

West Europe United, Truman Asserts

Heated Talks Mark City Meeting, With Water Topic Aired

The new city commission, to take office January 3, will make the decision on acquisition of Tumalo irrigation district tracts, with appurtenant water rights.

This was decided Wednesday evening at the concluding session of the old commission, following heated and at times acrimonious discussion of the option taken from Alva C. Goodrich and Robert H. Foley, and submission of a report by Ross Farnham, city attorney, giving detailed information concerning all Tumalo district water options now held by the city.

During the course of discussion it was brought out that Goodrich and Foley Tuesday deeded back to M. A. Piercy 50 acres of the 80-acre parcel under option, and now are not in a position to fulfill terms of the city's option.

On completion, the city of Bend will have at least one street light for every two blocks, Cuthbertson explained. The commission also authorized extension of its ban on overnight parking along Newport, from the east end of the bridge to a connection with present parking meters. This is to facilitate street cleaning and snow removal, it was explained. Parking will be permitted for one hour only, in the prescribed area, between the hours of 2 and 8 a.m.

Commissioner W. J. Baer, who at the December 6 commission meeting charged irregularities in connection with the Goodrich and Foley option, with resultant commission instruction that the city attorney check the records, renewed his charges last night.

"I demand that this contract be held up until Piercy can be heard," Baer said. "Piercy has retained Casey Brewster to represent him. Piercy was to have been here tonight."

A letter from Brewster was introduced, by Goodrich, showing that a settlement had been reached with Piercy, in which Goodrich and Foley have deeded back to Piercy 50 acres of the 80 acres under option. Brewster's letter, and a copy of the deed, the latter received for the record Dec. 20.

Highway Bond Issue Advocated

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP) — Ben Chandler of Coos Bay, chairman of the state highway commission, said today the legislature should approve a \$75,000,000 bond issue for improvement of Oregon's primary highways.

Chandler discussed the issue at the close of the commission's meeting here yesterday. The proposal had already been made by the legislative interim committee.

Chandler named highways which would get a major share of the funds raised through sale of bonds as follows:

- Columbia river highway (US 30)
The Dalles-California highway (US 97)
Pacific highway (US 99)
Oregon Coast highway (US 101)
Glenwood-North Plains highway (US 20)

The chairman said approval of the bond issue would mean the roads could be put in "pretty good shape" in five years.

Four Workmen Killed in Blast

Reedsport, Dec. 21 (AP) — Four workmen died and one was injured seriously yesterday when a premature blast dislodged more than 20,000 tons of rock in a quarry.

Recovery operations proceeded with caution early today because workmen feared another crushing slide.

The men buried in the slide were George Kleut, about 65, Reedsport; John Doyle, 31, Reedsport; and Norman Astley, 24, Portland, Ore.

Charles Whitney, 48, Tacoma, Wash., died at a hospital of injuries suffered in the blast. J. M. Peterson, 42, Butte, Mont., suffered fractured vertebrae but was expected to recover.

A 200-foot bluff at the edge of a quarry split wide open when the unexpected blast rocked the ground. A greater slide followed almost instantly, sending tons of rock cascading to earth.

Fire Department Gets New Pumper



Ordered by the city last summer, a new auxiliary pumper was received by the Bend fire department yesterday and is now in service. The pumper, at left, is pictured beside the department's oldest outfit, a pumper purchased in 1918.

Christmas Music Program Scheduled Here Tomorrow In High School Gymnasium

Christmas music, popular and traditional, will be presented by orchestras, choruses and ensembles, at the 15th annual Christmas program to be given by the high school music department, Friday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The program is presented free of charge as a public service by the board of education of the public schools of Bend.

Don P. Pence, director of music education, is in charge of the program, assisted by Joseph T. Haugen and Earl C. Roarig, associate music directors.

The program will open with an overture by J. Tobani, "Around the Christmas Tree," by the high school orchestra. The string orchestra will follow with a presentation of "Marionettes," by Isaac.

