

Federal Road Aid Approved

Sen. Wayne Morse informed the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Wednesday by telegram that a bill granting funds for federal aid to highway work passed Congress in the closing hours.

It now awaits signature or rejection by President Truman. Text of the wire was as follows: "Supplemental Federal Aid Road Act (HR-5888) as it was finally approved by both houses carried 450 million dollars for primary, secondary and urban roads. In addition to this, carried the following items: twenty million for forest roads; seventeen million,

Penny Candy Hits Comeback Trail

NEW YORK (AP)—Penny candy, favorite fare of the small fry, is making a postwar comeback—but it sometimes costs two cents. That's what the 65th convention of the National Confectioners Association heard Wednesday from George F. Dudick, of the Commerce Department food section. "During 1947, the tide finally turned for penny goods," Dudick told the candy makers.

Americans ate an average of about 18 pounds of candy a person last year. Dudick said this was "two to three pounds per person greater than prewar." 500 thousand for forest trails; ten million for park roads; ten million for parkways; and six million for Indian roads."

Airport Need Faces Official

PORTLAND (AP)—Major airlines are considering what to do about operating from Portland until floodwaters leave Portland-Columbia airport, but have come up with no final answers. At a meeting Tuesday a move from Salem to the Troutdale airport was discussed, but need of improvements at the latter field were pointed out as a delaying factor.

E. S. Moroney, operations manager for United Air Lines, said inconvenience of operating from Salem was cutting into short-haul business. He estimated it would be three months before the company could return to Portland-Columbia airport.

The meeting was intended primarily to discuss long-range airport plans. The possibility of selecting another site, suitable for use by planes larger than now employed, was canvassed. Bill March of Western Airlines said a second airport would take months to plan. It should be projected to take care of needs for 25 years, he said.

Edwin C. Dwyer, commissioner of the port of Portland which controls Portland-Columbia airport, said no plans are afoot for extensive improvements but he said the field will be cleared as soon as water leaves. He added he assumed dikes would be strengthened.

Springfield Teacher Gets Stanford Degree

Mrs. L. C. Dunn, teacher at Springfield High, recently returned from a trip to the Bay region of California where she received her master's degree in education at Stanford University. Mrs. Dunn took the trip with her husband.

A University of Oregon graduate, she has been working on her master's over a period of several summer sessions at Stanford, the last one being in 1946. She completed her thesis this past year, and was awarded the degree at graduation exercises June 13.

Her thesis topic was "Bibliographies for the 25 literature units in language Arts Course of Study for High Schools in Oregon." The State Board of Education plans to reprint a sizeable portion of her manuscript in its manual on language arts study sometime this year.

Gas Explosion Razes Store, Injures 19

WINCHESTER, Va. (AP)—An explosion destroyed a three-story department store building here Wednesday and hospitalized attendants said 19 persons were injured. No deaths were reported. Officers said rescue workers were digging through the rubble to see if other persons were trapped there.

Hospital Administrator Homer E. Alberti said most injuries were burns. Police sergeant Warren Rudolph said the explosion was believed to have been caused by gas.

The explosion collapsed ceiling beams on the ground floor and blew windows out of the entire building.

India's Governorship

NEW DELHI (AP)—India's first native governor general was sworn into office Tuesday, completing the last step to self-rule in this British dominion.

Amid Oriental pomp, 69-year-old Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, Hindu lawyer and politician, assumed the governor generalship.

He succeeded Britain's Lord Mountbatten, to whom some 100,

Candidacies Thought Over

Ray E. Allen, councilman from Eugene's third ward — north of Broadway and west of Willamette — Wednesday announced that he is undecided whether he will stand for reelection to the council in the November election.

Allen was out of the city Tuesday when Mayor Earl L. McNutt and Councilmen E. F. Bailey and P. J. Hanns announced that they will not be candidates to succeed themselves. On his return, Allen remarked that he had not made up his mind about running again.

"The job requires a great deal of time," Allen noted, "and I have wished that I had more time to give to it."

Tuesday's comments also included a statement from V. Edwin Johnson, fourth ward councilman, that he is undecided about running for reelection.

Bailey and Hanns now represent the first and second wards, respectively.

Cost of Living Highest in May

WASHINGTON (AP)—The cost of living hit a new all-time high last May 15, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

In its regular monthly summary of the retail price situation, the department said consumer prices jumped 0.7 per cent between mid-April and mid-May. Although the department has no accurate figures on retail prices since May 15, indications are that living costs have continued to rise.

On May 15, the department said, retail prices were 72.9 per cent higher than the 1939 average and nearly 30 per cent above June, 1946, when most price controls were abandoned.

