

# More Gas Tax Income Seen

An increased income from state gasoline tax funds can be expected by Lane County next year.

Automobile accidents and accident costs are soaring! Death tolls on the highway are headed for a new high this year. Prices of repairs are doubled in many cases. All this costs you whether or not you have an accident.

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Judge Clinton Hurd reported Friday after returning from a meeting of the Assn. of Oregon Counties in Portland.

Judge Hurd said gas revenues were up approximately 25 per cent, which means that Lane can expect approximately \$50,000 more from this source. The funds will go for county roads.

**Ask Increase**  
The judge also reported that the commissioners voted to ask a greater share in gas tax revenues.

Also back in the courthouse Friday was Commissioner Walter Holland, who participated in the session. He also met with the association of 18 counties having Oregon and California Lands Administration property, and was reelected as a member of the executive committee of the special group.

**Want Change**  
P. M. Morse, county surveyor, attended a meeting of surveyors held at the same time. He revealed

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# Police Seek Hungry Thief

City police believe the prowler who entered the home of John H. Newman at 2407 Willamette St. and ate a lunch of crackers and cheese, also entered the home of Nick Nicholson at 2024 Willamette St. and ate candy and nuts, and a bowl of jello.

The prowler entered the Newman home through a basement window sometime before 8 p.m. Thursday. Drawers in several rooms were ransacked. Missing items included a turquoise ring, two women's suit coats and a small grey suit case.

Entrance to the Nicholson home was gained by breaking a window pane in the rear door. Eight or nine ball point pens were missing from a closet. Police said the thief ate the jello with his hands, then washed them at the kitchen sink. A window screen at an empty house next door was cut, but the house apparently was not entered.

ed that the surveyors voted to ask the legislature to remove conflicts between the new and old regulations covering official surveys.

Another county official who was at the Portland meeting was Grace Schiska, treasurer. She said the treasurers discussed the effects of the county school board law and the basic school support measure passed at the Nov. 5 legislative session.

Allen Wheeler, commissioner, returned from the session Thursday.

# Oklahoma City Hit By Transit Strike

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—Tens of thousands of workers were stranded Friday by a surprise strike of street car and bus employees which came only an hour after an arbitration board had turned down street railway union demands for a 20-cent hourly wage increase.

Oklahoma Railway Union employees voted at 3 a. m. to remain "in continuous meeting" rather than accept the board's recommendations for a five cent hourly wage hike. Union officials denied that the decision to paralyze the city's street transportation system was a strike.

The sudden lack of bus and trolley service threw the city into confusion before dawn, with hundreds of would-be passengers congregating at their neighborhood car stops in ignorance of the stoppage.

# Sprigfield 4-H Girls Win Recognition

Two Springfield 4-H Club members, Phyllis Colvin and Opal Johnson, received national notice this month when their pictures appeared upon the cover of the National 4-H Club News, official magazine of the farm youth groups.

The picture shows the two young members at the state fair, presenting a sponge cake which they baked to Mrs. Earl Snell, wife of the governor.

As a result of the picture the girls have received letters from 4-H club members from as far away as Iowa.

# Two Local Men Enlist For Regular Army Duty

Two enlistments in the Regular Army were announced Friday by Sgt. Lewis T. Hammack, in charge of recruiting in the Eugene area.

They are Charles M. Maddess, 26, of 2056 Lincoln St., Eugene, who reenlisted for three years in the Army Air Force, and James O.

# Howell, 18, Son of James E. Howell of Elkton, Ore., who signed up for three years with the First Cavalry in Japan.

Maddess has three years and two months previous service, two years of it with the Army Air Force in Europe. He holds six bronze service stars and a presidential unit citation.

# Speed Above Sound Said 10 Years Off

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—The U. S. Army's plan to crack the barrier of sound with its new X-1 rocket plane next summer is doomed to disaster, Chief Test Pilot John Cunningham of the British De Havilland Aircraft Corp. said Friday.

