



Buckets of Buckles—Sheriff Denver Young, left, and Deputy Sheriff Harvey Frankum have their hands on a portion of the 97 pounds of belt buckles retrieved by Deputies Frankum and Ed Armstrong Tuesday afternoon following the arrest of Gordon Albert Baxter on a burglary charge.

Allege 5000 Buckles Stolen at Jefferson

By RON GEMMEL

It wasn't buckles by the peck, it was buckles by the gunny sack full in Sheriff Denver Young's office Wednesday morning as the result of the arrest of Gordon Albert Baxter by Deputies Harvey Frankum and Ed Armstrong Tuesday afternoon.

Dyer Goes to Fort Benning

Capt. William C. Dyer, commander of Company G, 162nd Infantry Regiment, Oregon National Guard, is to report to Fort Benning, Georgia, March 12 to attend the 13-weeks associate officers advance course.

Dyer, commander of Company G since July 25, 1948 when he transferred to the National Guard from the Army Reserve, is a veteran of World War II, first entering the service February 22, 1942.

Shortly after entering the service in 1942 Dyer was sent to officers' candidate school and graduated August 18, 1942, with the commission of a second lieutenant. Following his graduation he was assigned to the 415th Infantry Regiment of the 104th Infantry Division, with which he remained during the entire war.

In Europe with the division from August, 1944 to July, 1945, Dyer returned to the States with the division. He was released to inactive duty September 3, 1946, and after his release became a member of the reserves, being assigned to the 104th Infantry Division, which became a reserve unit.

Mrs. Dyer and the couple's children will remain in Salem while Dyer is in Georgia.

Slated to report to Fort Benning, Ga., February 20 for the 13-week associate company officers course are five other Oregon National Guard officers.

In this group are Second Lt. Alan E. Hodgson, headquarters 162nd Infantry, Portland; Second Lt. William O. James, heavy mortar company, 186th Infantry, Coos Bay; Second Lt. Robert H. Keller, company F, 186th Infantry, Baker; Second Lt. Phillip A. Polachek, company A, 162nd Infantry, McMinnville; and Second Lt. Paul L. Vosgien, company M, 186th Infantry, Tillamook.

G.P.-Dunsmuir Train To Make Last Run

Medford (AP)—Two Southern Pacific trains operating between Grants Pass, Ore., and Dunsmuir, Calif., will make their last runs, Feb. 26, it was announced here today.

The Southern Pacific last year announced plans to discontinue the runs.

Bus service, which will replace the two passenger trains, will begin Feb. 27. Mail service between the two cities already is being carried by truck.

Little water remains in winds after they have bucked over the 14,000-foot peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

rest of Gordon Albert Baxter by Deputies Harvey Frankum and Ed Armstrong Tuesday afternoon.

The sheriff and his aides were holding as evidence 97 pounds of belt buckles, part of 5,000 that Baxter, 31, of Lebanon, is alleged to have stolen from Ben F. Brandon of Jefferson by committing a burglary not in a dwelling.

They were recovered from a Salem junk shop, where, according to officers, Baxter had peddled them for their zinc value for \$4. When plated, they are potentially worth \$1 each—or \$5,000 for the bunch—at retail prices, according to Brandon. He made the buckles, which carry a covered wagon design, for a specific order in Los Angeles, so officers relate.

The buckles sell for about 25 cents wholesale to outlets who then retail them as novelties or souvenirs.

Brandon is said to have made them in a California shop and to have brought them with him when he moved to Jefferson.

Baxter was arraigned in district court Wednesday, where he waived preliminary hearing, was bound over to the grand jury and committed in lieu of \$2,000 bail.

New Oregon Postmasters
Washington (AP)—The Senate has approved the following nominations for postmasterships in Oregon: Arthur B. Scarseth, Camp White; Charles W. Garlick, Gladstone; Vella A. Harlan, McNary; Russell F. Cooper, Sutherlin.



To Get Out the Voters—Tags for election day have been proposed by Harding College, an Arkansas school. The idea would be to give everyone who votes a little red tag reading "I have voted! Have You?" Here a girl models an oversize version of the tag.



Reclassified Inductees Leave for Service—Nine reclassified men, mostly in the 23 and 24 age group, leave Salem Tuesday afternoon for induction into the armed forces. From left: Robert William Smith, Earl Raymond Clester, Harold Joseph Johns, Roland Murrell Zielinski, Ronald Gordon Hammack, Richard Wain Fraser, Lloyd Henry Paradis, John Patrick Schultz and William Herman Fickey.

Church Groups Opposed to UMT

Washington (AP)—Slashing attacks on universal military training by leaders of church groups left Chairman Russell (D., Ga.) of the senate armed services committee—as he put it—"frankly puzzled" Wednesday.

Most church witnesses bitterly assailed the proposal to compel 18-year-olds to take six months' basic military training but say they are willing to go along with the selective service draft for several more years.

Russell is a sponsor of the UMT measure. He hopes it eventually can replace the draft by building up a vast reservoir of trained manpower in the reserves.

The committee chairman told several witnesses Tuesday he could not understand why they support the draft and oppose UMT.

He noted that the draft is under complete military control, that it takes men down to 18½ for two years actual duty that may include combat and then puts them in the reserve for another six years.

