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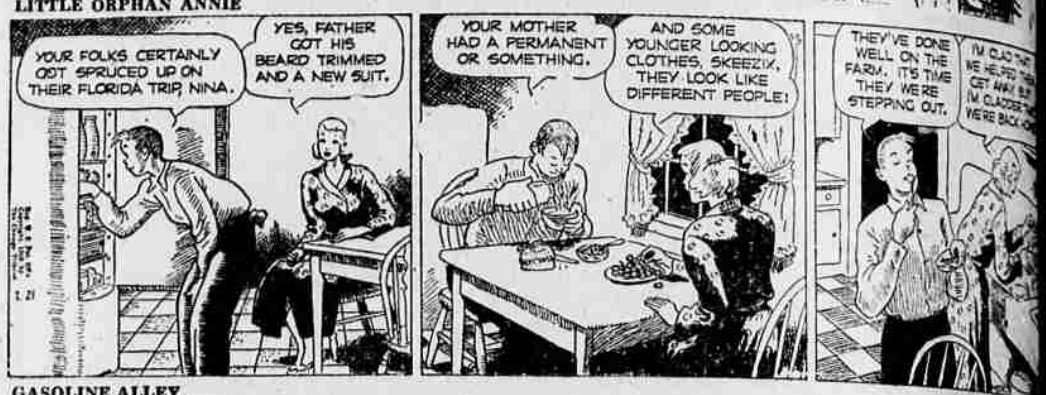

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Oleo Bill Defeated

Senate Votes 22-6 To Kill Measure

SALEM — (AP) — The bill to allow sale of colored oleomargarine was killed 22 to 6 in the Oregon Senate today.

Sponsors of the bill argued it would help the housewife so she wouldn't have to color her own margarine. But opponents said the bill would ruin Oregon's dairy industry, and would result in increased margarine prices.

Sen. Paul Patterson, Hillsboro, denying that "the legislature is under the dairy industry's thumb," declared the bill would cost Oregon's dairy industry $4,200,000 a year.

Patterson said that during the war, consumption of oleomargarine doubled, causing a serious decline in the number of dairy cows.

"We're asking that oleomargarine go to the housewife for just what it is—a substitute for butter," Patterson said.

Anything but Yellow

"There is one natural trademark that nature gave to butter, which is it's color. We don't care if they color it blue, black, red, green or brown, but to color it yellow is a fraud upon the public."

He said that in Texas, colored oleo sells for the same price as butter.

'Poor Man's' Butter

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, author of the bill, said "Oleo is the poor man's butter. This bill is only one little item in the nationwide battle to reduce prices."

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland Democrat, said sale of other kinds of colored products is permitted, such as ketchup and chili sauce, and that oleo should get the same treatment. He charged that to prohibit sale of colored oleo is giving the dairy industry a subsidy.

They Vote Yes

Senators voting to allow sale of oleo are: Jack Bain, Portland; Allan Carson, Salem; Austin Flegel, Portland; Mahoney; Neuberger, and Irving Rand, Portland.

Rep. M. Langdon, chairman of the House Highway Committee, recommended that the state loan between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000 to the counties to repair roads which have been damaged by recent freezing rains.

He said the loans could be taken from the proposed one-cent a gallon gasoline tax increase. This increase would produce $9,000,000 a year.

Langdon said the counties could pay the money back over a period of years.

Agriculture Bill Eyed

The House opened debate today to a bill to take away the governor's power to appoint the director of agriculture, and let him be appointed by the state board of agriculture.

The House Agriculture Committee recommended passage of the bill by a 10 to 1 margin.

Rep. Howard D. Morgan, Portland Democrat, said the grange and farmer's union oppose the bill, charging that "pressure groups" want it passed.

PO Asks Boost In Postal Rates

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson asked Congress Monday to hike postal rates. The increases would meet an estimated 1949 department deficit of $526,000,000.

