

## Rent Increase Action Delayed

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requested blanket increases ranging from 15 to 50 per cent to offset this.

Of about 30 persons jammed into the rent control offices at 507 Willamette, an estimated 25 were landlords.

One of the few tenants declared that rents between 1941 and 1944

(when controls were first put on here) rose from 50 to 200 per cent. He said that although ceilings had been imposed since 1944 the previous increase should, in his opinion, offset subsequent cost increases.

Both the League of Women Voters and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3 submitted oral and written statements opposing blanket increases but favoring "adequate and just consideration of all individual cases."

It was brought out at the meeting that only 12 letters had been received as a result of a survey conducted by the rent of-

fice. Six of the letters were in answer to questionnaires sent to 38 individual civic, veteran and labor groups. The remainder were volunteered by interested parties.

Only one of the letters contained actual statistics showing a breakdown of costs in 1947 compared to earlier years.

At least a half-dozen of the questionnaires were not considered by that number of groups contacted through the survey letters, according to statements of members present at the hearing.

When E. H. Peterson, chairman, read the list of 38 organizations in an attempt to find whether the groups had sent personal representatives rather than letters, members of several organizations declared the matter never had been brought up for consideration.

## Uno Leppanen

Uno Leppanen, 55, Reedsport machine shop operator for the past 27 years, died Tuesday at his home following a short illness. He had been in a hospital for pneumonia.

Born in Finland, he came to the United States in 1910, and was married in 1913 when his wife arrived from Finland. They moved to Florence, and to Reedsport in 1918.

Surviving are his widow, the former Ellen Sollo, Reedsport; two sons, Leo, Eugene, and Paul, Oakland, Calif.; and a grandson, Stephen.

Funeral services will be announced after arrival of relatives.

## P-TA TO MEET

Springfield Junior High School

P-TA will meet Thursday at 8 p. m. for potluck supper at the school building. The business meeting and program will begin at 8 p. m. with Miss Gertrude Branthover, health education instructor, who will explain Oregon's health education program and its social hygiene content. She will show a movie "Human Growth," a film on reproduction. A nursery will be provided during the meeting for small children.

## DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Dow-Jones closing bond averages:  
40 bonds 97.90, off 0.07.  
10 higher grade rails 101.84, off 0.07.  
10 second grade rails 87.45, off 0.15.  
10 public utilities 101.79, off 0.01.  
10 industrials 100.50, off 0.06.

The first iron boat was built in Europe in 1787.

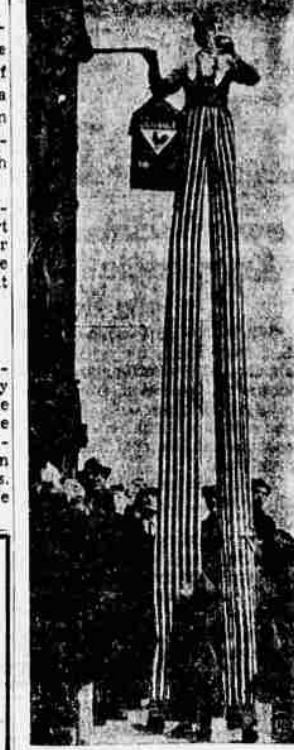
## Ho Hum Department

PORTLAND—(AP)—Three Portlanders—who by coincidence are connected with the chamber of commerce—said they would fly a rain-making Indian from Warm Springs Reservation to Los Angeles to help break the drought there.

It was not immediately explained how come rain-short Warm Springs has a rain-maker who might be able to deliver the goods at Los Angeles and not at home.

## BIOLOGIST TO TALK

Dr. I. M. Newell, assistant professor of biology in the University of Oregon, will speak on "Marine Zoogeographic Problems of the Pacific Coast" at the biology seminar Friday, Jan. 23, at 4 p. m. in 105 Deady Hall, on the campus. The meeting will be open to the public.



Harry Sloan, still-walking champion of the world, stops at a pub in Harringay, England, for a glass of beer—and get's it from second-story window. Sloan started as a circus performer when he was 8 years old and gradually worked up to the 22-foot stilts he's pictured using.

## Poor Lil' Burglar

CARLISLE, Pa.—(AP)—This intruder didn't give himself a ghost of a chance.

Not only did he pick a house where 11 state policemen were quartered, but in entering a window upset a stack of dishes and then fled leaving behind his jacket conveniently bearing his name and address. His name was not disclosed.

## Extortion Letter Brings Arrest

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Mrs. Jane Bean, 20, was indicted Wednesday on charges of sending an extortion letter through the mail to Actress Betty Grable.

Mrs. Bean, who came here recently from Kaufman, Tex., was arrested two weeks ago by FBI agents who charged she sent a letter threatening to kidnap Miss Grable's seven-month old daughter, Jessica, unless the actress paid \$5000.

She was held in jail in lieu of \$1000 bail.

## CIO RIFT REPORTED

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Informed sources said Thursday CIO President Philip Murray and Harry Bridges, have differed so sharply over the third party issue that the West Coast union leader will be ousted as director of the CIO for northern California.

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