challenged to suggest ways by

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which management might save money for the city, Dixon called attention to asphalt bids just received at over \$20 a barrel and held up to study containers and storage problems.

"I have bought a good deal of asphalt," said he, "and we are now buying at considerably less than the price quoted the city and I believe a manager would suggest the building of storage tanks so that asphalt could be bought in large quantity at low price."

Rat Control Approved

The council agreed with representatives of the Welfare League that a thorough program should be started to rid Eugene of rats, firstly because of the health problem and secondly because of loss of property due to rodents.

Mrs. Weir W. McDonald, head of the league's special committee proposing rat control, presented three main points:

1. Rats multiply quickly, and cause important losses to personal and community property.

2. The program must be done thoroughly. A half-hearted, temporary program would waste money and be worthless in the long run.

3. A rat control program costs money.

Mrs. McDonald said that the average business man is reluctant to reveal seriousness of his own rat problem, mainly because such news might affect his "bread and butter," but that he felt the main consideration was the health situation and that he would do all possible to give personal support to rodent eradication.

Life Health Program

She averred that Eugene has an inadequate health program because health budgets, city and county, are "spread too thinly." The U. S. public health service, she said, declares that an adequate health budget demands 1 per cent of the city's budget.

A prospective budget for control was presented by L. M. Cheney, district supervisor of the U. S. fish and wild life service. Dan W. Young, assistant county agricultural agent, and O. S. Fletcher, county agent, Young said that a program for the first six months of 1944 would cost the city about \$3,000, including pay to a supervisor, well informed on rat poisons, at \$210 per month and \$15 travel expenses. Helpers would be employed. After that time, the program might cost about \$3,000 annually.

At the end of June, Young said, federal funds for the program might be forthcoming from the government. Cheney asserted that a competent expert to prepare and place the poison would be necessary, since rat poison has severe effects and could be fatal to pets and others.

Mayor Large stated he felt that the program might merely drive the rats to the suburban fringe of the city, and that it would not be completely effective unless the county cooperated with a similar or joint scheme. W. J. Cloyes, county sanitarian, observed that the county might allocate money for such purposes at start of the next fiscal year in July, and its funds might be combined with the city's to make the rat eradication absolute.

The health committee was instructed to draw up a suggested program and report at the next regular meeting, second Monday in January.

The council approved state renewal of beer licenses of Broadway Cash store, College Side Inn, Frank Willis cafe, Oregon Tavern, and Brown's Emergency store. Property offers of George E. Hart and Fred Carlson were accepted.

Theft of Cowboy Boots Brings \$50 Fine

Joe Rackley, charged with the larceny of a pair of cowboy boots, alleged to be the property of Nick Antone of Eugene, pleaded guilty in Justice of the Peace Howard Brownell's court Tuesday and was fined \$50. The defendant claimed he took the boots while under the influence of liquor.

Ed Johnson, living near Coburg, charged with assault and battery of Alice Bruce, pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for Thursday.

Couple Before Court On Morals Charge

John Manchester and Marie Bennett, Lane county residents, were arraigned before Judge G. F. Skipworth in circuit court Tuesday on a morals charge and they will enter their pleas Wednesday at 9:30 a. m.

They were arrested at Coquille one day last week and brought back here Friday, being confined in the county jail since.

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Around Oregon—

By the Associated Press

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Eugene D. Selder, 63, field auditor with the state industrial accident commission for 23 years, was buried at Portland. . . . The St. Paul Rodeo association reelected Ray Manegre president. . . . Capt. Harry J. Thompson, Portland pilot home from 24 missions with the 8th air force in England, said American Liberator bombers are as tough they make it back to bases even after being riddled by nazi bullets. . . .

A tugboat owned by Albert Bernert, Willamette, was destroyed by fire in the Willamette river locks at Oregon City. . . . Col. Robert DuPriest, who recently was awarded the legion of merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct at Pearl Harbor, arrived at his Newberg home after five years in Hawaii.

Penalties—

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necessary in operation of the railroad. He said it was the intention to use them as necessary to supplement railroad men who chose to stay on the job. Those who want to work would not be replaced.

Somervell said security arrangements were under the authority of the nine service commands. He said no move was being made to

FITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A one-day walkout by more than 170,000 steel workers appeared ended today with the granting of their demands for possible retroactive pay from new contracts now being negotiated.

Reports from the scores of plants in nine states which were closed by the work stoppages showed most of the men were obeying orders telegraphed last night by Philip Murray, president of the CIO. United Steelworkers of America, to resume "uninterruptedly the production of steel."

augmented the military police now assigned to railroad property, but this would be done if necessary. The railroads as of 7 p. m. yesterday became federal property to which federal law applies. Somervell said the Smith-Connelly anti-strike act and conspiracy acts specifically would apply to strikers. He said there were other laws that could be applied, but did not enumerate them.

Seven Regions Fixed

The war department divided the nation into seven regions and commissioned leading railroad men as colonels to act as regional administrators for the government.

Somervell and Maj.-Gen. C. P. Gross, chief of transportation, army service forces, who were designated by Stimson to carry out the seizure, appointed Martin W. Clement, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, as their adviser here. He will also hold the rank of colonel.

The seven regional heads were summoned to Washington. Five were here when the army took over last night. R. B. White of the Baltimore and Ohio arrived this morning. Ralph Budd of the Burlington was kept away by illness.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Accusing labor unions of having "regretted" their no-strike agreement, Rep. Smith (D-Va.), co-author of the Smith-Connelly labor disputes act, called today for revision of the law and demanded that the War Labor Board cease issuing union maintenance orders.

Smith, chairman of the special house committee investigating acts of executive agencies, declared in an interview the Smith-Connelly act "needs some teeth in it to punish those who strike without notice."

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Officials of major railroads pledged cooperation with the government today in keeping the roads operating smoothly.

Railroad executives at Chicago, center of the nation's rail network, expressed unanimous determination to keep the vital flow of freight and passengers moving without interruption.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson will speak on the war department's operation of the railroads over a nationwide hookup of the four major radio networks at 4 p. m. PWT today.

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