Winter Maneuvers Underway in Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska (AP)—Large scale winter maneuvers involving most Army units stationed in Alaska were under way today.

The maneuvers began yesterday with the advance of a battalion combat team toward Anchorage from Fairbanks, the Army announced.

Military officials here said the exercises were designed to demonstrate the capabilities and limitations of ground units under severe winter conditions. Emphasis will be on survival in extreme cold weather, mobility over snow and the care and use of specialized equipment.

Ski-equipped aircraft, trucks,

bulldozers and tractors will be used during a trek of more than 200 miles through the frozen wilderness. Combat teams from the fourth infantry regiment, Ladd Air Force base, the 198th regimental combat team, and Fort Richardson are taking part in the exercises.

Graham Raps Capital Sinners

Washington (AP)—People in the time of Jesus Christ were "just like the men in Washington," Evangelist Billy Graham said, except they missed a chance at salvation without knowing it.

An estimated 8,000 persons at the National Guard Armory Tuesday night heard the young preacher continue: "The blood of this city won't be on my hands. For four solid weeks I've preached the gospel here, and I want to tell you there's one sin men won't be forgiven as long as the world lasts. That's turning down Jesus Christ when they had the chance to accept him."

Graham's capital crusade, begun Jan. 10, ends next Sunday.

Need Chains in Cascades

Motorists were advised by the Oregon Highway commission Monday to carry chains in the Government Camp, Timberline, Warm Springs and Seneca areas because of packed snow.

Oslo, Norway, is a modern city because it was leveled by several disastrous fires in the Middle Ages.

Cub Scout Made M. Sgt. In Marines

Philadelphia (AP)—Charles A. Cohn didn't get everything he wanted but at least he's an honorary master sergeant in the Marine Corps.

"I would like to give a pint of blood. My life is not worth that of a living soldier in Korea," Charles wrote the Red Cross. "If I can't give blood I insist you let me join the U.S. Cross blood center, Marines," he added.

Charles, a veteran Cub Scout was "inducted" Tuesday by Maj. Clark A. Morrow, USMC recruiting officer, and given his honorary stripes. And, the major led a group of Marines to the blood center to donate blood in Charles' name.

Charles wasn't allowed to contribute his because he is only 10.

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South Village Aids Playground

The South Village—Morning-side Community club met Tuesday night at Fern Todd's home in South Village with a attendance of 34 members.

Plans were made for the forthcoming pie social and money raising program for the South Village park which the members are financing for playground equipment.

This park is in South Village and was donated to the city by Al Larson for the use of the community.

Committees chosen for the following programs were: Entertainment, with Mrs. Minnie Baker, chairman; prizes and ticket sales, Al Larson; attendance, Al Baker; rules and by-laws of the club and formation of the charter, Brenaman Murray.

The social will be on the second Saturday in March all proceeds will be used for the playground equipment. The public will be invited.

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Three GOP Candidates Grill Truman Regime Lincoln Day

Washington (AP)—Three republican presidential candidates set the pace as GOP speakers hammered the Truman administration in nationwide Lincoln day rallies last night.

Sen. Robert A. Taft told a Seattle audience that President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson were to blame for not accepting the Chinese nationalists' offer to invade the

communist-held Chinese mainland.

"Will they prefer to go on sending American soldiers to the continent of Asia when Chinese soldiers are begging to be sent to do the job," the Ohioan asked. "Our soldiers, sailors, marines and aviators fight superbly, but their political leaders do not think superbly."

Gov. Earl Warren of California, another hopeful for the GOP presidential nomination, said in Boston that a "frontal attack" program of issues would win the White House for republicans in November. Highlights of his program:

"Overhaul the government from stem to stern... grub out root and branch the corruption and favoritism... take the secrecy out of government... give the people economy... administer the tax laws fairly... balance the budget... reduce the national debt... stand four square against planned economy... prevent monopoly of every kind... and fight inflation."

Harold E. Stassen, also a contender for his party's nomination, told a Lincoln Day dinner audience in Salt Lake City that the Truman administration is responsible for "the seven worst years for waste, corruption, loose spending, foreign policy failures, treasonable conduct and unnecessary loss of American lives."

Sen. James H. Duff (Pa.), one of the kingpins in the drive to get the nomination for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, told a rally in Carlisle, Pa., that "in today's troubled world the republican party must not be placed in a position of catching up with history. In this fateful year we must give the people a leader who has the capacity to make history."

Says Taft Voted Against Dams

Ephrata, Wash., (AP)—A democratic leader here says Sen. Robert A. Taft has consistently voted against river development bills despite campaign statements that he favors "full development" of such resources.

"Someone ought to introduce Taft to candidate Taft," E. Roy Mundy, fourth district democratic chairman, said yesterday in charging that the Ohio senator's voting record differs from his statements.

Mundy said that as late as 1948, the candidate for the republican nomination for president voted against funds for Grand Coulee dam, and that he voted five times against funds for rural electrification construction.

Yet, Mundy said, last Sept. 28 Taft "went to Grand Forks, N. D., to dedicate a rural electrification generating plant."

"I predict if he is elected in November that he will stifle river development such as Ice Harbor and Chief Joseph dams," the five-county democratic chairman said.

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