

Mayor's Committee Asked To Meet Suburban People

Four Corners, Jan. 20—Bus transportation problems were thrown squarely into the lap of the Salem city council at a second mass meeting Thursday night of residents of the several communities immediately east of the city here with approximately 30 persons making their way to the community hall.

Resolutions approved by the special committee named at the first meeting were adopted.

These called upon the City of Salem to assume jurisdiction over lines operating within a three-mile limit of Salem and if the jurisdiction is assumed, to also have jurisdiction over tariff (fares) and schedules.

The transportation committee of the city council is also requested to meet with a representative committee from the suburban area to determine schedules and/or tariff before any proposed changes are made by the operators of the bus line.

In event the city council cannot assume jurisdiction over a franchise issued by the city to a city bus line in event the requested jurisdiction is assumed, operators of a bus operating under city franchise would be confined to a designated area within the City of Salem.

Request was made that the city council hold a public hearing in reference to operation of passenger buses in the suburban area and within the three-mile limit. The resolutions will be presented to the council at its next meeting.

Additional complaints were voiced by those attending the meeting, many of them mothers of small children, the chief protest being the cancellation of a bus that had been taking the children of the Auburn community to school, leaving at 20 minutes to the hour, with the next available bus an hour later.

The bus has been transporting approximately 25 children to and from school and with the discontinuance of the bus many are forced to walk upward to a mile which has proven serious since the first of the year with present conditions. Fathers of many of these children are forced to use their own automobiles in getting to and from work and are unable to provide transportation for the children, as was asserted.

J. H. Gordon presided as chairman with J. M. Sleighter vice chairman. A. E. LaBranch, of Four Corners, was named to the special transportation committee to take the place of Henry Schnaz who was forced to resign because of lack of time to devote to the work. Attending were residents of Four Corners, Fruitland, Auburn and Swegle districts.

Rains Melting Snow Through Linn County

Albany, Jan. 20—End of the "big snow" was in sight Thursday as above-freezing rains began coming down on Linn county to melt away heavy snows that have fallen daily in the area since January 10.

Threat of a severe silver thaw appeared when the rain sprinkles turned into sharp sleet. Power lines, automobiles and trees got a 1/4-inch coating of ice, but when the sleet started late Wednesday no more ice formed. No ice damage was reported late Thursday.

Before Wednesday ended, however, 2.25 inches of sleet had fallen in Albany, bringing the January snowfall total up to 29.25 inches, of which 25.25 inches has fallen in the last nine days.

The temperature rose gradually from a low of 15 degrees Wednesday morning to well above freezing Thursday late afternoon.

The U.S. army signal corps forerunner of our modern air force, purchased its first airplane in 1909.

Taylor's Office at Vatican Closed

Rome, Jan. 20 (AP)—The office maintained here by President Truman's personal representative to the Vatican—a semi-diplomatic post vacated Wednesday by the resignation of Myron C. Taylor—has been closed.

Franklin C. Gowen, state department career diplomat who had served as Taylor's assistant, said today he had been recalled to Washington for consultation.

Gowen said the office had been closed. In Washington President Truman told a news conference yesterday the state department was studying the question of continuing representation at the Vatican.

American protestants have criticized maintenance of a U.S. representative at the Vatican ever since the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt named Taylor special envoy in December, 1939.

Taylor, 76, resigned Wednesday. President Truman accepted the resignation, he said, with "deep regret" and high praise for the work Taylor had done.

Military Ball February 18

February 18 has been set as the date for the annual Military Ball, held yearly with the Marion county chapter of the Reserve Officers' association as hosts.

The annual affair, as in the past, is to be held at the Salem armory, and general chairman in charge of the event is Capt. Dewey Rand of the U. S. army reserves. President of the Marion county chapter of the ROA is Comdr. Carl Cover, USNR.

Final plans for the military ball will be made at a meeting of all of the committees working on the affair the evening of January 24.

Heart Attack Hits After Albany Fire

Albany, Jan. 20—Mrs. Effie Draper, 80, remained unconscious at the Albany General hospital Thursday where she was taken after she was stricken with a heart attack at noon Thursday as flames threatened to destroy her apartment home at 127 W. Sixth avenue.

The fire was first spotted by a neighbor, Guy Hood, who entered the house and found Mrs. Draper collapsed in a rocking chair. The curtains were ablaze and fire was spreading rapidly. Hood removed Mrs. Draper and called for the ambulance and fire department.

Meanwhile Assistant Fire Chief Cecil Burkhardt was driving by when he also spotted the fire. Burkhardt took Mrs. Draper to the hospital.

The fire apparently started in the kitchen, but exactly how, fire department officials are still unsure. The fire was confined mainly to the roof. Another apartment in the building was undamaged.

There are certain "soldiers" among ants whose duty is to defend the colony.