A girls' sextet will sing "The Sleigh," Kountz-Bidwin, and the senior girls' chorus will sing "Edolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," by Marks. The madrigal choir will sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas," Siday-Hoggard, with Mary Lou Hudson and Christine Ryman as accompanists.

The junior choir, with Alice Valtchka as accompanist, will sing "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," Coots, and "Winter Wonderland," Bernard-Alnaud.

The junior boys' glee club will sing the old Welsh air, "Deck the Halls," and a senior girls' trio will sing the Irving Berlin favorite, "White Christmas."

Numbers by the senior girls' chorus, with Earl Roarig as accompanist, will be "In David's Town," Moore, and "In Bethlehem's Lowly Manger," Williams.

Choir Numbers Slated Final group in the first half of (Continued on Page 8)

Madras Woman Dies in Bend Floretta Lorraine Thielman, 50, a resident of Madras for the past 12 years, died this morning at St. Charles hospital, where she had been a patient since yesterday. She had been in ill health for some time, and had recently returned from Portland, where she had been under a doctor's care.

Mrs. Thielman was a native of Sturgeon Lake, Minn. She is survived by her husband, Roy, Madras; her mother, Mary Swantek, Sturgeon Lake, and two sisters and a brother: Mrs. Edward Verneer, Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. Paul Kolosky and Paul Swantek, Sturgeon Lake.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed today.

CONTROLS CONSIDERED London, Dec. 21 (AP) — The British government may reimpose drastic wartime economic controls, including a civilian labor draft, to maintain the rearmament program, an authoritative source said today.

Prime minister Clement Attlee's cabinet will meet Dec. 28 to consider whether the controls are necessary. The source said.

STORES OPEN TONIGHT Bend stores will remain open tonight and Friday night for the convenience of Christmas shoppers who have not completed their purchases. Many stores are offering pre-Christmas specials between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. Stores will close Saturday at the regular time.

SALEM JUDGE DIES Salem, Dec. 21 (AP) — Marlon county Judge Grant Murphy died late Wednesday at a Salem hospital where he had been taken after a heart attack. He was 65 years old.

Murphy, a native of Marion county, was appointed county judge by Gov. Charles A. Sprague in May of 1941 after the death of Judge LeRoy Hewlett. Murphy was re-elected to six-year terms in 1942 and 1948.

Judge Murphy was instrumental in completion of the new bridge across the Willamette river at Independence and led in a program of road oiling and the construction of two new ferries.

New Pumper Reaches Bend, Put in Service

A new Bend fire department pumper, ordered last summer and received yesterday, was placed in service here today, providing additional protection for this widely sprawled city that is divided by the Deschutes river. The new machine, a pumper built on a Ford chassis by the Howard-Cooper firm of Portland, has a 145 horsepower engine and carries a 500 gallon water tank.

Overshadowed by the department's big Mack truck, placed in service two years ago, the new pumper will largely be used on still alarm runs and brush fires.

LeRoy Fox, Bend fire chief, indicated the pumper carries the department's first aluminum ladders. One of these is a roof ladder and two are extension ladders. Also carried are booster lines and 2 1/2 inch lines. The pumper will carry about 800 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose.

Has Special Pump The new rig also has a Hale three-stage pump, providing pressure, volume or high pressure, as desired. The pumper was tested yesterday by a representative of the Oregon fire insurance rating bureau.

Yesterday afternoon, the new outfit was posed for a picture with the department's oldest pumper, the LaFrance purchased in 1918. This old pumper has been retired, but is still available in an emergency.

Lined up and ready for action in the fire hall now are the big Mack truck, the Seagrave, the new Ford truck, the Pirsch purchased in 1926, and the hook and ladder outfit, with the old LaFrance in the background.

Welfare Costs For Month Given Olive Jameson, Deschutes county welfare administrator, announced at a meeting of the welfare commission last night that welfare expenditures for the month of November had totaled \$19,309.94.

