

Better Housing Campaign Starts Monday in Jackson County

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—One business which the new deal has inadvertently restored to prosperity is the legal business. You could not drop a writ of habeas corpus out of any downtown building here these days without hitting one or more lawyers on the head. The town is swarming with two classes of them, one inside the courtroom and the other outside, trying to legalize it.

No one, not even the justice department, has charted the boom in the legal industry, or has any definite idea of the scope of it.

Without saying anything, Attorney General Cummings began to look into the problem recently when he saw cases mounting on federal court dockets faster than prohibition cases ever did. The unwielded that 27,804 civil and criminal cases involving the various new deal agencies, (NRA, AAA, FWA, etc.) were pending at the end of December.

If President Roosevelt is the new deal quarterback, this court phase of the legal boom has made Mr. Cummings a roving fullback. He has become the main secondary defense. To keep up with the onslaught, he is quietly establishing a private non-statistical system to keep tab month by month on how the new deal is faring in the courts. In the past such figures were collected only at annual intervals.

The amazing figure for December represents an increase in the past six months of 2000 criminal cases, but a slight decrease in civil cases. It does not include cases under federal bankruptcy laws, which always average over 10,000 pending at a time.

This is the underlying reason why Mr. Roosevelt said in his NRA message to Congress that some quicker method of handling NRA enforcement cases should be found. A cease and desist procedure is what he had in mind to replace criminal prosecutions.

While the NRA cases represent the largest bulk, no phase of the new deal is being omitted, even alcohol tax prosecutions. You may doubt it if you will, but 21,000 arrests have been made under this law since repeal and additional cases are piling up at the rate of several hundred weekly.

One explanation is that the deal is new and that this is the testing stage. The courts furnish the legal testing ground.

There have been many sub rosa rumors lately that the White House is growing cold to the holding company bill. There is nothing in them. The peculiar White House position on the bill is the same as it was on the stock market bill. The president will appear unconcerned about it publicly, but will push it hard privately. This technique permits him to avoid complications.

Two separate clans of business lobbyists are assembling on the Q. T. for separate big pushes on congress. One is the utility group which is planning what appears to be a hopeless assault on the holding company bill.

The other is the air mail crowd which is exuding righteous indignation over the post office department. It seems they all agreed with Mr. Roosevelt to put air mail contracts under a revised interstate commerce commission which would make them non-political.

Imagine their chagrin when the bill to do it was proposed in congress a few days ago, carrying a provision authorizing the postmaster general to consolidate lines at any time and designate primary routes. By this consolidating and redesignating device, the unfeeling Mr. Farley may take away lines from those who hate and give them to those who love it.

Travelers have been bragging that they are not worrying about the new deal. Grubbs' decision in Alabama, because the supreme court is a precedent in their favor in an old Boulder dam case.

The bragging got so loud recently that interested new deal lawyers hunted off the Boulder dam cases and looked into them. They learned that the Boulder dam case probably was not applicable because the court approved it on the ground that the sale of power was a public use, not incidental to flood control, navigation and irrigation. This is entirely different from the "public use" principle of the Tennessee valley authority.

A fancy new idea in lobbying is being worked out in Arizona. The house of Arizona's state legislature has passed and the senate is now considering a bill to amend a full-time

BRUNO BELIEVERS CONTRIBUTE COIN TO HELP DEFENSE

Thousands Crowd Hall to Hear Wife and Lawyer—Admission Charged and Offerings Total \$2000

Ransom Bills Appear
NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Although federal agents professed ignorance of the matter, the American Airlines, Inc., has confirmed reports that some of the Lindbergh ransom money was passed at its east Boston airport.

The aviation company said it had turned over to the federal authorities a list of all passengers in and out of Boston from last Saturday to Monday, since it did not know on what trip the money had been passed.

It is said two \$10 bills were identified as ransom money.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Bruno Hauptmann's defense fund was richer today by more than \$2000, the contribution of thousands of wildly enthusiastic Germans who stormed a rally in his behalf.

Their donation will be added to the \$15,000 previously raised to appeal the carpenter's conviction on a charge of killing the Lindbergh baby, who was stolen from his crib three years ago tomorrow.

The little country court room where Hauptmann stood trial was no more than a spot of suffocation than was the Yorkville Casino last night. Police estimated the crowd as high as 5000, with 3000 more milling outside.

Wife Crowd Center
Officers had to protect Mrs. Anna Hauptmann, wife of the condemned man, from women who pressed around her as she made her way to the platform. Reinforcements had their hands full clearing a path so that she and Edward J. Reilly, defense attorney, could leave after the rally.