New Senator—William Benton (above), Democrat, is new U. S. senator from Connecticut, succeeding Raymond E. Baldwin, resigned to become justice of state supreme court.

Livestock Sales \$5,960,000

Denver, Jan. 20 (AP)—Livestock sales at the National Western Stock Show have reached \$5,960,000, second highest in the event's 44 year history.

The record was nearly \$7,000,000 in 1948 when stockmen were replenishing depleted herds and meat prices soared at the removal of OPA ceilings.

L. M. Pexton, general manager of the Denver Union Stock Yard company, figured the sales this way: 28,746 head of cattle sold for \$5,180,000, 15,000 hogs went for \$450,000 and 16,300 sheep sold for \$330,000.

There were 180 carloads of calves and yearlings sold yesterday in the feeder cattle sale. Calves returned about \$30 a hundredweight and yearlings about \$25. Both figures were slightly below last year. The feeder sale receipts totaled \$1,100,000, nearly \$200,000 below last year when 240 carloads were sold.

The grand champion carload of feeder calves, hereforths from the Deberard Cattle company, Kremmling, Colo., sold for \$70 a hundredweight, a drop of \$7 from last year's record. The sale of junior show champions today winds up the exposition except for a rodeo which continues through tomorrow night.

Liquor Commission Plans Meeting in KF

Portland, Jan. 20 (AP)—The state liquor control commission will hold next Tuesday's meeting at Klamath Falls, an unprecedented action.

The commission regularly meets in Portland, on rare occasions in Salem. It will shift its meeting to Klamath Falls next week so that Commissioner W. A. Spangler, Klamath Falls, may attend. He has been ill.

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Hoover Takes Over Hunt For Million Dollar Bandits

Boston, Jan. 20 (AP)—Topflight investigators commanded by the nation's crime chief streamlined their hunt today for Boston's million dollar desperadoes.

Under orders from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who took control yesterday, experts involved in the investigation coordinated activities. They considered the possibility of setting up a central office to sift clues.

Two more money bags—the fifth picked up since the robbery—were found in Milton early today. Police said one bore the wording "property of and should be returned to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York." The other bore no lettering.

Boston police said they would pick them up as possible clues in the Boston holdup. They were found in a driveway by two Milton policemen.

Directives from Hoover's office criss-crossed the nation to FBI branches in key cities in the hunt for nine bandits who seized a million dollars in cash and a half million in checks at the Brink's Armored Transportation company garage Tuesday night.

Local FBI agents were assigned today to a co-ordination session at the office of Attorney General Francis E. Kelly. Crack state, local and private detectives also attended the meeting.

As the manhunt entered its third day, investigators clung to only a few thin leads.

The seizure of a New Jersey ex-convict with \$1,762 dollars on his person in Miami, Fla., yesterday as a possible suspect was knocked down by local police.

Boston Deputy Supt. John F. Daly said, after talking with Miami police, that the man apparently had no connection with the local holdup.

The man, identified as Arthur Longano, 51, of Englewood, N. J., was picked up by detectives who flagged down the streamliner Miamian as it entered the Northeast 29th street yards.

The FBI automatically enlisted the aid of millions of civilians, banks and business establishments last night by publishing serial numbers of 24,050 bills totaling \$98,900 of the \$1,000,000 taken in the robbery.

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Scaffold Falls, Man Loses Life

Lebanon, Jan. 20—LuVern Scott, 41, proprietor of Scotts Electric service, was instantly killed early Thursday afternoon when a scaffolding at the new Baptist church where he was working, slipped, and he fell head first 15 feet to the floor beside the altar.

He was starting to get off the scaffolding when it slipped, witnesses told Coroner Glenn Huston. He sustained a broken neck.

The accident occurred in the west end of the new building. Scott, who is survived by his wife, Goldie, lives at 535 Main street. There are also two children.

Funeral services will be announced by the Howe-Huston chapel.

Lineman Shocked
Silverton, Jan. 20—J. S. Sterrett, 801 Bartlett street, lineman for the PGE company, had a severe shock but escaped death when he came in contact with a 2400 volt line near Mt. Angel Thursday afternoon. He was treated by a physician and sent home and is expected to be able to work Saturday.

Sterrett and Robert Moore, 410 East Main, were disconnecting a private line when he brushed against the high voltage wire. It is believed that a direct contact would have proven fatal. Moore was on the ground at the time and brought Sterrett into Silverton.

Louis Ringuette of Grants Pass, used snowshoes for three miles after snowplows had broken a road for them a distance of 12 miles.

Grants Pass, Jan. 20 (AP)—Men on snowshoes early today succeeded in bringing out, on a hand sled, the body of Loyel Johnston, 19, who died from exhaustion Tuesday while trying to make his way out of the marooned Oregon Caves on foot.

A group of men from Cave Junction, headed by Coroner Virgil Hull and Deputy Sheriff

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