

Coast Service Permit Granted East Bus Lines

Will Operate to North Coastal Points From Salem

By STEPHEN A. STONE
An order of the state public utilities commission, announced Friday, grants to Roy M. East a permit to extend his coast bus service along the route between Wallace Bridge and Salem.

The operation will enable passengers to go directly without change of vehicle from Salem to the Tillamook county beaches.

Although the route from Salem to Wallace Bridge will coincide with part of the route of Pacific Coast Lines, which Wednesday began operations between Salem and Newport, the PUC order says the two will not be in conflict.

This finding is based on the fact that Pacific Coast Lines will give direct service to the south beaches and the East lines to the north beaches.

From Greyhound Station
In Salem East will operate out of the Greyhound station, while Pacific Coast Lines operates out of the Continental Pacific Trailways station.

East for some time has been operating between McMinnville, Valley Junction, Hebo, Cloverdale, Pacific City and Tillamook and serving all intermediate points. He acquired the rights from the Oregon Motor Stages in February, 1948.

His present service is coordinated at Tillamook with scheduled Oregon Motor Stages for points north from there, and at Valley Junction with Pacific Greyhound lines for points south from there, and at McMinnville with Pacific Greyhound and Oregon Motor Stages from points east, north and south.

To Lease Greyhounds
East's original application in the present case asked for a permit for operation between Salem and Newport. But at the hearing it was amended to cover only the route between Salem and Wallace Bridge.

East has been using a 25-passenger Flexible bus and 15-passenger Chevrolet, but has commitments from Pacific Greyhound lines and Oregon Motor Stages to lease any equipment required.

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Harris Thought Drowned in Lake

Bend, May 27 (AP)—Joseph E. Harris, 45, Stayton, Ore., is believed by state police to have lost his life in Suttle lake, on the Santiam highway, Thursday afternoon when the boat from which he and his wife were fishing was overturned by high waves.

The boat overturned about 1:30 and Mr. and Mrs. Harris, wearing belt-type life preservers, were thrown into the water. Mrs. Harris clung to the boat and called to her husband, but received no response.

Later, Mrs. Harris saw her husband, upright in his life preserver, drifting toward the center of the lake, she said. She was in the icy water for more than four hours before she was rescued by fishermen.

She said that her husband suffered from a heart condition. Search for the missing angler continued last night until dark, under supervision of state police without avail, and was continued this morning.

Ronald Harris of Idanha, a brother of the missing man, called Denver Young, Marion county sheriff, in Salem this morning in an attempt to find a bloodhound to track down the missing man. Harris believes his brother may have reached shore while still alive and is somewhere in the woods now.

The missing man is owner of the Harris machine shop and a member of the fire department in Stayton. He has several children.

Ford Peace Offer Rejected by Union

Detroit, May 27 (AP)—A company peace bid to settle the 23-day Ford strike was rejected today by the CIO-United Auto workers.

Ford's proposal covered arbitration of work standards on disputed assembly lines in two struck plants.

It was concerned only with whether work standards impair the "health or safety" of employees, in line with the Ford-UAW contract.

The union has insisted that the powers of the arbitrator be limited to whether the company has the right to work employees in excess of 100 per cent of "normal work standards."

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Wharton Raps Both Newbry And Pearson

By JAMES D. OLSON
Tax Commissioner Wallace S. Wharton, who was ousted from office by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson rebuked the two officials for indulging in partisan politics.

Writing his final bulletin Friday to county assessors in the state Commissioner Wharton reviewed the action of the majority members of the board of control on May 16 when Wharton and Commissioner Earl L. Fisher were ousted over the protest of Governor McKay.

Sound Principals Needed
"This country and this state function under the sound principle, established by the Founding Fathers, that government should be under the control of law, instead of according to the whimsy or avarice of persons occupying positions of power and trust," his bulletin read.

"Thus, and only thus, are all citizens and residents assured of equal rights and fair treatment," he continued.

Fair and impartial administration of the law on assessment and taxation of property in Oregon, Wharton declared, is bigger than, and must rise above personal and partisan politics.

