



For Grade Crossing Elimination in Salem—The above map illustrates the recommendations of the Salem long-range planning commission for grade crossing elimination in Salem by construction of a series of underpasses.

## Public to Hear About Railroad Improvement

Although the elimination of grade crossings on 12th street by the building of underpasses is far in the future, even if the plan should be adopted, it is going to be given public discussion. Four dates for discussion of the plan have been arranged for this month, C. A. McClure, engineer for the long-range planning commission, announced Monday.

## Gas Truck Fails to 'Take Off'

Chicago, Jan. 17 (AP)—Plane traffic over Chicago's busy Midway (Municipal) airport came to a standstill last night while a capering prankster ruefully learned that he could not take off in a gasoline truck.

The prankster gave his name as Charles Martin, 23. He told police he had been drinking. No charge was placed against him immediately. Control tower officials first saw an Eastern Airlines gasoline truck crash into the wingtip of an American Airlines plane that had just arrived from Washington.

They called the police and fire department. When they arrived, Martin revved up the truck and raced down a main runway. But he had 3,000 gallons of 100 octane gas aboard and no wings, so he failed to get off the ground. He doubled back on another runway and finally came to a stop with police and firemen in fast pursuit.

## Officers Are Named By Mother's Club

Hayesville—The Hayesville Mother's club were guests for a dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. O. Noren on Blossom Drive. Mrs. W. Dodd served as co-hostess. Plans for a bazaar were discussed and a committee was appointed to inquire about hot lunch for the Hayesville school children, the committee consisting of Mrs. R. Tuers and Mrs. P. Wellbrock.

Election of officers were held and the following were elected: president, Mrs. O. Noren; vice president, Mrs. J. Burton and Mrs. E. Zahara was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

Present for the afternoon were mesdames P. Zielinski, A. Katka, J. Barnes, G. Van Cleave, R. Tuers, F. Barth, W. Dodd, D. Tennis, G. Siddall, P. Wellbrock, H. Christensen, E. Zahara and the hostesses Mrs. O. Noren and Mrs. W. Dodd. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. P. Zielinski.

## Home Building Record

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—Home building set a new record in 1949 with work started on 1,019,000 dwelling units. Of these 983,700 were privately financed. The bureau of labor statistics, which announced the new record yesterday, said the previous top was 937,000 units started in 1925. The 1948 total was 931,300.

## East Salem Changes Dates Because of Bad Weather

East Salem, Jan. 17—The Swegle PTA meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening has been postponed because of the unfavorable weather conditions.

Middle Grove—The Boy Scout committee meeting that was to be held at the Lewis Patterson home on Friday was postponed to Wednesday evening, January 18.

The 4-H Sewing club of Middle Grove met at the Kleen home on Fletcher Road Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock with seven girls present. The project for this meeting was making pincushions. Chairman for the group is Mrs. Lewis Patterson assisted by Mrs. Harry Phillips.

The 4-H helpers, a sewing group sponsored by the Lansing Neighbors home extension unit met on Saturday morning between 10 and 12 o'clock at the

Alternate plans that were studied will also be discussed. Preferred was a tunnel plan along 13th street, but it was believed this would be too disturbing to general overall railway traffic, and the underpass system has been given preference.

The underpass system has been planned in units. In the first unit of this regrade project are Mission, Mill, 12th at Trade, State, Court and Center streets, estimated to cost \$1,836,000. In the second unit are D street, Market and Madison, estimated to cost \$430,000.

In the third unit are Silverton road and a pedestrian underpass at Tile road, estimated cost \$230,000.

The total cost of all underpasses is placed at \$2,496,500.

As part of the program the long-range planning commission has made these recommendations:

That a series of conferences be arranged at which all interested parties may consider the problem. These parties would include the city, county, state, capitol planning commission, long-range planning commission, city planning and zoning commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Southern Pacific company.

That an agreement be formulated establishing a schedule of pro-rated costs to be assumed by each interest involved.

That the first undertaking be the railroad regrade from Mission to Marion with construction of underpasses at Mission and Mill streets, and on 12th street under the Trade street branch of the railroad.

That a tentative schedule be established for the later construction of other parts of the overall project.

That no franchise for railroad operation be granted or renewed until a grade crossing elimination plan has been adopted.

## Bevin Says Jap Peace Waits on U. S. Policy

Colombo, Ceylon, Jan. 17 (AP)—British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said today that a Japanese peace settlement must await a definition of United States policy.

"Until the United States declares its policy on a Japanese peace treaty, the commonwealth countries cannot do very much," Bevin told a press conference.

He said he thought the United States "would be interested and would help" in commonwealth plans for aid to southeast Asia.

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## G. I. Insurance Refunds Begin

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—The first trickle of a \$2,800,000,000 insurance refund starts going out to World War II veterans this week.

The veterans administration and the treasury department hope to hit a one-million-checks-a-week pace, which would mean that payments to the 16,000,000 eligible veterans would be completed by June 30.

The checks vary in size from 90 cents to \$528, averaging about \$125 each. They are being paid for an accumulation of cash collected on national service life insurance. The VA said premiums were far in excess of the amount needed to pay claims—which ran much lower than originally expected.

To avoid any charges of discrimination, the order of payment was determined by the last three digits of a veteran's serial number. Those whose serial number. Those whose figures 000 will be paid first; the 999 group will be the last to collect.

## Hayesville Men Present Program

Hayesville—There was a large turnout at the recent meeting of the Hayesville P.T.A. when the men, under the chairmanship of Burns Christofferson put on the program.