The expenditures were divided as follows: 99 cases of general assistance, \$3,499.94; 211 cases of old age assistance, \$11,234; two cases of aid to the blind, \$106; 36 cases of aid to dependent children, \$3,715; and 15 cases of aid to permanently and totally disabled, \$755.

The October expenditures, she noted, totaled \$18,515.68 and the expenditures for November, 1949, were \$15,893.73.

5 KILLED BY TRAIN Grandville, Mich., Dec. 21 (AP) — A mother and four of her children were killed by a train as they returned from Christmas shopping last night.

The locomotive struck the auto of Mrs. B. B. Smith on a downtown grade crossing in view of scores of shoppers. A fifth child, nine-year-old Leroy Smith, was critically injured.

Leroy told hospital attendants in Grand Rapids, Mich., that his mother had taken him and his three brothers and one sister, on a shopping trip. He said they were on their way home to Jenison, Mich., when the Chesapeake and Ohio freight train hit the car.

Herbert Hoover Demands U.S. Concentration on Defense Of Homeland; GOP Applauds

New York, Dec. 21 (AP) — Former president Herbert Hoover rallied leading republican senators today behind his call for a new United States foreign policy, concentrating on defense of the western hemisphere.

Mr. Hoover said in a nation-wide radio-television broadcast last night that the U.S. has lost the war in Korea and its duty now is to build a gigantic navy and air force, keeping ground armies at a minimum, to keep this nation the "Gibraltar of western civilization."

"Before we lend another man or dollar" in Europe the United States should see if the nations of Europe can organize their own military and economic defenses because the responsibility is primarily theirs, he said.

He proposed that the United States undertake to defend by sea and air power frontiers from Great Britain on the Atlantic side to island outposts of Japan, Formosa and the Philippines in the Pacific.

"We shall not fail in this, even if we have to stand alone," he said.

Not Isolationism Mr. Hoover said his demand for a new foreign policy was just the opposite of "isolationism."

Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., said in Washington that the speech probably would lay Mr. Hoover open to isolationist charges. Taft said, however, that he agreed with "many of the general principles" he states. Mr. Hoover presents very forcibly a point of view which should have the immediate concern of congress.

The ex-president "exactly expressed my sentiments," senate GOP leader Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb., said. Sen. Homer Capehart, R., Ind., said he agreed with Mr. Hoover "100 per cent."

Opposing the former president's stand was Rep. Melvin Price, D., Ill., who said Mr. Hoover's reasoning easily could lead to a rebirth of isolationism. Rep. James Wadsworth, R., N.Y., also took issue with Mr. Hoover.

The only living ex-president of the United States wrote off United Nations chances of winning the war in Korea. He said he saw no chance "at the present time" of achieving victory there.

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Bridge Blown Up U. S. combat engineers blew up the last bridge into the Hungnam beachhead with three tons of dynamite at 4:20 p. m. (2:20 a. m. EST) Wednesday, another delayed front dispatch disclosed.

Two spans of the 400-yard concrete bridge, linking Hungnam with abandoned Yonpo airport tumbled into the frozen river and the rest was left a charred, twisted wreck.

United Press war correspondent Jack Burby reported that Lt. Larry Wall of Chicago and a squad of 10 men laid the dynamite that did the job probably within sights of groups of communist soldiers scattered about the Hungnam plain.

An around-the-clock land, sea and air bombardment still was preventing the communists from attempting more than light probing attacks, and even these were becoming fewer and more feeble.

Girard Davidson Resigns Position Washington, Dec. 21 (AP) — C. Girard Davidson of Portland, Ore., today resigned as assistant secretary of the interior and said he would return to his hometown to resume law practice.

Davidson, 40, handed his resignation to President Truman at noon today. The chief executive gave Davidson a letter of regretful acceptance.

Both Mr. Truman and Interior secretary Oscar H. Chapman urged Davidson to continue in the government service as a private consultant, working with public and private agencies and individuals in the Pacific northwest for formulation of a single-unified plan for development of the region's great power resources for defense purposes.

Davidson assured the president and Chapman that he would be available whenever called as a consultant.

