

Willamette Plan Help Said Good

SPRINGFIELD—Elmer Maxey, member of the governor's three-man Willamette Basin Commission, returned home Tuesday after attending an evening meeting in Salem Monday to discuss the April 24 Willamette Basin project hearing by the Corps of Engineers at the Eugene Armory.

The committee is cooperating with Fred Knox, Lane County project chairman, in every way possible, in helping him gather data for the hearing, Maxey said. He indicated that the commission plans a tour of the entire project sometime in May, to inspect installations and proposed installations in the light of the new testimony which will be given at the Eugene and Salem hearings.

SHIP COMING BACK

NEW YORK—G.M.-Transatlantic service of the Gdynia-America Line will be resumed with the sailing from Southampton of the motorship Batory for New York April 6 on her first post-war "maiden voyage." The ship has been reconstructed after her troop ship service during the war.

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Eugene Leads List Of Honor Students

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set, Marjory M. Fladstol, Robert B. Frazier, Russell G. Fryburg, Joanne M. Frydenlund, John Gierhart, Virginia J. Gillmore, Maurice M. Green, Gordon W. Gullion, Edythe W. Heintz, Betty J. Hillstrom, Thomas V. Hogg, Evelyn J. S. Hunt, Edward H. John, Rubye C. Johnson, Others Listed

Jack L. Kerrebrock, Arnold W. Knudsen, Elizabeth Kratt, Virgil M. Larson, Merlin V. Layne, Miriam A. McCallum, Sally A. McKinney, Malcolm D. MacGregor, Donald L. Mack, Eugene A. Maier, Orville H. Marcellus, Edgar W. Martin, Charles W. Mullaley, Jerine B. Newhouse, Ronald S. Paul, Lester D. Pederson, William L. Portle, Marjorie J. Roe, Frederic W. Rugh, Robert C. Sabin, Johnny C. Schick, Barbara C. Schreve, Martha E. Smith, Velma J. Snellstrom, Glenn H. Snyder, Ellen W. Sutherland, Frances I. Townsend, Martha V. A. Trask, Warren W. Webster, and John R. Yeager. Only other Lane County student making the list is Bonita J. Miller of Creswell.

Bus, Car Damaged In Morning Collision

An Oregon Motor Stages bus and a car driven by Eugene Fletcher, Rt. 5, were damaged when they collided at Eighth and Olive Sts. at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday.

Driver of the bus was E. H. Settle, 1371 Twenty-fourth Ave. E. No passengers were injured.

Dow-Jones Averages

Dow-Jones closing bond averages:
40 bonds 104.50, unchanged.
10 higher grade rails, 111.54, off 0.21.
10 second grade rails, 93.69, up 0.14.
10 public utilities, 104.04, up 0.10.
10 industrials, 104.74, off 0.08.

Overland Jaunt in 1914 Ford Interrupted With Car in Ditch

Thorval Emmert, 22, one of three Nebraska brothers touring the United States in a 1914 Ford auto, was in improved condition at Eugene Hospital Tuesday after being admitted in serious condition Monday night from injuries

Retiring Fire Chief Recalls Big Blazes of Former Years

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becoming fire chief and Nusbbaum assistant fire chief.

Exactly 31 years ago today, April 1, 1916, the fire department moved from its old location on Eighth Ave. E. to its present location in city hall. This structure, which now reminds some of an "old man with beard," was comparatively new then. It was built in 1903 and was used as a school-house until about 1916.

Recalls Big Ones

The fire chief recalls some "pretty big" fires during the early days of the department, considering that even a "burning haystack was something terrible."

A blaze which made history in 1909 was the burning of the Bangs Livery Stable at Broadway and Olive Sts. The late Eli Bangs had 100 head of horses in the stable when fire broke out, but every horse was turned loose and sent to safety, according to Nusbbaum.

Abe Bangs, proprietor of the Bangs Hotel, is the son of the late livery stable owner.

Badly Hurt Once

Nusbbaum was injured seriously only once during his 44 years with the fire department. That was on a rainy night before Thanksgiving in 1928. With Rex Read driving the chemical rig, and Henry Weber and Nusbbaum beside him, the three spotted a barn fire as they peered ahead to sight the blaze, they were suddenly struck by the Shasta train.

Read was killed, Weber was injured, and Nusbbaum was "pitched off" with injuries that kept him home for three months. "There was nothing left of the chemical rig but the hose and engine," he said.

Hot Blaze

One of the hottest fires recalled by Nusbbaum was the Booth-Kelly planing mill blaze at Seventeenth and Willamette Sts. in 1918. "Yes, sir," he sighed, "it got so hot it burned our hose off, and we had to move it to another hydrant two

blocks down the street." That fire also destroyed two or three homes, and melted the tar surfacing of the street.