They presented a fashion show with Galen Siddall, Arlo Katka, Jim Borders, Harvey Christensen, Bob Hartzel and Burns Christofferson as the models. George Strozet showed slides.

A motion was made to change the meeting night from the second Tuesday to the second Friday of the month so that more parents with children will be able to attend. The motion will be voted on at the February meeting.

The Girl Scouts have offered to baby sit at the school for those with small children at a very small fee. Refreshments were furnished by the third and fourth grades and served by Mrs. O. Noren the room mother.

## Truck, Auto Collide

Willamina—A California car and a light truck driven by Mrs. Kenneth Barrett had a head-on collision on the narrow bridge crossing Willamina creek. Both cars were damaged extensively but personal injury was limited to scratches and bruises.

## COMMANDANT CONFIDENT:

## Marines' Morale to Hold Up Despite Cuts in Strength

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—Gen. Clifton B. Cates, marine corps commandant, expressed confidence today that the morale of the "leathernecks" will not be lowered by the reductions in their fighting strength.

Cates said in an interview that he is sure the marines—man for man—will be as effective a fighting force as ever. But he pointed out that the combat strength of the marines is due for a 25 per cent cut under the proposed budget for fiscal 1951 beginning next July 1.

This reduction is on top of that deal the marines in economy cut back orders issued recently by Defense Secretary Louis Johnson to the army, navy and air force. The navy, including the marines, was hit hardest in this economy drive.

A similar pattern carried over for the fiscal 1951 budget: The air force was allotted more money. The army and navy, including the marines, suffered cuts. The navy and marines were reduced the most.

A comparison of marine strength for fiscal 1950 and 1951 shows: Original 1950 Plans: Ground—3 divisions, including 11 battalions. Aviation—23 fighter squadrons. Personnel: 85,700. New (after Cuts): Ground—2 divisions, including 8 battalions. Aviation—16 fighter squadrons. Personnel: 64,300.

1951: Ground—2 divisions, including 6 battalions. Aviation—12 fighter squadrons. Personnel: 74,450.

The 74,400 personnel figure is an average for the 1951 fiscal year and the marines must be down to 71,900 by July 1, 1951.

The marines could have maintained eight battalions in fiscal 1951 without an increase in allotted funds if the defense brass hats had not decided otherwise. The money would have been made available by trimming some non-combat functions.

The sharp reductions in marine fighter squadrons came while some army officers have been criticizing their force for not devoting more attention to close support of ground troops. The marine fighter pilots have been trained primarily for close ground-support work and many of them have had extensive combat experience in such operations.

Cates said the two divisions could quickly be brought up to combat strength, if necessary, by calling to active duty sufficient numbers from the 40,000 well-trained organized reserves which include many World War II veterans.

The marine cutbacks are proportionate to the navy's. The marines will continue at about their statutory strength of 20 per cent of the navy's manpower.

## Henry J. Allen, Ex-Senator Dies

Wichita, Kas., Jan. 17 (AP)—Henry J. Allen, 88, former republican United States senator and former governor of Kansas died shortly after 6 a.m. today.

He had been ill for several weeks and critically ill the last 10 days.

A leading party orator at the height of his political career, Allen had been less active the last 20 years.

A newspaper editor and publisher in Kansas for half a century, he was chairman of the board of the Wichita Beacon on the time of his death.

He died at his home in the Hillcrest apartments here.

## Actress Will Enter School of Religion

Hollywood, Jan. 17 (AP)—Actress Colleen Townsend said today she was giving up movies to enter a theological school.

Miss Townsend, 20, who was studying to be a teacher when she was discovered for the movies, said she hopes to enter a Pasadena religious school in September to learn to teach or become a missionary.

"This is no reflection on Hollywood," she said. "But I know I'll find true happiness in Christianity."

## Morse Opponent Outlines Views

Fred E. Robinson, Medford, who filed for the republican nomination for United States senate in opposition to Senator Wayne Morse, is in the men's furnishing business in Medford.

He was born on a ranch about 10 miles from Grants Pass, and moved with his parents to Medford in 1933, where he attended and finished high school. He took a course in accounting following high school graduation.

Robinson is married and has three children. For three years he engaged in the transfer and storage business after which he purchased a mens' furnishing store, now being operated by his younger brother, Ray.

In his statement Robinson says that he "holds no malice in my heart for my opponent."

"However, I cannot agree with his philosophy, his principles, or his ideals," Robinson continued. "I consider my opponent a betrayer of our party and of the people of Oregon and feel it is time someone challenged his fight of franchise as a spokesman and as a United States senator."

## National Guard Helps Town Dig Out of Snow

Oregon's National Guard company at The Dalles Monday afternoon started helping that town dig out of the snow.

The company, Company B, 162nd engineers, commanded by Capt. Edward Seufert, Jr., has two bulldozers and its medical and engineer equipment out on the job.

A call from the city on the Columbia for aid from the National Guard was put into the adjutant general's office here early Monday afternoon. Authorization was immediately given for the company to put its men to work.

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## Bridges' Assailant Accused After Fight

Los Angeles, Jan. 17 (AP)—Charges of assault with intent to kill were filed Monday against Verle Penney, 41, Portland, Ore., as the result of a drug store brawl with baseball pitcher Tommy Bridges over Penney's ex-wife. Penney suffered head injuries when his car was forced into a utility pole by a spectator who jumped into his car with him after the fight. Bridges told police Penney struck him on the head three times with a gun. Penney was held in jail in lieu of \$2500 bail. Bridges, former Detroit Tigers pitcher now with the San Francisco Seals, formerly pitched for Portland. Whole kernel corn is delicious added to a poultry stuffing.



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