

Eugene Council's Measures Traffic Aids

Measures leading to improvements in Eugene's highway system approved by the city council Tuesday evening.

At a meeting Dec. 3 as date of a proposed public hearing on a proposed set-back along Franklin Blvd. for a service road, the city council approved a report from Manager Seeger on plans to improve the city at a state highway commission meeting Nov. 28. The "improvement" project, approved by the council, is a \$50,000 improvement project for the millage, part of which is to be used as highway improvement.

Improving parking on both sides of Franklin Ave. E. between Alder and Kincaid. The millage project to improve the highway through the city moved forward.

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THIS GERMAN V-2 ROCKET, fired by technicians at the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, goes out of control during tests to send it 123 miles above the earth. (1) takeoff; (2) at about 1000 feet control crew guides it away from launching site; (3) missile heads back to earth; (4) explodes with a blinding flash and deafening roar.

UO May Receive More Buildings For Classrooms

Allotment of additional surplus buildings by the federal works administration to the University of Oregon for classrooms and offices was announced by the Associated Press from Washington, D.C., Wednesday, but it was news to university officials who have not yet received official notification.

Probable nature of the allocation was described, however, by Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president, who explained that the university had requested 22,000 square feet of floor space for classrooms, offices, and certain other activities, as yet undetermined.

From Camp Adair. "It is likely that this will come from Camp Adair," the university head conjectured. "It will probably consist of two 'C' shaped two-story buildings, which will be packaged and sent to the campus in much the same manner as were the veterans' dormitories."

Queried as to the possible sites of the new buildings, Dr. Newburn indicated that they might be located either on the corner of Eleventh and Kincaid Sts., or along Thirteenth on university property.

Buildings Requested. The buildings were requested to relieve crowded classrooms and offices as well as to provide for increase in enrollment and staff.

The additional space will make it possible for the university to handle an enrollment of 6000, Dr. Newburn explained.

The buildings may also provide space for the veterans guidance center and testing bureau, now in the Physical Education building, Newburn indicated.

Services Told 'Cut Payrolls'. WASHINGTON — (AP) — Budget Director James E. Webb Wednesday ordered the Army and Navy to dismiss by Jan. 1 an additional 93,400 civilian employees in this country and its territories and possessions.

In doing so, Webb set a top limit of 892,600 on the number of civilians for military programs in the first quarter of 1947. This will require an Army reduction of 73,200 and a Navy cut of 20,200.

The Navy, down from 707,200 at V-J day to 384,000 now, was ordered to get under a ceiling of 363,800 for the quarter beginning Jan. 1.

Truman Endorses War Crimes Code

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman Tuesday night endorsed a recommendation that the United Nations adopt a code of international criminal law to deal with all who wage aggressive war.

In a letter to Francis Biddle, United States member of the Nurnberg military tribunal, Mr. Truman said the setting up of such a code "is a fitting task to be undertaken by the governments of the United Nations."

Biddle suggested such action by UN in a report to the President on the Nurnberg trial.

Mr. Truman, commenting on the report, said he hoped "we have established for all time the proposition that aggressive war is criminal and will be so treated."

He said that the undisputed gain coming out of the Nurnberg trial was the "formal recognition that there are crimes against humanity."

He said he was encouraged to learn from Biddle that "the dissent of Russia" was not on a fundamental principle of international law but over what inferences should be drawn from conflicting evidence.

Biddle reported that Russia's dissent over the verdicts did not express any disagreement with the fundamental principles of international law. He added that he thought the differences over the inferences drawn from conflicting evidence were "extremely healthy."

Buildings, Nut Crops Lost in Salem Blaze. SALEM — (AP) — The main plant, warehouse and 1946 walnut and filbert crops of the Nut Growers' Cooperative here were destroyed in less than an hour Tuesday night in a spectacular \$400,000 fire.

J. J. Gallagher, co-op manager, said most of the 700-ton crop, valued at \$300,000, was stored for processing in the two buildings. He estimated loss to the structure and machinery at \$100,000.