"This is especially true in the equalization of assessed valuation of taxable property and the task of getting all taxable property on the assessment and tax rolls."

Educational Campaign
Wharton has been in charge of the assessment and taxation division for the commission and in this position has carried an educational campaign with county assessors including training courses in every area and issuance of monthly bulletins containing information of interest to the county officials.

Wharton told the assessors that due to the protection of civil service the trained and experienced technical experts of the Assessment and Taxation division will continue to be available to assessors and tax collectors needing counsel and assistance.

In closing Wharton expressed appreciation for the support given his program by the county officials and their staffs. He will leave his post on June 4 to be succeeded by Col. Robert MacLean of Lincoln county.

Find Shotgun In Reuther Case

Detroit, May 27 (AP)—The shotgun used in an attempt on the life of Victor Reuther, auto union official, provided the newest clue today in police efforts to track down his assailant.

The gun was found at Reuther's home Tuesday night under the window through which the double-barreled blast was fired. The shot cost Reuther his right eye.

Today the weapon was flown in a special state police plane to Chicopee Falls, Mass., for study by its manufacturers, the Stevens Arms Co.

Jack Harvill, chief of Detroit detectives, said that telephone conversations with Stevens officials established that the gun was one of only 2,000 of that model manufactured just last February.

Police said they were hopeful company distribution information may lead them to learn where the gun was sold.

While police studied the thin clues to the shooting Reuther remained under medical care in a hospital.

Morse Outlines Attitude On Columbia Valley Plans

Senator Morse (R., Ore.), filed today with the house public works committee a statement elaborating upon his position on Columbia Valley development plans.

He said his approval of the army engineers-reclamation bureau plan for a \$3,000,000,000 development of the Columbia basin does not "imply that these projects when completed would not be administered and operated through some regional authority such as some form of a Columbia Valley administration."

"It seems to me that too many people are losing sight of the fact that the immediate and primary need of the Pacific northwest is to proceed as rapidly as possible with the completion of the wealth-creating projects which are included within the Columbia river basin and Willamette river basin plan which is pending before the committee . . .

Eugene Blaze Burns \$250,000 Lumber Plant

Eugene, May 27 (AP)—One of worst fires in Eugene's history completely destroyed the \$250,000 Long Bell Lumber Co. wholesale and retail yard in the northeast section of town this morning.

The entire Eugene fire crew and volunteers fought the blaze for over five hours while the Springfield crew stood by for emergency use.

Started in Empty Factory
The fire is said to have started in an empty excelsior manufacturing plant owned by the state and the flames jumped across a railroad spur into the lumber yard. City police have two suspects in custody who are thought to have been sleeping in the empty plant at the time the fire started, a police official said.

The area destroyed covered a city block right in the heart of the industrial district. Firemen succeeded in preventing the flames from spreading to another lumber yard equally as large alongside Long Bell. Ashes from the fire covered city streets within a one-mile radius of the blaze. Flames and smoke soared several thousand feet into the air and was visible for 15 miles.

Electric Lines Damaged
Oregon Electric estimated that several thousand dollars damage may have been done to their electrical lines and installations close by.

Hundreds of persons on their way to work stopped to watch the spectacle but police had little difficulty controlling the crowd. Traffic was lined up for several miles. Company officials said that the lumber yard was fully covered by insurance and that it will be replaced but probably not at the same site.

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TVA Urged By Magnuson

Washington, May 27 (AP)—Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) told a senate committee today the proposed Columbia valley administration in the Pacific northwest "will provide the tools for doing a better job" of developing the river basin.

Magnuson introduced the administration's CVA measure in the senate a day after Senator Cain (R-Wash.) introduced an identical bill. Cain is a member of the public works committee, considering the proposal.

The measure provides for the Columbia valley administration to have complete control of developing the Columbia basin in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada and Utah. Little of it is in the last three states.

Magnuson was the first witness at a hearing that he and other northwest senators and representatives have demanded be complete and extensive with sessions here and in the basin area.

Turkish Mobs Riot Against Greeks

Istanbul, Turkey, May 27 (AP)—Turkish mobs battled the police in the mid-town European section of Istanbul yesterday in anti-Greek demonstrations.