"My husband was well as I have sympathy for those who suffer," Mrs. Hauptmann said. "We are sorry a crime like this has been committed because we ourselves have a child which we love."

"We beg God that the kidnaper of the Lindbergh baby will be found."

Injustice Claimed
"A great injustice has been done," said Reilly.

"The man who is guilty should be hung, drawn and quartered. But that man is not Bruno Richard Hauptmann."

"Somewhere in the United States, scoffing at the law enforcement authorities, is the real kidnaper."

"Fortunately," the lawyer declared, "there is a higher tribunal where judges will pass on his case."

The rally was held in Yorkville, center of New York's German-born population, which in 1930 totaled more than 237,000.

Each person admitted was charged 25 cents and a box two feet square was piled almost a foot deep with contributions, some of them \$20 bills.

LAMSON JURY SECURED AFTER 8-DAY BATTLE
SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 28.—(AP)—After eight days of haggling, the state and defense agreed today on a jury of eight men and four women to try David A. Lamson a second time on charges of murdering his wife Aileen, in their home on the Stanford campus May 29, 1933.

SON OF EX-KAISER HAS HEART TROUBLE
GOSLAR, Germany, Feb. 28.—(AP)—August Wilhelm, son of the former German kaiser, was taken to a hospital today suffering from a heart attack. He was stricken while motoring to Blankenburg. Physicians said the former prince's condition was not serious.

Mayor Asks Cooperation In Housing Act Campaign

In connection with the campaign which will open here Monday to secure for Jackson county a portion of the benefits available through the National Housing act, Mayor George Porter today issued the following proclamation:

The National Housing act, through the federal housing administration, has made it possible for the owners of property to:

Better the living conditions of his family

Stimulate employment

Improve the appearance of his property, adding to the civic pride of his city and neighborhood.

Protect and increase the value of his investments.

The Better Housing program is now being launched in Medford, and the Rogue River valley through a campaign sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, purpose of which is to stimulate repairs, alterations and improvements to homes and business properties. In

Replaces Woman



Fred Hunt (above) replaced Mrs. George A. Waters as warden of the Oklahoma reformatory at Granite following the escape of 32 convicts. Mrs. Waters was slated for removal before the break. (Associated Press Photo)

A spring campaign under the national housing act in Jackson county will definitely get under way next Monday morning, it was announced by B. E. Harder, county chairman. Headquarters have been established at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce with a man in charge of the office.

As a part of this campaign, solicitors employed by the SERA will make a house to house canvass starting Monday morning to explain the various provisions of the act. This system has been used in many cities in Oregon and has been found very effective in acquainting property owners with information on the first clause of the act, relating to remodeling, rebuilding and modernizing.

The solicitors will not only be in a position to explain what can be done under the act, but will be equipped with full information relative to financing. The government has made provision that those who wish to make improvements can borrow money at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent annually, and many such loans have been made in Medford through the various banking institutions since last fall.

While of course the purpose of the act is to provide that borrowers may obtain money at a reasonable rate of interest over a long term period to make improvements, its primary objective is to put property to work by encouraging renewed activity in the building trade. It is a known fact that under normal conditions over four million men are employed in the building trades throughout the United States, where-

JUSTICE HOLMES AT DEATH'S DOOR
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Three tanks of oxygen were taken at 1:45 p. m. into the residence of Justice Wendell Holmes, where he lay seriously ill.

"The justice is ill and at his age all illness is serious," was all his doctor—Thomas A. Clayton—would say.

Around the supreme court, where Mr. Holmes served 29 years until his retirement in January, 1932, it was understood he was afflicted with bronchial pneumonia.

MAJOR DARK OF CCC GOING TO TENNESSEE
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Army orders issued by the war department Wednesday included:

Major Robert F. Dark, now on duty with the CCC, Medford, Ore., detailed to duty with the organized reserves, Knoxville, Tenn.

Bend Wife Admits Shooting Husband
Bend, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Alice Estelle Sage, 33, was held in the Deschutes county jail today on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with an attack on her husband, Merle D. Sage, last Sunday night at Redmond.

HAWKS PLANS FLIGHT TO PANAMA FRIDAY
NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Frank Hawks, speed flyer, will fly to Panama tomorrow, he said today at Newark airport, as he prepared to make his low-wing Northrop Gamma cabin plane for Floyd Bennett field, New York.