He said the crop was completely insured, but doubted the building could be replaced for the amount of its insurance.

Fire Chief William Iwan said the flames apparently originated in the bleaching and grading sections, although plant employees said no drying was in progress when the fire broke out shortly after 8 p.m.

Residents of nearby apartment houses fled to the streets carrying personal belongings and moving some furniture as the spectacular flames whipped 200 feet into the night sky at the height of the blaze. Firemen credited a shift in the wind with saving the apartments, housing about 20 families, and adjacent warehouses of Reid-Murdoch and Co.

Schoolboy Killed, 16 Hurt in Blast. BARODA, Mich. — (AP) — One child was killed and at least 16 others injured Wednesday when a boiler explosion wrecked a section of a consolidated school at this little western Michigan fruit belt community.

Walter Ruppel, 13, died in a St. Joseph, Mich., hospital less than three hours after the blast ripped off one wall and the roof of the two-story building.

Negotiators Hasten Coal Dispute Talks

Gale Rips California; Colorado Storm Abates

Planes Aid Rescue Work; Death Toll, 15

WALSLEBURG, Colo. — (AP) — The hard-fought battle against snow and sub-zero temperatures in southeastern Colorado continued Wednesday while additional planes and vehicles were mobilized to save marooned ranch families and thousands of head of livestock.

Rescue parties had been successful in saving several families, but snow-blocked roads and low temperatures hampered operations. Freezing weather increased the danger to millions of dollars worth of livestock stranded on the snow-bound rangeland.

Rescue workers estimated that more than 1500 head of cattle already had perished in the snow and cold. Storm deaths in Colorado rose to 15 Tuesday.

Army planes dropped hay to several herds of cattle, but about 50,000 head of cattle and thousands of sheep still were bogged down in snow, unable to reach the green wheat shoots.

Ranchers were instructed by radio to make one cross in the snow if they needed food and two crosses if they needed medical aid.

A cargo plane from Stapleton Airfield in Denver dropped hay to herds of antelope in Lincoln County in east-central Colorado.

A snow sweep completed a dramatic mercy mission early Wednesday to the ranch home of Alex Sample in one of the most isolated sections of the northeast part of Huerfano County. The crew rescued Mrs. Sample and two small children who had been snow-bound since Nov. 2. A plane load of "cotton seed cake was dropped for the cattle.

Sample and three other children remained at the snowbound ranch to take care of the stock.

Sigurd Nilssen Quits Music Faculty Post

Sigurd Nilssen, who came to Eugene in 1940 as professor of voice at the University of Oregon, Wednesday announced his resignation from the university staff. He will devote himself to private teaching.

Nilssen has been on a leave of absence and intended to spend the winter in California, recuperating from surgery which he underwent last year.

Finishing housing conditions in California worse than in Oregon, the teacher returned to Eugene. Many of his pupils come from Portland, Roseburg and other out-of-town points.

The Oregon-born singer and coach came to Eugene after a long operatic career. He is a graduate of the Whitman Conservatory of Music, Walla Walla. He continued his study in New York City with Herbert Witherspoon and others, taking oratorio, dramatic and opera work as well as voice.

He made his debut at Monte Carlo in 1922 and gave concerts in Europe and the British Isles before returning to the United States to tour with the de Reszke singers in 1924 and 1925.

In the spring of 1925, he joined the Civic Opera Co. of Philadelphia, and from then on his career developed in this country and Canada in opera and radio, with one European tour in 1929 when he sang in the leading capitals and also studied in Berlin and Vienna.

Nilssen is credited with a major role in the development of the university's famed singer, Marie Rogndahl, who is now on a concert tour.

Scattered Reports Indicate Overall Hike to Consumer

By UNITED PRESS. The price of soap increased as much as 50 per cent Wednesday to lead a long list of rising prices on articles ranging from scrap steel to bonded whisky.

Retail food prices were reported moving upward a cent or two at a time in several large cities. Detroit and Washington, D. C., both reported that parking lot rates had jumped.