Donaldson said second and third class mail rates are "particularly inadequate."

In a letter to House Speaker Sam Rayburn, Donaldson reported that Post Office operational costs have climbed $800,000,000 since 1945.

Salary raises of $625,000,000 and transportation cost increases of $100,000,000 account for the bulk of the growing deficit, he said.

The 1949 estimated decifit is $217,000,000 above that for 1948, despite added revenue of $78,000,000 from recent increases in air mail rates.

His letter accompanied a draft of a proposed bill setting up new rates.

Martin Says No New Taxes

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House Republican Leader Martin predicted flatly today that Congress will not increase taxes this year. He voiced doubt, too, that President Truman will get the new economic controls he is asking for.

A tax reduction is more likely than a tax increase, Martin said.

He is author of a bill proposing to cut excise levies—on such things as furs, luggage, jewelry, transportation, communications—back to their pre-war rates.

"If there is any tax bill I believe it will be mine," he told reporters.

Turning to economic controls, he said:

"While I have not canvassed the situation, in view of the general economic situation, I do not believe it is likely that Congress will pass new controls."

Mr. Truman has asked for standby price, wage and allocation controls, and power for the government to expand industrial facilities.

The congressional economic committee will have by next Monday its decision on what Congress should do about these requests.

SEIMOLOGIST DIES

PALO ALTO, Calif.—(AP)—The man who predicted the disastrous Santa Barbara earthquake of 1925 is dead. He was Dr. Bailey Willis, 91, known internationally as a seismologist and geologist and to thousands of Stanford University students as "Earthquake" Willis.

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Just Call Us 'Bert'

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Well-wishers please note: Mr. and Mrs. Albert O. Dietrich have named their eighth son Philbert.

On Saturday the public learned Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich were searching for a name for the newly born brother of Norbert, Albert, Robert, Hubert, Herbert, Wilbert and Gilbert Dietrich.

The news got around and the Dietrichs were swamped with telephone calls and telgrams offering suggestions.

"Just tell everyone he's going to be named Philbert when he's baptized next Sunday."

Bomb Defense Plans Laid

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission told Congress Monday it is preparing detailed plans for the defense of the nation against atomic bomb attack.

Commission Manager Carroll L. Wilson said the commission is preparing a detailed report on the best method of atomic defense. He said the commission is working in close cooperation with the national military establishment.

Part of the plan is to place personnel trained in the use of Geiger counters at strategic points throughout the nation. These counters are used to detect radioactivity.

Wilson said there already is a stockpile of these Geiger counters at Oak Ridge, Tenn., scene of a major atomic energy plant.

Wilson did not indicate when the report would be ready.

Judge Warns Union Students

LA GRANDE —(U.P.)— Circuit Court Judge R. J. Green has warned the youth of Union, to suppress a three year "epidemic" of pranks.

Green issued the warning after imposing, then remitting, a $50 fine on Union High School Teacher Vernal McCauley, who was found guilty last wek of simple assault. McCauley was tried following the Halloween shotgun wounding of student Larry Marshal Wilson.

Green said McCauley had been "harassed, annoyed and tantalized, possibly to the point where better judgment was swept away," then, addressing Union students in general, added:

"There have been cases where Union boys have thrown rocks into a man's home at night. This court will never tolerate that kind of conduct.

McCauley's home was violated, and other homes have been violated repeatedly. In another case, boys practically ruined two cars by smearing them with grease. Such conduct will lead only to jail."

Portland Printer Dies

PORTLAND—(AP)— John Henry Knight, 68, veteran Oregonian printer, died suddenly of a heart ailment Sunday.

Survivors include the widow, a daughter, a son, and a sister, Mrs. Edith Knight Hill, who writes an advice column in the Oregonian under the pseudonym "Marian Miller."

MINDSZENTY APPEALS

BUDAPEST — (U.P.) — Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty has made a new appeal from prison to make peace with the Hungarian government, well informed circles said Monday.