It was the worst outburst of feeling against Greece in a quarter century, and it flared without warning. It apparently was sparked off by defeat of a Turkish soccer team in Mediterranean competition at Athens, Greece, on Friday.

British Court Frees Eisler

London, May 27 (AP)—Britain refused today to send Gerhart Eisler back to the United States to serve out two prison sentences he drew during investigation of his communist activities here.

Bow street magistrate's court rejected the American demand that Eisler be extradited. That left Eisler—called America's No. 1 communist agent by a congressional committee—free to go on to the Soviet zone of Germany—permanently out of American grasp.

The squat, mild-appearing little man, about whom had whirled an international tempest, heard the judgment stolidly at first. He solemnly shook hands with the policeman who had guarded him. But when the court was dismissed and he was a free man, he broke into a jubilant smile.

"I wasn't worried," he said. "I feel fine."

"I am going to Germany as quickly as possible. I am very glad the American reactionaries have been defeated and I hope they will be defeated many more times."



Big Enough for Housekeeping—Loretta Sizemore, 345 Hickory street, who is five feet and three inches in height stands comfortably in a 72-inch section of pipe now being manufactured in Salem by the Seattle Concrete Pipe company for use in an interceptor sewer to extend from the river to Church and Union streets. Each section contains three yards of concrete, is reinforced with 300 pounds of wire mesh and weighs six tons. Three pipe sizes, 72, 66 and 60 inch are being manufactured for the line approximately 11,000 feet in length. Laying to a depth of 27 feet will begin sometime in June.

Removal of Bottleneck in Hollywood Urged in Plan

A way to remove the Hollywood bottleneck, in the process of improving Salem street traffic, is suggested by the long-range planning commission. The plan, designed by C. A. McClure, engineer, is shown in the accompanying map.

The plan would create a new street through the district for one-way northbound traffic, while the present North Capitol street would be for one-way southbound traffic. Certain streets would be closed and the space used for off-street parking.

The following description of the plan by Engineer McClure, and a look at the map, fully explain the plan: "North Capitol street between Madison street and Portland road is now one of the worst traffic bottlenecks in the city. Parking space is limited. The narrow twisting roadway does not permit a smooth flow of traffic. The five-way junction of Fairgrounds road, Myrtle street, Portland road, Title road and Capitol street adds to the confusion of traffic movement."

"The accompanying illustration shows a possible development that would solve the traffic movement through that area and at the same time provide ample space for the ultimate rebuilding and the expansion of the North Salem business area."

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Strawberry Pickers Needed

With more and more strawberry patches reaching the stage where harvest is necessary, additional pickers are needed, reported the Salem office of the state employment service Friday.

Ninety-five pickers were placed early in the day and several more could have found employment had they been available.

The need for pickers, especially boys and girls of junior and senior high school age, is expected to increase and the employment office points out that the three day holiday from Saturday through Monday will present many young folk with an opportunity to earn several dollars.

Cooler weather has slackened the ripening process to some extent but in most instances the fruit is of large size.

"Drive-outs" can be placed to advantage if those wishing to provide their own transportation will call the employment office.

Railway Express Clerks Get Raise

New York, May 27 (AP)—The Railway Express Agency and the AFL Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks have signed an agreement under which about 50,000 employees get pay boosts and shorter hours.

The national agreement, signed yesterday, provides an increase of seven cents an hour retroactive to last Oct. 1. This boosts the average wage to about \$1.40 an hour.

The agency said a cut in the work week from 44 to 40 hours next Sept. 1 will be equivalent to a 10 percent wage increase.

A presidential board, which was appointed during a recent two-month work stoppage in the New York area, recommended the terms of the agreement.

City Sewer Pipe Rapidly Made

Reinforced concrete sewer pipe 72, 66 and 60 inches in diameter is now being manufactured at the rate of 12 six-foot sections daily by the Seattle Concrete Pipe company at their plant on the North River road and Harold Davis, city engineer, states that laying approximately 11,000 feet of this pipe for an interceptor sewer will begin sometime in June.