WILEY POST SAYS SOMEONE PLACED FILINGS IN MOTOR

Sabotage Blamed by Pilot for Failure of Sub-Stratosphere Flight—Landing of Plane Made Difficult

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Wiley Post charged today that nearly two pounds of steel filings and powdered emery were placed in the engine of his airplane, probably at the instigation of "another pilot," to cause the failure of his recent projected sub-stratosphere flight across the continent.

Post, here en route to New York, did not name the pilot, but said he had enough evidence of the alleged sabotage to convince him the foreign matter was placed in the engine of the Winnie Mae deliberately.

Made Engine Overheat
The Oklahoman said the substances caused the engine to overheat dangerously after he had been in the air less than 50 minutes. He made a forced landing with a full load of gasoline and without landing gear in the bed of Muroc dry lake in California.

"Laboratory tests disclosed the presence of the emery and filings in the oil," Post said, referring to an investigation now under way in Los Angeles. "I began to suspect something was wrong soon after I got off the ground at Los Angeles, because the engine was hotter than it ever

KLAMATH RELIEF FUND RUNS LOW
KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The Klamath county relief office will be closed tomorrow unless the regular federal appropriation from the state relief committee arrives from Portland, according to Phyllis Hartzog, director.

The budget had been averaging about \$30,000 a month but now there are no funds on hand, Miss Hartzog said.

The situation was attributed to the relief legislation jam at Washington.

Medford relief officials, when informed of the situation in Klamath county, said they had received no information that would indicate any change in the distribution of funds or procedure in the state relief program.

BRITISH TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA IS WORD
VALETTA, Malta, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A rumor that British citizens would be evacuated from Ethiopia rushed through Malta tonight as H. M. S. Royal Sovereign took on provisions of medical stores and equipment preparatory to sailing.

The Mediterranean fleet sailed this morning for combined exercises, leaving behind the Royal Sovereign and H. M. S. Despatch. It was believed the two ships would sail for some unspecified destination without joining the rest of the fleet.

Whether the destination really was Ethiopia was not confirmed.

NAVY LAUNCH BURNS IN S. F. BAY; 1 DIES
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Coxswain Benjamin Matthews, 32, United States navy, formerly of Stockton, Calif., was killed today in the burning of a 50-foot motor launch which caught fire while a regular trip between Verba Buena Island and the Key route Oakland pier.

Twelve civilians and six other navy men aboard the launch were rescued. None were seriously hurt.

The cause of the fire was not immediately determined, but it was believed a backfire set off the gasoline tank.

Student Pacific of Nation to In 1-Hour

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A nation-wide one-hour strike of students opposed to the war has been called for April 12.

Spokesmen for the Columbia university anti-war committee, which announced the call, said they expected at least 100,000 college students and 20,000 high school pupils to participate. Nearly 100 institutions will be represented, the committee said, with presidents and deans leading the protestants at some colleges.

Endorsement of the strike has been given, spokesmen added, by the National Council of Methodist Youth, with 1,000,000 members; the middle Atlantic division of the inter-seminary movement, the Student League of Industrial Democracy and the National Students' League.

ARMY OFFICER'S DAUGHTER BEATEN BY REDS IS CLAIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Major Albert M. Jones, chief of the intelligence unit of the army's ninth corps area, today denied published reports that his 20-year-old daughter, Barbara, had been attacked and beaten in a communist campaign of violence against officers in the San Francisco Presidio.

The story, as carried in the Examiner today, said the attack occurred on a dim street at the army post after Major Jones had received letters threatening kidnapping or harm to his daughter unless he halted his activities against communists on the military reservation.

The major's son, Warren J. Clear, also a chief assistant, and a member of a third officer's family, asserted a woman, were also waylaid and beaten. Captain Clear declined to affirm or deny the story.

"Any statement will have to come from Major Jones," he said. "I cannot say anything unless he directs me."

The newspaper said the attacks and the alleged communist terror reign are under investigation by the department of justice, and that a report has been forwarded to the army high command at Washington, D. C.

GOLD HILL PAVING BIDS ARE OPENED

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A proposal that the \$100,000 job of reconstructing the Pacific highway between Cottage Grove and the California line was made a special federal project was made the state highway commission here today by delegations from Roseburg, Grants Pass and Ashland.

The project would be undertaken on the same basis as that proposed for reconstruction of the Columbia highway between Cascade Locks and Bonneville.

The commission opened bids on 16 highway projects today. Projects and the low bidder include:

Jackson county—widening and paving Gold Hill section, Pacific highway, Mountain State Construction company, Eugene, \$21,290.