BERGDOLL SENTENCED New York, Dec. 21 (AP) — Alfred Bergdoll, 23-year-old son of the notorious world war I draft dodger, was sentenced to five years in prison today for evading military service.

Judge Sylvester J. Ryan called him "the object of scorn and contempt, particularly of the men and women of your generation."

Ryan imposed the maximum sentence of 5 years on each of two counts, to be served concurrently.

Joint Defense Program Held Vital to U. S.

By Donald J. Gonzales United Press Staff Correspondent Washington, Dec. 21 (AP) — President Truman said today the western European countries have shown they "mean business" in a common defense against communism which is "vital to their security and to ours."

His statement followed a talk with secretary of state Dean Acheson, who reported to him on the Brussels conference of North Atlantic countries. The Brussels meeting set up plans for a 1,000,000-man European defense force, headed by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mr. Truman said he agreed fully with Acheson that the spirit shown at Brussels justifies the confidence "that the free states of Europe mean business about setting up our common defense system."

"Let there be no mistake about it," he added, "the unity of the nations of Western Europe and of the North Atlantic area is vital to their security and ours."

Mr. Truman said the troops will be training together "with in the next few weeks." The force will include German troops.

The President talked at some length with Acheson just before the luncheon hour today and after the meeting, issued this statement:

Statement Quoted "The secretary of state this morning gave me a full report of his meeting in Brussels with the foreign ministers and defense ministers of the North Atlantic treaty countries.

"I was greatly encouraged to hear from the secretary of state the serious way in which the representatives of the North Atlantic countries want the job of bringing to life the military and economic agencies of the North Atlantic communities.

"The secretary reported that the appointment of General Eisenhower as supreme allied commander, Europe, greatly heartened and inspired the European nations who see in it new proof of the firm intention of the free nations to stand together.

"Within the next few weeks the soldiers in Europe of the members of the North Atlantic community will be training together. Many of our hopes have now been (Continued on Page 5)

Winter's Start Set for Friday Winter will officially arrive in the Oregon country tomorrow at 2:14 a. m., Pacific standard time, and the weatherman said fair skies, sunshine and mild temperatures will prevail. Bend today was experiencing such weather with only the snow-covered Cascades on the western skyline providing evidence that winter and Christmas are just around the corner sort of waiting hand in hand for a vernal bow.

In Bend last night, the temperature dipped to 29 degrees and the ground was white with frost at sunrise. The frost quickly disappeared as the sun moved up the cloudless sky, and it was predicted that the maximum temperature today would again go above the 50 degree mark.

When the sun rises over central Oregon tomorrow morning, at 7:47, winter will be here officially. Sunset tomorrow will be at 4:29 p. m.

Fair Weather Due Forecasts said nearly all of Oregon and Washington will have fair weather through Friday. Some valley fog is expected Friday morning throughout the area.

Fog settled in lower western valleys today, but gave way to sunshine in mid-morning. There were also patches of fog in the highlands south of Bend at sunrise.

Observers in charge of the Bend weather station said the autumn of 1950 has been one of the mildest on record.

Schmitt Resigns Co-Op Position Redmond, Dec. 21 — S. C. Schmitt, manager of the Deschutes Farmers' cooperative and the Pacific Supply cooperative here for some two years, has resigned to enter business in Mt. Angel.

Announcement of the resignation was made simultaneously with the filing of articles of incorporation for Schmitts Feed and Seed Co., Inc., in Mt. Angel. Signing the articles were S. C. Schmitt, Allie F. Schmitt and Doris H. Schmitt.

Officials of the cooperative said a successor for the Redmond firm has not yet been named. Schmitt will remain on the job until about February 1.

Sgt. Call, who is beginning his fourth year in the service, is a radio operator in the tactical air support. He was graduated from Bend high school with the class of 1947.

When the letter was written, Sgt. Call hadn't had his clothes off for two weeks, he told his parents. "My hair curls in back and I have a half-inch beard... hardly a pretty sight," he added.

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