Many Steady. Many cities, however, including Minneapolis, Des Moines, Ia., Indianapolis and Salt Lake City, reported no major increases and said manufacturers were hoping to keep prices as low as possible. International Harvester Co. announced a nine per cent increase in the price of tractors and farm implements, based on "present higher wages and materials costs."



SHIVERING in a "rare" California drizzle, these two young drum majorettes take time off from fancy stepping during Los Angeles Armistice Day parade to seek warmth under a single coat. (NEA Telephoto).

Airliner Lost With 11 Aboard

BURBANK, Calif. — (AP) — A Western Air Lines plane, with eight passengers and a crew of three aboard, was missing Wednesday—apparently in the snow-swept mountains north of here.

The two-motored Douglas DC-3, inbound to the terminal here from Salt Lake City, was last reported at 3:24 a. m. (Pacific Standard Time) when the pilot informed the control tower by radio that he was bringing the craft down for a landing. He was over Newhall, on the upper fringe of the San Fernando Valley, at 9000 feet.

A Western Air Lines spokesman said at 6:45 a. m.—announcing that the craft was missing—that it had enough gas to remain aloft only until 7 a. m.

This spokesman identified the pilot as Capt. Gerald Miller, the copilot as Ted Mathis and the stewardess as Joan Fauntleroy.

Snow Above 4000 Feet. A heavy storm has been raging over Southern California for two days, but during the night had abated sufficiently for planes to resume using busy Lockheed Air Terminal here. Snow was reported generally above the 4000-foot level.

Western Air announced the passenger list as: W. B. Davis, Los Angeles; A. F. Rice, Los Angeles; Dr. S. G. Schaefer, Beverly Hills; J. C. Berry, Butte; Miss Mary La Branch, 12127 81st St., Edmonton, Alta.; Mrs. Florence Henry, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Bridget W. Knight, Julian Road, Banff, Alta.; Miss Mary Burns, Las Vegas, Nev.

SUCCEEDS HENAGIN. WEST LINN — (AP) — Chester L. Tunnell, Dallas high school principal, has been appointed, effective Dec. 9, superintendent of West Linn schools, succeeding the late Robert L. Henagin, who died Oct. 28.

Winds Uproot Trees; Rains Cause Floods

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Winds of gale velocity raked Southern California Wednesday, accompanied by heavy rainfall which sent floodwaters in some districts lapping perilously close to low-land homes.

Sixty-two children were evacuated from a trailer camp in North Long Beach by the Red Cross. Wind velocity at San Pedro, on Los Angeles harbor, climbed to 52 miles an hour.

Hundreds of trees were uprooted, streets and in some instances stores flooded, traffic slowed or stalled in a score of cities. Power and communications were disrupted in some instances.

The Weather Bureau said an intense storm center, located 250 miles west of San Diego and moving slowly on the southern California coast, would reach maximum intensity during the day, tapering off Thursday.

With flood channels already bulging and no letup in the down-pour anticipated, there were prospects of wholesale evacuations in some low-lying areas. Rain totals ran as high as 1.27 inches for a six-hour period.

The normally-dry Los Angeles River, butt of many a joke for its dryness, was roaring over two bridges near its mouth at Long Beach. There the spreading Hamilton Bowl, a floodwater sink, overflowed and blocked the coast highway leading to San Diego.

Only one death was attributed directly to the storm, but many were injured in traffic accidents on slippery streets. Police and sheriff's deputies closed several bridges and highways as turbulent waters pounded approaches and rolled across them. Heavy snows marooned scores on mountain roads.

The storm abated briefly during the night, but resumed with force about dawn. The Weather Bureau ordered continued storm warnings.

Bidault Government Decides to Resign

PARIS — (AP) — The three-party coalition government of Prime Minister Georges Bidault decided Wednesday to resign when the French National Assembly meets Nov. 28.

The resignation is a result of last Sunday's election and will be the first formal step toward formulation of a new government. Participating in the resigning government are the Popular Republicans (MRP), Communists and Socialists.

