

Board Checks Carefully on Coming School Population

The Salem school board will seek further information regarding the probable pupil load of the district during the next few years before final decision on a building program is reached. The directors agreed Thursday night to bring in experts from the ranks of the state system of higher education to check figures which Superintendent Frank B. Bennett has charted in recent weeks. The expense of such a check will be nominal.

Shot His Wife As Gangster

Chicago, Dec. 30 (AP)—A one-time gangster whose testimony sent his pals to prison 16 years ago awoke in a daze early today and fatally shot his wife, thinking "my old gang had come to get me."

Police Capt. John Enright said Julius Jones, 52, told him he fired on his wife, Grace, 45, and a man Jones had paid to escort her home from a neighborhood tavern. The man, John Fitzgerald, 50, was wounded slightly on the scalp and one ear. Mrs. Jones died of a bullet wound in the abdomen.

Capt. Enright quoted Jones as saying he had been living in fear of his life since he turned state's evidence in a kidnaping case in 1933.

When Mrs. Jones and Fitzgerald entered the Jones apartment early today, Jones said, he started up from his sleep and began firing.

"I thought members of my old gang had come to get me," he told police.

Jones fired six shots from a .32 caliber revolver he said he kept under his pillow for protection.

Jones was indicted for the 1931 kidnaping of James J. Hackert who was ransomed after three days on payment of \$75,000.

At the trial of the kidnapers, Jones turned state's evidence and was not sent to prison. His alleged accomplices received sentences ranging from 35 years to life.

Viet Nam Gets Sovereignty

Saigon, Dec. 30 (AP)—France today bestowed a large measure of domestic sovereignty on the Indochinese state of Viet Nam.

An agreement giving the Indochinese greater control over their own affairs was signed by French High Commissioner Lecomte and ex-emperor Bao Dai at the city hall here as 50,000 watched.

Bao Dai heads a French-backed Indochinese government which is opposed by the nationalist forces of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh.

The agreement implements a treaty signed last March by Bao Dai and French President Vincent Auriol. That treaty, which the French parliament still must ratify, gives the new Indochinese state of Viet Nam a sort of dominion status. Viet Nam includes the Indochinese coastal states of Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina.

The agreement signed today gives the Bao Dai government control of local courts dealing with Vietnamese, police services, primary and secondary education and local administration. French prosecutors will serve in the courts at Saigon and Haiphong for 10 years.

No Emergency In Coal Strike

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP)—The government has decided that three-day work week for coal miners has not yet created a transportation emergency.

The interstate commerce commission, which yesterday delayed plans to curtail rail passenger service as a coal saving measure, indicated it may take this step next week if coal stocks drop further.

The ICC said a special advisory committee has figured available above ground at present is a 30-day supply of coal sent. J. Monroe Johnson, a member of the commission, said another coal survey will be made Tuesday to determine whether the passenger restrictions will be needed.

This decision was made following a meeting with representatives of the National Coal Association and the Association of American Railroads.

The ICC said that eight or ten railroads might be short of coal but there is no really critical need.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, put his 400,000 soft coal and 80,000 hard coal miners on a three day work week Dec. 5 in an effort to weaken the operators' unusually strong opposition to his 1949 contract demands.

Six months after it is hatched the average pullet will lay its first egg.

"It is hard for me to believe what my statistics indicate will happen to the Salem school system in the matter of growth during the next few years," stated Bennett.

He thought there was a need to check outside sources, particularly concerning the formulas employed in arriving at his conclusions.

Through the medium of charts, birth rate trends and the number of babies already on hand who must be educated, plus an additional 2 percent per annum for migration from other states, the superintendent arrived at a figure that indicated the need for 105 new elementary classrooms for the school year of 1958-59.

In addition to the advice of experts from the state system of higher education, the Salem board will seek the counsel of local business and professional men before embarking on a building program that will entail the necessity of additional bond issues.

The board authorized acceptance of the Swegle school in connection with the additions made there and directed the clerk to make final payment to the contractor.

Use of the Middle Grove school for Sunday school and Christian Endeavor purposes was sanctioned providing the groups responsible took care of the expense involved.

Mrs. Gladys G. Williams of the Toledo, Ore., system has been added to the faculty of the Englewood grade school.

Bolivian Pilot Sued for Crash

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP)—Eastern Airline today sued Bolivian Pilot Erick Rios Bridoux for \$500,000 for "recklessly" ramming its passenger plane here Nov. 1 in an accident which killed 55 persons.

In a suit filed in U. S. district court, the air line asked damages for the loss of the plane—a DC-4.

It made no claim for other damages.

