

Anti-Trust Suit Filed

NEW YORK—(AP)—The federal government today charged in a civil anti-trust suit that 37 insurance companies, savings banks and commercial banks and a firm owned by the savings banks sought to keep rents up and prevent certain types of new construction in the New York City area.

The suit named as defendants

the Mortgage Conference of New York, with headquarters at 14 Wall St., the Savings Banks Trust Co. of New York and 37 members of the conference. It sought an injunction against the alleged practices and dissolution of the mortgage conference, described as composed of insurance companies, savings banks and commercial banks. The Savings Banks Trust Co. of New York is wholly owned by various savings banks.

A special federal grand jury recommended the action after hearing testimony since June 11. The jury, discharged Monday by

Federal Judge Marion S. Boyd in a closed courtroom, recommended: "It is the sense of this grand jury that the government should file civil proceedings against the mortgage conference and all of its affiliates to correct the conditions found to exist by this grand jury."

The complaint charged that the defendants have utilized the conference to eliminate competition among themselves on mortgage loans of over \$10,000 on properties located in New York City and the metropolitan area; to fix interest rates and amortization terms; to establish standard appraisal procedures and valuations; and to stabilize the real estate markets in New York and the metropolitan area.

Only Finnish Paper In West Changes Hands

ASTORIA — (AP) — The Lannen Suometar, Finnish newspaper which never has accepted liquor advertising or dance notices, has been sold by the Finnish Lutheran Church to Oke Zatterlow.

Zatterlow has published the paper under lease from the church since 1939. Founded in 1922, the newspaper is the only one in the Finnish language west of Minneapolis. Zatterlow said he would rename it the Lannen Uutiset.

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Trunk Sewers Aid Springfield, But Sanitation Problems Remain

By BILL DEAN
SPRINGFIELD—Even the completion of trunk sewer lines in Springfield will not completely remedy the existing sanitation problem in that area.

Mayor Claude Gerlach of Springfield and County Sanitarian W. J. Cloyes are agreed on that. Cloyes, who believes Springfield is at the top of the list as far as planning goes, stresses the need of a coordinated county-wide program to remove the dangers of faulty disposal.

"As far as sanitation and health go, city boundaries should not mean a thing," Cloyes says, "because city limits do not halt the circulation of

germs." In support of this he points out areas adjacent to both Springfield and Eugene where city sewage systems end and the "man across the road" endangers both himself and his neighbors through ignorant or improper sewage disposal.

The trunk lines recently installed in Springfield will make sewer hook-ups possible to about twice the number of houses connected at the beginning of 1945. There still remains an area east of Fourteenth St. which will get sewers as soon as it is feasible to let contracts, Mayor Gerlach reports.

The city now is assessing each sewer user \$5 annually to pay for a general improvement program which includes a disposal plant required by state law.

However, east of the city limits is a densely populated and rapidly growing section extending to the Mohawk Road. Here residents rely on privies, septic tanks or cesspools. Except for Nicholas Gardens, which gets city water, most residents in that section have to depend on well-water.

Water in a majority of private wells tested for possible domestic use in the east Springfield area have been pronounced unfit for human consumption.

One serious handicap in the installation of Springfield sewers was the extremely level grade upon which they had to be laid. In use of septic tanks this situation couples with a high water table and soil conditions to block drainage.

During the summer the soil becomes hard and will not absorb waste, in the winter it is saturated with rainwater. This causes waste to drain off on the surface, through such ditches as McKenzie Creek, one branch of which runs near Union High School building.

Many areas around Springfield and Eugene have been declared "off limits" as far as FHA insured mortgages or GI Bill loans are concerned, Cloyes reports, because of the lack of proper sanitation.

Mayor Gerlach, who also believes sanitation control should not end at the city boundaries, thinks it might be possible for Eugene, Springfield and the surrounding and intervening areas jointly to construct a sewage disposal plant. Springfield, like Eugene, is faced with the eventual necessity of improving or having the sewage disposal methods in adjacent areas, as yet beyond the city limits, in order to make its own sanitary system effective, Cloyes states.

Harlow-Tandy Clan to Meet

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harlow, Sr., who came to Eugene from Missouri in 1851 and took a donation land claim in the Chase Gardens area, will hold the annual Harlow-Tandy clan picnic at Deadman's Ferry Sunday, August 11.

For the past 15 or 20 years, descendants of Harlow and his wife, whose maiden name was Tandy, have gathered for the annual picnic. More than 100 persons, all relatives, used to congregate, but the number has been somewhat reduced in recent years, said F. B. Harlow, prominent farmer and grandson of the late M. H. Harlow, Sr.