Each section of pipe with an inside diameter of 72 inches and of the same length contains 300 pounds of wire mesh for reinforcing. Weight of each section in this size is six tons, the concrete content being approximately three yards.

Each section of manufactured pipe is steam cured for three or four hours and receives a water spray over a ten day period to control the drying and curing process. Ten men are now employed at the pipe plant.

Engineer Davis says special machinery is now being assembled in the city shop for the purpose of handling and placing the heavy pipe in the sewer starting at the river on the site of the future sewage disposal plant and terminating at the intersection of Church and Union streets at the top end. At some points along course of this interceptor sewer the pipe will be laid to a depth of 27 feet. When the sewage disposal plant is ultimately built waste carried by this line will be by-passed into the plant for sanitary processing.

Cancer Fund Boxes Stolen

Nominated for meanest trick of the year is theft of seven coin collection boxes which were stationed in Marion county places of business to raise money for the American Cancer society fund drive.

There's no way of determining whether the same culprit took all of them or several persons were involved, Robert M. Fischer, Jr., campaign chairman, said. How much their contents in small change would have added to the county's quota is also unknown.

Two cancer coin boxes at the Portland General Electric office netted \$33.65 for the drive. Others averaged around \$3.

With only a few returns yet to be made from outlying towns, contributions to the cancer research and educational fund campaign now total \$1978.50.

One of the largest donations reported this week is \$22 from the Mill City Woman's club, through Mrs. Mildred L. Allen.

Independence Bridge Approach Meeting

Members of the Marion county court will conduct a meeting at the Independence bridge site Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock daylight saving time in regard to the building of a bridge approach.

County Judge Grant Murphy received a phone call Friday morning, requesting the court to hold the meeting. Interested persons of that community will be on hand to air their views.

An emergency regarding the bridge approach arose two days ago when the contractors building the span said that an approach would have to be built immediately in order to allow them to haul heavy equipment and supplies onto the bridge during construction.

Rita Hayworth Becomes Bride of Indian Prince

Vallauris, France, May 27 (AP)—Radiant Rita Hayworth of the movies became the princess bride of Aly Kahn today in a ceremony performed by this town's communist mayor. It was a town hall ceremony spangled with some of Hollywood's tinsel and the riches of the East.

The ceremony climaxed a 10-month courtship—some called it a road-show romance—for Rita, 31, and the 38-year-old heir to millions. She has been a Roman Catholic; he is a Moslem.

Cheered by 500 villagers, the couple drove slowly away in a grey Cadillac convertible. A reception heavy with lobsters and champagne awaited at the Chateau de L'Horizon—the prince's house, where he wanted to hold the wedding. (The French government said no.)

Rita, who used to be Margaret Casano of Brooklyn, wore a big picture hat of blue and a blue, Paris-designed gown that came down to the calves of the legs that helped make her famous in the movies.

The Aly Kahn, forsaking his sports plaids for the day, wore striped trousers, a double-breasted black jacket, white shirt and gray tie.

Berlin Blockade Again in Effect Through Strike

No Railroad Wheel Moves and Freight Yards Glutted

Berlin, May 27 (AP)—The full impact of the Berlin rail strike, making a gigantic mess of transport, struck German Berliners in the breadbasket today.

Here is the situation as of now:

1. Not one railroad wheel moved from west Germany toward Berlin and the city's freight yards are a vast graveyard of stalled cars.

2. The western sectors began to dip into their backlog of three weeks food supply maintained by the allied airlift, once again the chief source of supply for the harried city. The airlift never stopped after the lifting of the Russian blockade. The western allies were waiting to see what happened, and the 8,000 tons a day coming in now showed the decision was wise.

3. Western Berlin's mayor, Ernst Reuter, called in his district sub-mayors for a special conference.

Held German Matter
4. The western allies insisted that the bitter stand-off between the independent rail workers union and the Soviet-controlled management was a German matter. They refused to do anything which would look like strike-breaking.

The Russians said nothing. This was an impasse for the west which appeared worse than any the Russians may have dreamed up when they imposed the blockade last June.

