



**Fortune Hunter Rests**—Joseph Quinn (resting on sidewalk) of Seattle, Wash., and a pal had a fortune in their hands but couldn't keep it. Displaying a gun, the two entered a swank Fifth Avenue jewelry shop in New York, rounded up \$368,000 in gems and fled. They hadn't gone far when an alert clerk put a flying tackle on Quinn and a policeman's shot stopped his pal. Thus ended the easy fortune hunt for the two. Quinn's accomplice is not shown. (Acme Telephoto)

## McKay Supports Lifting Rent Control in Medford

Gov. Douglas McKay Thursday approved the resolution of the Medford city council to remove rent controls in the southern Oregon city.

McKay came back to his office, interrupting his beach vacation, to study testimony taken during the Medford city administration's public hearing on rent ceilings.

July 8. A majority of the witnesses favored decontrol, and the Medford city council voted unanimously for removal of rent ceilings. However, representatives of the Medford veterans and central labor councils said their organizations advocated at least temporary retention of the curbs.

Gov. McKay pointed out that his action on the Medford resolution was in keeping with the policy he announced some 10 days ago. He said he believed in keeping government close to the people and that he thought he would be out of place in setting aside the decisions of city administrations which were in a position to determine local housing conditions at first-hand.

The governor formerly had approved the lifting of rent controls in Ashland and Eugene, upon recommendations of the city councils of those cities.

McKay has not yet acted on the resolution of the Salem city council to remove controls in the capital city.

McKay's notices of approval of the decontrol resolutions for Medford, Eugene and Ashland have been forwarded to Tighe Woods, National Housing Expediter in Washington, D.C., for final approval. Woods so far has accepted the recommendations of governors concerning removal of rent controls.

## Bobby Burns Letter Brings \$640 at Sale

London, July 29 (P)—A letter by poet Robert Burns brought £160 (\$640) at a sale today.

The letter was written by Burns in 1782 to a friend, Henry MacKenzie.

The Scottish poet, to illustrate the moral effort of good reading, said he once lent a sailor a book and later asked the seaman how he enjoyed it.

Burns said the man confessed the book had altered his outlook on life: Instead of seducing his girl friend he now planned to marry her.

A Burns museum bought the letter, which was offered for sale by MacKenzie's great-great grandson.

## Workers Claim \$50,000,000

Chicago, July 29 (U.P.)—An attorney for 796 workers caught by the 1941 outbreak of the war on Pacific islanders argued Thursday that their employers were obligated by contract to pay them salaries and damages estimated to total more than \$50,000,000.

J. Herzl Segal, an attorney, filed a brief in federal court setting up legal points in support of the suit of the workers, or their surviving relatives, against five major construction companies.

The workers were caught on Wake, Guam or the Philippines by the outbreak of the Pacific war in 1941. They had gone there as employees of the construction companies to do construction work.

Their suit asks that an accounting be made on salaries and damages suffered by the workers, most of whom did not return to the United States until on or about November 1, 1945.

Filed several months ago, the suit is directed against the Hawaiian Dredging company, Ltd.; the Raymond Concrete Pile

company, the Turner Construction company, Morrison Knudsen company, Inc., and J. H. Pomroy and company, Inc. Generally, workers seek about \$40,000 each for injuries or damages suffered in imprisonment as well as back salary.

Segal argued that their employing companies were obligated by contract not only to take them to their island jobs, but also to return them safely, and that there was no clause which would excuse the companies from failure to do so.

Costs in the case are expected to be passed along eventually to the federal government.

## Morse Policy Is Hands Off

Portland, July 29 (U.P.)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse, R., Ore., telephoned a Portland newspaper Thursday that he will have a "hands off policy" on appointment of a new federal judge for the Oregon district.

Morse told the Oregon Journal that President Truman now has before him the bill to create the new judgeships, including one for Oregon, after passage in the senate late yesterday.

Morse said he has taken no sides in efforts of various candidates to be appointed to the new judgeship, but has sent on to

the democratic national organization all recommendations and messages he has received. The appointment is a democratic one.

"I have made it clear to the sponsors of all persons whose names are being considered for the federal judgeship that I am not taking sides for any candidate," he said.

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## Bean Harvest Labor at Hand

Albany, July 29—A survey of western Linn county bean growers showed that, while harvesting operations are in the early stages, there is ample labor to handle the harvest this week.

Bean harvesting is not, however, expected to hit any sort of peak until early in August. Most Linn growers, in fact, will not even start picking until the first week of August, the survey showed. Growers in the Jefferson and Crabtree areas, however, have been harvesting for the last week.

Bill Sloan, manager of the Oregon state employment service here, predicted last week that while there will probably be plenty of local labor to handle the harvest in its early stages, there will be a need for migratory labor when the peak comes early in August. Sloan pointed out that in the last year there has been a 35 per cent increase in bean acreage in western Linn county.

Sloan said early and late hops, and the corn harvest following the bean season would continue a heavy demand for laborers.

## Linn Safe Driving School Is Planned

Albany, Ore.—Linn county automobile dealers will join to put on a free safe driving school later this summer, according to an announcement had by W. C. Donahue, president of the Linn County Automobile Dealers' association.

Following a course prescribed by the state police department, instruction will be given two days a month by local automobile dealers on a rotating basis, Donahue said. Both the cars and the instructors will be donated by the dealers, at no cost to the students.

The school will be conducted later in the summer and fall, but will probably be discontinued during the winter months.

## Dogs Without License Are Facing 'Arrest'

Independence—All dogs must carry their license on their collar, according to a bill passed in the last state legislature and going into effect July 16.

The registration fee for male dogs is \$2 and for female dogs \$3. All dogs older than eight months must be registered and the fine is \$2 if violated.

Ray Howard, chief of police, stated that all dogs picked up must have a license to be released, and if it is not registered, the owner must buy a license before claiming the dog.

## Ballston Cemetery Improvement Sought

Ballston — The Sew and Social club is working to clean up and improve the Ballston cemetery. Mrs. Cassie Sechrist, Mrs. Elona Miller and Mrs. Martin Van Groos were appointed as a committee to contact relatives and descendants of persons buried in the graveyard and ask for help to put the cemetery in presentable order.

In 1852 a son and daughter of Mrs. Isaac Ball died just one day apart of tuberculosis and typhoid fever, and a family graveyard was started.

Other pioneer families were granted permission to bury their loved ones there and the cemetery is still used today. But some of the older graves are neglected and the markers gone. Already brush has been pulled and

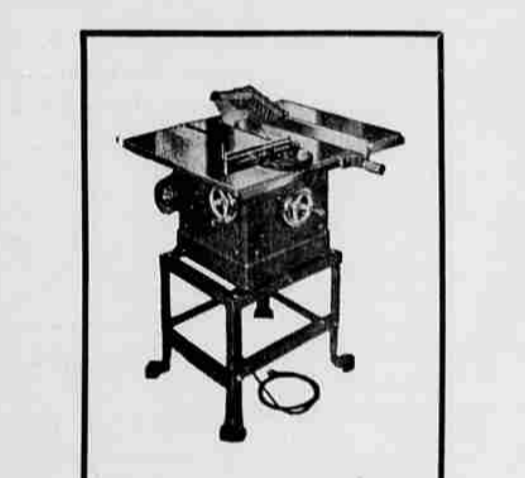


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