The Fisher Laundry fire of 1915 was another "bad one." According to the chief, the laundry building at Sixteenth and Willamette Sts. was "filmy," and the heavy equipment was erected on "stilts." When the stilts burned, the equipment came tumbling down, but "strangely enough, didn't hit a single guy."

Equipment Bought

The department got a 1000-gallon American LaFrance pumper and one chemical rig in 1919. Another 1000-gallon pumper and a hook and ladder were added in 1928. A 750-gallon pumper was purchased in 1941 and a new 1000-gallon pumper has been ordered for delivery sometime this summer.

Nusbbaum has seen the department grow from a handful of volunteers with a hand-drawn hose cart to 20 regularly-paid men and ten volunteers.

He was born in Illinois in 1879, and came to Eugene at the age of 13.

Raise Walnuts

The chief has owned the yellow house across from the Southern Pacific Depot for 30 years. He thinks fishing and golfing are for old men, and that he will be plenty busy raising walnuts on his three acres of butte property after July 1.

"You won't recognize the old place when I get it fixed up. Maybe I'll even get a new fence around it this summer."

Ad Lib. (short for ad libitum) means inserting lines not in the script or score.

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P-TA's Prepare Park Sum Drive

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ards, Mary White, Ann Smith, Leora McMurphy, Leona Wilson—and the telephones are 5315 and 5316, but most of the district workers will be spared the trouble of coming downtown.

6. Before the opening of the campaign a big rally will be held at each school at which every detail of the program will be explained.

Mrs. Schmidt expressed confidence in the success of the drive, which has two big objectives—to save 120 acres in the Amazon tract for the future park program and recreation center, and immediate betterment for eight (or nine with Skinner park included) playground tracts in all parts of the area.

District leaders are preparing lists from which the Hundreds and Tens will be chosen.

Man Injured In Fall

A man identified by the ambulance driver as Roger Harris was taken to a Eugene hospital shortly after noon Tuesday for treatment following a fall down the steps which reportedly took place at Eugene Recreation, 1025 Willamette St.

Witnesses said the man was walking with crutches when the accident occurred.

The extent of his injuries was not immediately determined.

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Congressman Fear Red Coup d'Etat

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The death of King George of Greece Tuesday provoked congressional admonitions that the Greek people must guard against a Communist attempt to seize control of that country's shaky government.

The immediate reaction to the Greek monarch's death found few legislators of the opinion that it would materially affect action on President Truman's \$400,000,000 aid proposal to bulwark Greece and Turkey against Communism.

This viewpoint appeared strengthened by a report from Athens that Prince Paul, the king's brother, was to be sworn in as his successor, thus leaving the country still under the control of a monarchy.

There was no immediate comment from the White House. Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters at a morning news conference (10:30 a.m. EST) he did not know whether word of the king's death had reached President Truman by that time.

Ross declined comment on questions whether the administration would seek to make a stop-gap loan to Greece and Turkey in view of congressional delay on the President's \$400,000,000 request.

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Company Offers Arbitration Why Talk of a Strike?

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The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is still trying in every way to avoid a telephone strike.

We have offered to renew our present liberal contracts.

But the unions have made demands for large increases in wages.

In recognition that the public interest comes first and to eliminate any reason for a telephone work stoppage which would be a disaster for the public, the company has offered to submit to arbitration the question of wages which is the fundamental issue in dispute.

Telephone Wage Rates Have Been Increased 58 Percent

Telephone wage rates are now the highest in history. They have been increased on an average 58 per cent since 1941. The largest increases have been in recent years.

Since 1941 increases in wage levels totaling \$69,000,000 on an annual basis have been put in effect by this company.

These increases are in addition to millions of dollars in regularly scheduled raises given our employees. Thousands of our employees receive wage increases as often as every three months. Other thousands receive increases every six months or every year.

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three weeks depending on length of service. Sickness and death benefits, and pensions.

Union demands total about \$100,000,000 a year. This is equivalent to an increase of... \$45 per year per telephone subscriber

40 per cent increase in all telephone rates

The demands of the unions would increase the cost of providing telephone service by about \$100,000,000 a year. This comes to more than 60 per cent of this company's wage payments in 1946. It is five times our total earnings in 1946. It would make our total payroll more than all of the money we took in last year.

In terms of the average telephone bill, it amounts to \$45.00 a year for every one of 2,300,000 telephone subscribers or a 40 per cent increase in all telephone rates.

We have been bargaining cooperatively for years with the unions representing our employees—We have been doing it over recent weeks—And we are keeping the door open for whatever further meetings are necessary.

We want our employees to be well paid.

Wages that are too low are not fair to employees—who do the work.

Wages that are too high are not fair to the public—who buy the service.

We believe that our offer of arbitration would be fair to everyone. There is no excuse for a telephone strike.

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