In the election the Communists became the strongest single party, surpassing the MRP headed by Bidault. Extensive Socialist losses, however, weakened the Communist-Socialist bloc in the assembly, leaving it control of but 46 per cent of the voting power.

Springfield Councilmen Ban Pinball Machines

SPRINGFIELD — The city council Tuesday night ordered all pinball machines and punch boards removed from the city.

The order was included in a motion rejecting the application of Lawrence Ott and Eugene Beidel for pinball machine licenses.

Eugene recently passed an ordinance requiring the licensing of pinball machines. State law provides that the devices may be allowed to operate "for amusement only."

Other metals, including copper, lead and zinc, were boosted 1 1/4 to 3 1/2 cents a pound Tuesday in the first trading session since removal of OPA controls.

L. E. Osborne, vice-president of Westinghouse Electric Corp., predicted "some very moderate increases" in the price of certain electrical products.

Krug Labors To Avoid UMW Walkout Friday

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug and John L. Lewis went into an unannounced private battle late Wednesday after a day's round of coal contract conferences that involved also the owners of the seized soft coal mines.

Leaving a brief afternoon conference in which his negotiating committee also talked with the federal boss of the pits, Lewis went to his office, then returned alone to Krug's office.

By UNITED PRESS. Two more homes of non-strikers were bombed in the Hollywood movie strike Wednesday, while at Washington the government sought to avert a threatened coal mine strike Friday by getting out of the mining business.

Meanwhile, the 44-day shipping tie-up on the West Coast neared settlement. Federal conciliators hoped it would end by nightfall.

In the soft coal dispute, the government hoped to arrange an agreement between the private mine owners and John L. Lewis' AFL United Mine Workers. The mine has been under government operation since they were seized to end a strike last spring.

The mine operators were called into a conference at Washington by Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug. It was believed that the government was drawing up a settlement proposal to submit to the operators and to Lewis, who has threatened to nullify the union's contract with the government Friday if a wage settlement is not reached.

Under the union's traditional policy, abrogation of the contract would result in a strike. Under the law, the government cannot turn the mines back to private ownership until a settlement is reached.

At Hollywood, police said the bombing of two more homes was connected with the strike called by the AFL Conference of Studio Unions.

One explosion shattered the windows and splintered the front porch at the home of Paul Byrd, Columbia Studios superintendent. Three homes were bombed Tuesday. A \$5,000 reward was offered for the arrest of those responsible for the bombing of a film technician's home, imperiling the lives of his two sleeping children.

Springfield Darkened By Power Failure

ALBANY — (AP) — A burned-out generator bearing "blacked out" much of the Williamette Valley Wednesday, and scores of sawmills from Stayton to Coos Bay were forced to close down.

The Mountain States Power Co. said a bearing burned out at the Prospect generating plant, Prospect, and caused a complete power failure at 11:04 a. m. in Coos Bay, Cottage Grove, Springfield, Albany, Corvallis, Stayton, Lebanon, and Sweet Home.

Partial service was restored by 11:45, but heavy industry—chiefly sawmills—was closed for the rest of the day. Company officials said standby plants and other Prospect generators could furnish only enough power for homes, refrigeration plants, and light industry.

Industrial plants affected will receive power as soon as the generator is repaired, a job expected to take at least a day.

REDUCTION ORDERED. WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Army in a new economy measure ordered Wednesday a reduction of approximately 38,000 in the strength of ground forces in the continental United States.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, fair Wednesday but partly cloudy Wednesday night and Thursday. Little temperature change. Oregon, same, with moderate southeast wind off coast.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Tuesday, 56 degrees; low Wednesday morning, 27 degrees; 24-hour precipitation ending 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, none; total for month .86; normal for month 5.69; total since Sept. 1, 6.54; stage of Willamette River at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday, minus 1.40; prevailing wind direction and velocity at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday, North 10; prevailing Tuesday, North 8.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Thursday, 7:07 a. m. and 4:48 p. m. Friday, 7:08 a. m. and 4:57 p. m.