Funds Prepared To Fight Floods

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Steps began Monday to get a $25,000,000 fund from Congress to fight floods expected in the wake of the West's record winter.

They coincided with House plans to rush through legislation making $44,000,000 in loan funds available for farmers and stockmen who have suffered heavy losses in western blizzards.

To Ask Amount

Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royal estimated a $25,000,000 flood fund would be needed by Army Engineers. Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N Mex) said he would ask the Senate Appropriations Committee for that amount at a hearing Wednesday.

Army Engineers already have sought $22,500,000 for flood work. Chavez said the extra $2,500,000 would be for Columbia River flood damage repairs.

Royal said "Operation Snowbound" to relieve the storm-crippled areas already has cost the armed forces $5,000,000. But he said operations had been curtailed in Nebraska, South Dakota, Arizona and Nevada and may be wound up altogether by March 1.

Step-Up Operations

New blizzards forced a step-up in operations in Idaho, Wyoming and North Dakota. He said planes had dropped 4,560 tons of cattle feed and emergency supplies since Jan. 24.

But he said a few days of good weather should allow operations to be closed in most of the disaster areas.

He said Army Engineers already have asked a $22,500,000 emergency appropriation to fight floods expected to gush down the Missouri, Mississippi and other river basins when the heavy snows melt.

Little House opposition was expected on the farm relief bill.

Merci Train Arrives At Salem for State

SALEM —(AP)— Oregon legislative and state officials joined with Marion County officers here Monday to accept the Oregon French "Merci" railroad car.

Governor Douglas McKay was presented with a vase from the president of France. Pierre Henri le Nail, French vice consul at San Francisco, made the presentation before ah overflow crowd in the capital rotunda.

One Merci car has been sent to each state in appreciation of gifts sent to France by American Friendship trains. The gifts in the Merci car include books, paintings, war mementoes and work of French school children. The gifts are being displayed in the rotunda.

"Shaking Doors"

COTTAGE GROVE—Don Wickendoll, who was authorized by the mayor and city council to start a merchant patrol system, started "shaking doors" Friday night, Feb. 11. Wickendoll stated Thursday that he is working individually for 48 local merchants and expects the number to increase.

VENETA EIGHTH GRADER DONATES PET TO U. OF O.

VENETA — Chester Keith of Veneta has donated his "Rubber Boa" or Charina Botae snake, which he found about a mile south of Veneta last fall, to the University of Oregon Museum of Natural Arts.

Chester has had the snake at school until now, for his eight grade fellow students and teacher, Mrs. Tom Johnson, to study.

The two-and-a-half foot brown snake appears harmless, and eats only slugs.

French Underwriters Go on Strike

PARIS —(AP)— Undertakers all over France went on strike Monday, except in Paris.

Emergency services were maintained, but only the simplest class of funeral was performed by private undertakers. About 8500 employees were affected outside the capital, where the city government has a monopoly of burials. Municipal service in other cities also continued to function.

Negotiations between unions and employers deadlocked Saturday when the government refused an increase in funeral rates. Without the increase, the employers said, they could not give the raises demanded by the employees.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

Dow Jones closing bond averages:

40 bonds 99.00, off 0.18.

10 higher grade rails 103.26, off 0.15.

10 second grade rails 87.97, off 0.47.

10 public utils 103.41, off 0.08.

10 inds 101.37, off 0.04.

Dow-Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials 174.19, off 0.34; 20 railroads 48.67, off 0.32; 15 utilities 34.75, up 0.20, and 65 stocks 62.96, off 0.10.

Volume was 560,000 shares compared with 690,000 last Friday.

PASS THE KETCHUP

OLYMPIA, Wash.—(AP)—Olympia police are looking for a hungry man.

They report he dashed into a local cafe, snatched a hamburger steak off the plate of a paying customer, and scooted out the door.

He was last seen running south towards the Capitol, gnawing at the steak as he ran.