

Weights Office Makes Report

The increased business activity in Oregon, resulting from the nation-leading 59.3 percent population increase, is reflected in the state's weights and measures testing, reports O. K. Beals, chief of the state department of agriculture's division which handles this activity.

The department records show that Walter B. Steele, weights and measures supervisor, and his assistants tested 1,060 heavy duty (capacity over 5,000 pounds) scales last year; 6,513 small scales (under 5,000 pounds); 4,993 retail gasoline pumps; and 640 wholesale petroleum meters. Last year was the first time any emphasis has been given in the wholesale meter field, and all eastern and southern Oregon areas were covered.

On the whole, weights and measures devices being used in trade channels were in better condition last year than in 1948. In 1949, only 7.75 percent or 504 of the small scales were condemned for repairs; this was four percent better than in 1948. Twenty percent or 217 of the heavy duty scales were condemned.

In the liquid field, 303 wholesale fuel meters were incorrect, with 143 of these or 22.3 percent giving short measure and 160 or 25 percent dispensing more fuel than the meter registered. Of the retail gasoline pumps, 11 percent were condemned, compared with 16 percent in 1948.

Condemnation does not mean that scales or meters have to be tossed in the junk heap. Often minor repairs or adjustments will remedy the situation, though sometimes major repairs are necessary. In all cases, where devices are restored to accurate weight or measure the state removes the condemnation tag.

Average annual precipitation in Utah is only 13 inches, with some desert sections getting less than five and mountain ranges as much as 40 inches.

Truman's Whistle-Stops Fancy Compared with Attlee's Stops

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—The simplicity of big shot campaign tactics in Great Britain make President Truman's whistle stop methods look like the progress of a Roman emperor through a newly conquered province.

Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee is campaigning around the country in a 10-year-old black jalopy of his own. He would not dare use his government car.

Handsome Anthony Eden, who will be deputy prime minister if the conservatives get in, has been speaking to groups of 50 or so up north.

One of his meetings was in the drawing room of a country physician's home. Eden's audience of farmers and their wives came from the village of Milverton, two miles away—so obscure a place that it has bus service only twice a week.

That's a whistle stop for sure.

Merriman Smith, United Press White House correspondent in Washington, would quit in astonished despair if he were assigned to cover the general election campaign on the top man of what is left of the British empire.

Smitty and other White House reporters travel in style in the air or on the ground, their hotel accommodations and other details all carefully worked out for them in advance.

Not here. The Attlee car sometimes rolls over the road by itself. Occasionally local correspondents



Pays His Fine—Rep. Fred Crawford (R., Mich.), counts out fine and costs amounting to \$28.50 in Prince Georges county, Md., police court after he pleaded guilty to an assault charge. He was released after spending two nights in jail at Upper Marlboro, Md. With him is his secretary, William Hackett (right). Man at left not identified. Rep. Crawford was held on charges of striking a young prize fighter, Ray Hanbury, who worked for him. (AP Wirephoto)

Congressman Pays Fine for Slapping Helper in Argument

Upper Marlboro, Md., Feb. 21 (AP)—Rep. Fred L. Crawford, R., Mich., ended a two-day sitdown strike in the county jail Monday by paying a \$25 fine for slapping a former fighter who worked for him.

The 62-year-old congressman pleaded guilty to assault, paid his fine and went home. Crawford also paid \$3.50 for court costs.

Crawford readily admitted he struck Ray Hanbury, 23-year-old ex-boxer who works for the congressman, in an argument "of a personal nature." Hanbury said Crawford struck him while he (Hanbury) had both hands on a ladder during an argument Saturday on the congressman's Maryland farm. Hanbury, who lives and works on the farm and also works in Crawford's office, said the argument concerned a matter "of office routine."

He told a reporter that Crawford's stenographer, Ruth Peters, told a "distorted" story about him when Crawford took it up with him, Hanbury said. Crawford told him "you or any other" is not going to talk about that girl that way. The congressman then struck Hanbury in the face.

Crawford made no comment during the court hearing. Crawford was arrested Saturday on an assault warrant sworn out by Hanbury.

Storm Warnings Changed—Seattle, Feb. 21 (AP)—The weather bureau changed storm warnings to small craft warnings at 7:30 a.m. today from Tatoosh to Cape Blanco, off the Washington and Oregon coast, through the Strait of Juan De Fuca and inland waters of Washington.

In contrast to Attlee's old black jalopy, Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison cruises to political meetings in a Jaguar, a beautiful low slung, high powered job capable of well over 100 miles an hour. There is nothing suggesting socialism about Morrison's chariot.

The socialist cabinet ministers do have government cars for official business. But the customers wouldn't approve of riding around in a taxpayers' automobile for campaign purposes.

Fate of Nationalist Island of Hainan Dependent Upon Wind

Editor's Note: United Press Correspondent Robert C. Miller has arrived in the Far East to cover the expected Communist invasion of Nationalist-held Hainan and Formosa Islands. Miller began reporting wars with the U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal and has covered many major conflicts since then. He was wounded in action near Verdun in 1944 while making the dash through France with the U.S. 3rd Army. His recent assignments included the Palestine war and communal fighting between Hindus and Moslems in India. In his first dispatch from Hainan island he reports that wind and fog will force a decision on the fate of Hainan within the next 10 days.

By ROBERT C. MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)
Hoihow, Hainan Island, Feb. 21 (AP)—Fate of the strategic Chinese Nationalist island stronghold of Hainan will be decided within the next 10 days. The outcome depends upon the wind. The communist invasion fleet from the mainland is expected to sail across the 18-mile-wide Hainan strait covered by fog and using the seasonal north wind to fill the sails of their junks.

The northerly winds, which have been blowing for the past week, would enable them to cross in less than three hours. The favorable winds and fog are expected to last until March 1.

It is believed that an invasion will be impossible once the winds change, for then the junks would lose the cover of fog and would be forced to beat their way in long tacks against an unfavorable wind. This would increase crossing time by many hours and make the loaded junks easy prey to sea and air attack.

The nationalists are braced for the attack. Troops are alerted, coastal defenses fully manned, dawn to dusk air searches are out, and navy patrols are on guard in the strait.

A report circulated here that five junks attempted to make an initial landing Thursday night but were intercepted. One was captured. The nationalists claimed that the other four were sunk, but there were no reports of wreckage of bodies washed ashore.

Ramseyers Are Given Farewell at Pratun—A farewell party was given Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ramseyer Jr. in basement of Methodist church. Mrs. Elmer Hansen was in charge of entertainment. Mrs. Adam Henschel and Mrs. Harold deVries served refreshments to 60 guests.

The Ramseyers are moving to Alaska. Mr. Ramseyer expects to go soon, where he will be employed. Mrs. Ramseyer and children will go later. They have rented their house to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Johnson. Vernon Johnson is a former resident of this community.

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The most reliable estimates place at 180,000 the number of communist troops massed in invasion readiness on Luichow peninsula, across from Hainan. Thousands of small craft and junks, most powered by sail but some motorized, have been dispersed under camouflage along the coastal bays and inlets. Although camouflaged, they are subject to daily nationalist bombing attacks by Martin B-26's.

The communist invasion objective is to link up with the communist guerrillas who hold the mountainous interior of the 6,000-foot high island. The guerrillas held a 20-mile strip of the island's coastline last October, but they have been driven in.

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