According to the department, retail food prices went up 1.4 per cent between mid-April and mid-May; clothing increased 0.6 per cent; rents were 0.3 per cent higher and fuel prices rose 0.8 per cent. Only house furnishings decreased in price. They averaged 0.6 per cent lower on May 15 than a month earlier.

Government Orders New Rail Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House Wednesday called new conferences in an effort to settle the deadlocked railroad labor dispute.

Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman summoned leaders of the three unions involved to secret conferences at his White House office.

It was understood Steelman is trying to find a basis for new joint labor-management negotiations to iron out the dispute which nearly touched off a nationwide rail strike last May 11.

000 Indians bade farewell publicly

and with affection Monday. The new governor general, known affectionately as "C.R.," was a confidante and close friend of the late Mohandas K. Gandhi, India's assassinated religious leader. His daughter married Gandhi's son, Devadas.

Lana Turner? Frankie Boy? — Small Stuff

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bubble gum poppers and swooning bobby soxers won't be around Wednesday night when the Southern California chapter of the National Society of Autograph Collectors is organized.

These people represent the ultra ultra in autograph collecting. They don't bite, gouge or kick to get Frank Sinatra's signature in their little red book. They go after rarer stuff.

Justin G. Turner, one of the organizers, exhibits an original document signed in 1647 by one Myles Standish. That's what makes these folks drool. Turner wouldn't trade that one for two Bing Crosbys and a Lana Turner—signatures, that is.

Mama-in-Law Draws Praise

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Helena M. Cichirillo agreed Wednesday that her mother-in-law was one in a million.

Helena got an annulment Tuesday of her marriage to Mario J. Cichirillo on testimony he left her at his mother's house after their wedding, last September and moved away. He said he "was in doubt whether to go through with this marriage," she declared.

The mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Cichirillo, was in court ready to corroborate the whole story. "I don't know what was the matter with my son," she said.

What's more, she'll be on hand next Sunday when Helena marries again — this time to the elder Mrs. Cichirillo's godson, John Canzoneri.

He, too, was waiting in the courtroom during the annulment proceedings — with a diamond engagement ring in his pocket.

Willamette Forest Timber Sale Coming

Five hundred thousand board feet of timber will be auctioned off by the Willamette National Forest Service Thursday afternoon. The auction will be held at the Forest Service office in the postoffice building at 2 p.m.

The sale, known as the Andy Creek salvage sale, is composed largely of Douglas fir. It has been logged before. Appraised value of the timber is \$1 per thousand board feet.

The stand covers 76 acres, and is located 37 miles southeast of Springfield on the Fall Creek Drainage.

Maude L. New

Maude L. New, 72, Harrisburg, died at a local hospital Monday. She was born in Washington County, Kans., Aug. 18, 1875.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew; one son, Charles E. James, Harrisburg; one grandson; and two brothers, Robert Bond, Topeka, Kansas, and William Bond, Denver, Colo.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a. m. at the Sherman Funeral Home, Harrisburg, with Rev. Kenneth Abbott officiating. Vault entombment will be at the Portland Crematorium.

RIOT IN ATHENS

ATHENS (AP)—Press reports said guards killed 11 prisoners during a riot of 500 inmates of Naouflon prison Tuesday. While some prisoners were being transferred, one threw a grenade which

Injured a guard. Gunfire broke out.

Development of sleeping sickness in French Equatorial Africa is believed to have killed six million people in eight years.



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Israel Sent U.S. Delegate

WASHINGTON (AP)—James G. MacDonald of New York made plans Wednesday to take up his new diplomatic duties as first American representative to Israel.

President Truman announced MacDonald's appointment Tuesday night, and said that Elihu Epstein would be the first diplomatic representative here for the provisional state of Israel.

MacDonald and Epstein were designated "special representatives" during the interim period. Discussions will be held later between the two countries to determine when the present arrangement will be changed to legation or embassy status. The U.S. so far has accorded only de facto recognition to Israel.

MacDonald, a native of Coldwater, O., is a former member of the editorial staff of the New York Times. He has been a news analyst and adviser on postwar problems for the Blue Network. He was a member of the Anglo-American inquiry commission on Palestine in 1946. He resides at Bronxville, N.Y.

Bartle Takes Seat As District Judge

Eugene Attorney William W. Bartle is serving this week as judge pro-tem in district court while Judge Chester N. Anderson is on vacation. Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth announced Thursday.

Under the provision of last year's law which established Eugene's district court, the circuit judge is authorized to appoint temporary judges in the event of vacancy on the district bench.

Judge Anderson is visiting in South Dakota and will return late next week.

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