Disclaiming any responsibility for the tragedy—worst in commercial aviation history—Eastern charged that Rios "while operating an airplane in flight carelessly, recklessly and negligently caused and permitted said airplane to collide with an airplane" owned by Eastern.

The Bolivian pilot, testing a P-38 for his government, crashing into the Eastern transport when both were coming in for a landing at Washington National airport. The fighter plane rammed mid-way into the passenger plane breaking it in two.

All persons aboard the Eastern plane—51 passengers and a four crew members—were killed.

Lie Pleads for U. N. Harmony

Lake Success, Dec. 30 (AP)—Trygve Lie, worried by the continual east-west squabbles in the United Nations says the time has come for the two camps in the UN to resume real step by step negotiation for a settlement.

The UN secretary-general made known his ideas on the conflict in a year-end statement published last night in the United Nations Bulletin, a publication put out twice each month by the UN department of public information.

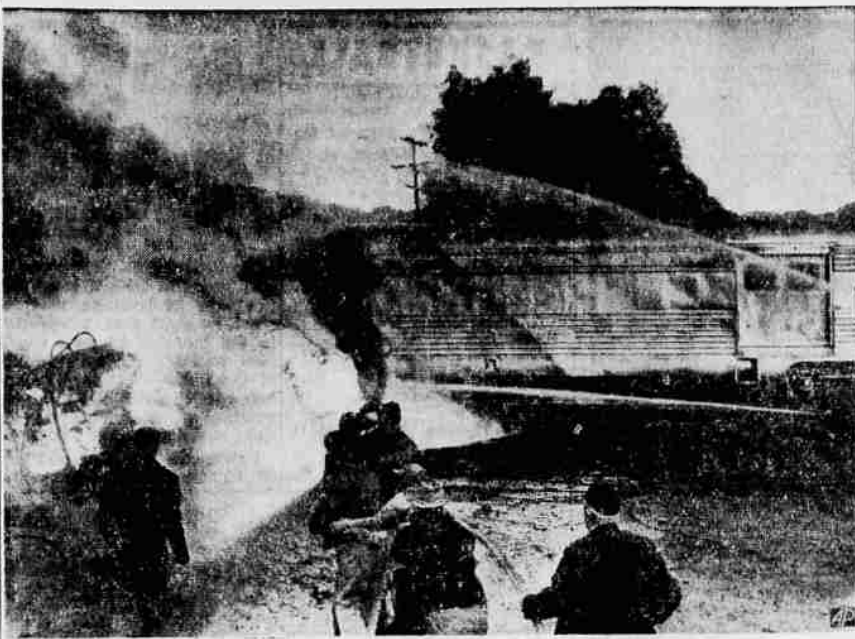
Lie was elected to his \$40,000-a-year position in the early days of the UN and in a moment of rare agreement between the Russians and the west. Since that time he has seen tense situations arise, but he said in his statement that he believes the UN has turned in a constructive record in 1949 despite the deadlock.

With the turn of the year, Lie brought up once more the Mexican resolution approved unanimously at the Paris meeting of the general assembly in 1948. This calls for the great powers to renew their efforts to find a settlement.

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Hit by Train—Firemen pour water on a blazing gasoline truck which was struck by the Santa Fe's Chief at a crossing at Azusa, Calif. The truck driver was killed and a member of the train crew was burned, but there were no casualties among the train's passengers. (AP Wirephoto.)

Higher Cost of Production Hits at Creamery Business

Mt. Angel, Ore., Dec. 30—Around 1500 persons gathered for the annual dinner of the Mt. Angel Cooperative Creamery association Thursday were presented a rather gloom picture by Frank Hettwer, secretary-manager, who has been connected with the association for the last 25 years.

While volume of production has gone up the receipts have gone down, he declared. The spread between these two was coupled with the increased cost of production. While milk production was up 2,000,000 pounds at the creamery last year the income to the producer was down \$340,000, he said.

Quotations given by Hettwer showed that butter in 1948 ranged from 74 to 96 a pound compared with 67 to 72 cents during this year; factory milk from \$3.70 to \$4.25 per 100 pounds down to \$2.07 to \$3.60 and Grade A milk from \$1.29 to \$1.42 as compared with \$1.19 to \$1.38 during 1949.

Underconsumption rather than overproduction is the problem of the dairy industry today, State Senator Frederick S. Lamport of Salem told the group. He urged the "butter people" to "get busy and exert pressure upon the legislature."

Closer watch upon production costs was urged by George Kruse, association field man. He suggested the use of better feeding methods, including the increase of grass silage, better herd sires and barn improvement for efficiency, as means of increasing receipts.