The army's first supersonic plane was successfully test-flown only a few days ago. "I do not wish to say that this new rocket plane won't go through the wall of sound," Cunningham said. "But it is my opinion it won't. There is a vast multitude of difficulties in the way of that achievement."

He predicted it would be 10 years before any pilot in any aircraft could exceed the speed of sound—and live to tell about it. "Attainable speeds are not limited by power," he said, "but by man's ability to control the aircraft at these great speeds. The planes don't behave like planes any more when they go that fast."

"One of our British ships made a sudden full right angle turn at 620 miles an hour for no reason," Geoffrey De Havilland of our concern was killed three months ago when his De Havilland Swallow came apart for no reason at 830 miles an hour. We still don't know what happened."

# So the Colonel Was Told Off

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—A judge has warned an Army colonel in Tokyo the officer will be treated like a private unless he was joking when he called a \$10 traffic fine "extortion."

Municipal Judge John J. McMahon said he had received a \$10 check from Col. M. E. Gullion in payment for a traffic citation against the colonel's wife for going through a stop sign last September.

With the money, the colonel wrote a note which said: "... The \$10 fine, instead of the usual \$2 or \$3, is considered by me as extortion."

Replied the judge in a letter by return mail: "I hope you were only joking, colonel, because if you were not we will deal with you as you would with any private in your command who spoke to you like that."

# Shanghai Stock Mart Climbs to New Record

SHANGHAI—(AP)—The Shanghai stock market skyrocketed to an all-time high Friday as operators who have been selling short for the last two months rushed to cover outstanding positions.

At the same time, the U. S. dollar was quoted as a record high of 6400 Chinese dollars and gold bars sold at 320,000 Chinese dollars an ounce.

Two main causes were advanced for the stock market boom. One was the expected stock exchange Holiday Dec. 20 when all outstanding transactions must be completed. The other was T. V. Soong's announcement that the government soon would attempt to aid factories by extension of low-interest loans.

# Children to See Christmas Play

First performance of the Very Little Theatre Christmas play, a special adaptation of "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, due to open next Thursday evening at the VLT playhouse, will be presented in preview Thursday morning as the first feature of the year for Junior Programs, for school children of the city.

The play will be given Thursday, Dec. 19, starting at 9 a. m., at the McDonald Theater. Because of the number of children in the schools, it will be necessary to give two performances.

**Large Cast**  
The cast of 26 taking part in the VLT play includes both adults and children. Business people have arranged to be free in the morning hours.

The Junior Programs plan for furnishing worth-while entertainment to children of the city has been carried out during each of the past eight years. It was started by Mrs. Kenneth Moore. Its board is made up of several interested organizations, including the VLT, Mu Phi Epsilon and Phi Beta music groups, the Welfare League, the Parent-Teacher Assn., the American Assn. of University Women, and the public schools.

**Three Shows**  
Three performances of drama, dance or music usually are given in the course of each year, of which one usually is by a professional group brought in from outside. The high schools, the University of Oregon departments of music and drama and others have given assistance. One program is

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# Travelers Group Plans Child Christmas Party

United Commercial Travelers and auxiliary will sponsor a Christmas party for their children Saturday at 7:30 p. m. at Knights of Pythias Hall.

Each child will bring a 35-cent gift. Parents whose children can dance or sing are asked to contact the program chairman the night of the party. Santa Claus will be present with gifts and candy for children.

# Northwest's Best Turkey from Shedd

ROSEBURG—(AP)—The 42½ pound bronze adult tom belonging to Mr. and Mrs. George Arnett of Shedd, Ore., walked off with the Northwestern turkey show's grand champion live bird award here Thursday.

A 38-pound bronze adult tom, exhibited by Kenneth Smith, Sunnyside, Wash., took top honors as grand champion dressed bird. The judging climaxed the four-day show.

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