The Reichsbahn—the Soviet-controlled elevated rail management—notified the allies of the west it was sending in repair crews.

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Ousted Profs Again Protest

Corvallis, May 27 (AP)—Two ousted professors protested again yesterday, and in turn underwent some severe questioning from a student audience.

The two, Dr. Ralph Spitzer, associate professor of chemistry, and L. R. La Vallee, assistant professor of economics at Oregon State college, asserted academic freedom was endangered.

Spitzer urged the audience of 300, mostly students, to "refuse to allow campuses to become rubber stamps of orthodoxy." He added that O. S. C., was a victim of the cold war.

The meeting was called by the Young Progressives organization. Strand sat through the hour-long session without taking part. Later he commented:

"The fact that the college provided a hall for them to attack me and the institution and paid the cost of the set-up and the loud speaker should be good evidence that no one is being denied academic freedom on this campus."

In a question period following the main speech, a student asked Spitzer whether he was a member of the communist party. Spitzer refused to say. He declared that no one has the right to question a man's political or religious beliefs. A man should be judged on his actions and not on the basis of membership in any organization, he said.

Starr Cannery Closed Down

The Salem plant of the Starr Fruit Products company, located at South Church and Mill streets, has been closed down.

It was reported here that the company's plants in Portland and Yakima were also closed.

Glenn Lengren, Salem manager for the company, would make no statement as to the reason for the closure or its possible duration.

It was understood definitely, however, that the plant would not operate in strawberries, and that there was a uncertainty about cane berry operations later. Included among rumors was that strawberry contracts had been taken over by other canning concerns.

The Starr company is headed by R. E. McCaughern of Portland, and headquarters are in that city. The company established in Salem 27 years ago and has held an important place in the Salem canning industry since that time. Lengren has been with the company during the entire period.

During the peak of the season the company has employed about 200 workers.

All of Shanghai Taken Over by Chinese Reds

Last Nationalist Hold-outs Surrender—Good Order Prevails

Shanghai, May 27 (AP)—The Red blanket of communism quickly enveloped all of Shanghai today. The gunfire ceased. The last nationalist holdouts surrendered. Veteran troopers peacefully carried Red rule into the northern part of the world's fourth largest city.

The communist occupation was complete three days after it began. Red political officers began taking over the government of the greatest Asian commercial center and its 6,000,000 people.

The nationalist garrison of Woosung fortress folded up. The government evacuation fleet pulled out, down the Yangtze and into the east China sea.

Troops Left Behind
The ships left behind the nationalist troops who had failed to make the 10-mile northward march down the Whang-poo river escape corridor from Shanghai to Woosung. How many only the Reds would know after they had rounded them up.

The sharp—but minor—fighting for Shanghai really was over last night. But not until today did the handful of nationalist rear guards who made the final, mad stand in the heart of the city make up their minds to quit.

The nationalists stayed as long as they did because they were afraid to quit.

It was the foreigners trapped in the buildings with them who finally persuaded the last of them to give up.

Casualties Unknown
Communist troops came and got them this morning. And the thousands of suddenly freed civilians—Chinese and foreign—burst out into what had been a no-man's land for 50 dangerous hours.

The number of casualties in the fighting that made a battleground out of such thoroughfares as the Bund and Peking road was not known.

Some sources put the civilian dead and wounded at less than 200—practically all Chinese. Chinese newspapers said the toll was "several hundred," most of them nationalist soldiers.

The surrender of the last Soochow creek defenders—those holed up in the 17-story Broadway Mansions and the seven-story embankment building—were amazing affairs.

In Broadway Mansions, arrangements were made by Henry Topper, an Austrian with the international refugee organization, with the aid of my wife, Margaret.

By telephone calls through Chinese interpreters they finally talked the handful of nationalist machine gunners in the building into giving up.

"We had to convince them their officers had quit," Topper said.

THE WEATHER

(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers, Saturday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 47 degrees; highest Saturday, 75. Conditions will be mostly favorable for farm work Saturday. Maximum yesterday 74. Minimum today 46. Mean temperature yesterday 60 which was 2 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 2.07 inches which is .35 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Friday morning 1.9 feet.