Other speakers were Darold Johnson, association quality man, urging greater care in the production of milk to insure a quality product; Dr. G. H. Wilster OSC, who told of his recent trip to Sweden to attend the International Dairy congress, and Prof. P. M. Brandt, head of the dairy division of OSC, who predicted that within five years Oregon would have a program of paying for the relative food value in milk rather than the quantity.

C. E. Eastman, chairman of the board of directors, presided with the dinner served by members of the Mt. Angel Business Men's club. The program included musical numbers by Sandra Prosser and Frances Neisius, tap dancing and songs, accordion solos by Ruth Wilde and song and dance numbers by Diana and Donna Wilde and Judy Vaehter.



Trapped—Pinned beneath his car in an icy, water-filled irrigation ditch, Frank Gestelum, 21, talks to Monte Kelley, a passing motorist, while awaiting rescue crews at Phoenix, Ariz. Gestelum suffered possible fractured pelvis and two other passengers in the car were treated for minor injuries and shock. Rescuers worked over 30 minutes to free him from beneath the auto. (Acme Telephoto.)

YEAR-END CLEARANCE

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Jordan Annexes Part of Palestine

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 30 (AP)—King Abdullah has formally incorporated Jordan-occupied Palestine into his kingdom of Hashemite Jordan, the Arab news agency reported today.

An Amman dispatch said the Jordanian official Gazette on Jan. 1 will publish a royal decree announcing this.

Simultaneously, the agency said, the present Jordanian parliament will be dissolved and new elections will be held with seats allocated for the former Palestinian areas.

Jordan occupies almost all of Arab-held Palestine except a strip of Gaza held by Egypt and a sliver in Syrian hands.

Abdullah's troops occupy the "Old City" section of Jerusalem. The other half is occupied by Israeli troops. Both Israel and Jordan have expressed strong opposition to the United Nations assembly resolution calling for an international regime to rule all Jerusalem.

Year to Perfect Capitol Plan

It will be nearly a year before the development plan of the state capitol commission can be submitted to the state legislature or to the Salem city council.

This statement is made in a letter received by Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom from Robert W. Sawyer of Bend, chairman of the commission.

The letter was received by the mayor Friday in reply to the mayor's statement setting out his opposition to vital parts of the commission's plan.

The commission is required to prepare the plan in final form for consideration of the legislature and the city council.



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Changes Made in St. Helens Officials

St. Helens, Dec. 30—G. A. Nelson, chief of the St. Helens fire department, and Walter Hutton, superintendent of the water department were not reappointed because past the retirement age and further request as to continuation of service was not made by St. Helens council.

The office of street superintendent and water superintendent was combined and S. W. P. Morton, Jr., street superintendent was appointed public works superintendent for both of the city's major works.

Warren Forsythe, chief of police and former state patrolman and later sergeant in charge of the Columbia county district for the state police until he resigned to become chief of police, was appointed public works safety officer and will have direction of the fire department as well as director of the police department. Forsythe was connected with the state police for more than a decade.

Boy Scouts Belong To 40-Below Club

Big Delta, Alaska, Dec. 30 (AP)—Ten Boy Scouts and their leader are members of a new 40-below club.

They slept out with the temperature 44 degrees below zero in the army's arctic training center here.

They used newly developed army equipment including footgear, sleeping bags and heated tents. After a good night's sleep, they cooked breakfast before skiing back to the main camp to join 25 other scouts and four leaders, who also planned a similar "night out."

The scouts are from 11 to 16 years of age.

Rebekahs at Hubbard Given Unwritten Work

Hubbard—Mrs. Ella Becker presided at the evening meeting of Thalia Rebekah lodge with three members reported on. A withdrawal card was granted to Mrs. Helen Brackett and gifts for the elderly members reported.

The unwritten work was given by Mrs. Amos Brusven, noble grand-elect, and Mrs. Peter Hunt, vice grand-elect. Both were passed by the district deputy president, Mrs. John Morrison.

Fairview Residents Entertain at Dinner

Fairview—Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. McKee of Fairview district entertained a group of friends and relatives at their home here for Christmas dinner.

Attending were two elderly

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To Separate—Film Actress Ida Lupino, shown with her husband, Collier Young, said that she plans a divorce but that she and her husband will remain business partners. The British-born actress said their separation is on the friendliest terms and that the divorce action will be on the same basis. They were married last year and have been associated as film producers. (AP Wirephoto.)

neighbors when McKees resided in the Gates district. Mrs. Martha Bowes, 82 and her son, Joe Bowes; Mrs. Blanche Dean, 88; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and their daughter, Miss Helen Wilson and Donald Carey, all of Gates; Mr. and Mrs. Vern McKee, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Duvall, Newberg; Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Green, Pleasantdale district. New York skyscrapers have so many windows that most of them hire a regular crew of washers.

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