The donation land claim taken by the pioneer is now divided up and only a small portion is still in the family. It belongs to Norton Pengra, a cousin of F. B. Harlow. A basket dinner will be served at 1:30 p. m. Sunday.

Two Drivers Hurt

Both drivers involved in a traffic accident at Tenth and High Sts., Monday evening, were slightly injured, the police department reported Tuesday.

Irwin L. Bentz, Rt. 4, Box 366A, Eugene, suffered a slight cut on the left knee and Wellington Williams, 388 Eleventh Ave. E., received a bruised left knee. The car driven by Bentz was damaged on the left rear side and the front of Williams' car was damaged.

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Crippled Boy Hunts Lost Scotty Friend

Mac Bush is lost. And Teddy Bush, 16-year-old crippled son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bush, 2288 Alder St., wishes that he would come home. Mac is a small, black, year and a half old Scottie dog. Monday he followed Teddy when the boy went to the Red Cross swimming class. Somewhere en route dog and boy were separated and Mac had not returned home by Tuesday morning.

Hanford Plant Output Steady

RICHLAND, Wash.—(AP)—The manufacture of plutonium for atomic bombs and energy is continuing at the same pace as during the war peak at the government-owned Hanford plant, area engineer, Lt. Col. Frederick J. Clarke revealed on the anniversary of the first atom bomb drop on Japan.

The total number of workers at the sprawling plant has been reduced from 6000 to 5000 during the past year but only because increased process knowledge has made it possible to make the atomic mass at unabated speed with less personnel. Colonel Clarke described the plant as having "the same capacity, the same production and the same security as one year ago."

On Sept. 1, the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and Co. hands over responsibility for operation of the Hanford project to the General Electric Co., which will conduct an extensive research program on the application of atomic energy to peacetime uses.

Alaskan City Fears Disease

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — (AP) — All public gatherings in Anchorage—including bars, dances, playgrounds and theaters—were prohibited for at least a week Monday in a proclamation issued by Mayor Francis C. Bowden following discovery of 60 positive diphtheria throat cultures in the city.

Twelve of the cases were said to be clinically active. Transportation officials, in an effort to prevent further spread of the ailment, agreed to restrict all travel in and out of the city effective midnight Thursday. Details of the restriction were being worked out with C. Early Albrecht, territorial health commissioner.

Twelve of the 16 prisoners in the city jail were reported to have positive cultures as did Dr. Howard Romig, city health officer. Albrecht said he blamed the current spread on one clinical case reported six weeks ago.

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ROME — (AP) — Maj. George Woods, his wife and seven-year-old son, of Philadelphia, returned to Rome Monday night after being held by Yugoslav authorities. U. S. Army headquarters at Caserta, which said earlier that the Yugoslav gave no reasons for holding the Americans and that negotiations were in progress for

their release, said it had no other details. Woods is attached to the 1st Signal Battalion at the 1st Army headquarters at Caserta. His wife and four children were joined him from the United States.

TO HEAR PUB CASE

SALEM — (AP) — Chief Judge Harry H. Belt of the Oregon Supreme Court Tuesday will hear the public case brought by W. Crawford to Union County against the Union County People's Party.

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The workshop is held annually before opening of the school year to give teachers an opportunity to discuss registration of students and problems anticipated during the year. It will be held from September 9 through 13.

This fall the city schools will employ 204 teachers in regular schools, 15 teachers at Eugene Vocational School, 17 principals and four librarians.

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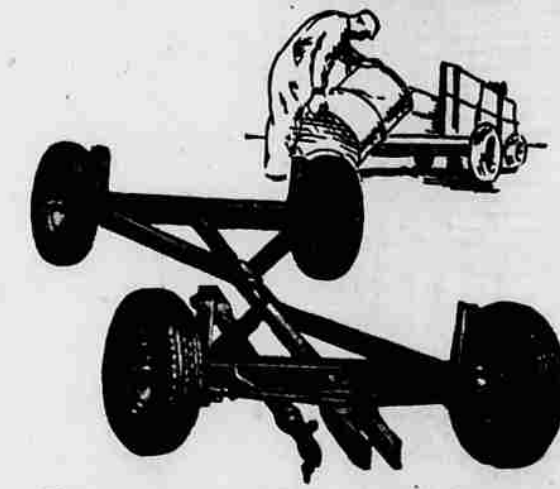
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