PROVIDE \$57,600 FOR CRATER PARK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(Sp.)—Provision for \$57,600 for maintenance of Crater Lake national park is provided in the appropriation bill of the interior department reported to the house yesterday. The bill also appropriates \$250,000 for repayment to counties in the Oregon-California land grant, providing sufficient revenues are derived from sale of land and timber. This means no change in the question and counties will not receive money in lieu of taxes unless money comes in. The item is not an appropriation from the general treasury.

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POLICE, FIREMAN PENSION BOOST LOSES IN HOUSE

Bill Before Legislature for Five Weeks Finally Killed—Autoist Liability Insurance Bill Is Favored

SALEM, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The proposal to increase the pension fund for policemen and firemen in cities where civil service was in operation by taxing insurance premiums two per cent was killed by the house of the Oregon legislature today by a vote of 34 to 25.

The bill, which has been before the session for five weeks, and several times in and out of committee, came up for vote today under special order and was argued for two hours.

Without a negative vote, the senate in the meantime passed senate bill 459, introduced by Senator Dean Walker, which provides that all official legal business of the state shall be performed by or under the direction of the attorney general.

Legal work coming under the jurisdiction of district attorneys would be excluded from provisions of the bill.

Only two negative votes were cast against Senator Allan Byrnes' bill repealing the measure of financial responsibility by owners and operators of motor vehicles. The measure as passed would apply only to drivers who, after passage of the act, should be convicted of breaking the motor vehicle laws. Such persons then would be required to either take out liability insurance, give proof of their financial responsibility or put up a suitable bond before being permitted to drive again.

Two controversial measures, one providing for the establishment of a public ferry across the Columbia river

THOMAS RECITES SAVINGS FORCED

SALEM, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Savings to rate payers in the public utilities division of \$537,488, to grain rate payers \$225,000, gasoline rate payers \$1,000,000 and others under the railroad division of \$380,000 were reported by Public Commissioner Charles M. Thomas on his final day in that office today.

The report was made to Governor Charles H. Martin as Thomas ended his four year term. Frank C. McColloch of Baker will succeed him to that office tomorrow.

In leaving his office, Commissioner Thomas declared he wished success to McColloch and has offered his services in any manner to the next commissioner if it was desired. The past two days the two men have been working together, Thomas acquainting McColloch with the business of the department.

Thomas stated he would either locate in Portland or remain in Salem to open law offices in either city. He stated his present plans were to practice in the capital city.

FOOD PRICES TO CLIMB THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Food prices, Secretary Wallace says, probably will climb 11 per cent during the first of 1935 even if there is no recurrence of drought.

The agricultural department head made this prediction late yesterday at a press conference. Just previously, the weather bureau had reported continued dry weather in large portions of five states which were affected by late summers drought.

Though Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel, economic adviser to Wallace, said most of the increase were due to drought, Wallace said, "I think the AAA had something to do with it."

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HONOLULU SWEEP BY FLOOD WATER FROM HEAVY RAIN

HONOLULU, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Floods sweeping Oahu island claimed a fifth life here early today when an explosion killed a Japanese woman and injured six other persons.

Flood waters caused the explosion of a gas main late last night, fatally injuring Mrs. Nobu Yoshikawa, 45, critically injuring three others and less seriously hurting three more.

Previously four persons were drowned and four others reported missing when rivers were sent on a rampage by a sudden cloudburst which inundated more than three days of rain.

Two hundred and fifty National Guardsmen patrolled the downtown area of Honolulu today to prevent looting of deserted stores and homes.

Wrecking crews and merchants began cleaning up wreckage as the rains abated and flood waters started receding from streets which were impassable rivers last night.

Traffic was still diverted in many sections and danger signals were hung on two washed out bridges within the city.

Flooded streams drowned four persons in the village of Waialua. Four others were reported missing along River street in Honolulu's picturesque Chinatown. Others fled from their homes in this section when firemen and volunteers swam through water ten feet deep to warn them their lives were in danger.

SOLINSKY'S TRIAL SLATED MARCH 25

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Charged in a federal indictment with manipulation of park bureau funds and a conspiracy to defraud the government, E. C. Solinsky, former superintendent of Crater Lake national park, will go on trial in federal court here March 25.

The trial originally had been set for March 11, but Federal Judge Poe yesterday set the date over upon motion of George Neuner, one of Solinsky's attorneys. The government did not object to the postponement.

Bandit Hamilton Reported Hemmed

TERRELL, Texas, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Terrell officers were informed this afternoon that the death-house fugitive, Raymond Hamilton, had been surrounded in the wild country near Pearsburg, 25 miles south of Terrell. All available officers, rushed with them a machine gun, taking to the aid of other officers reported at the scene.

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STORAGE PLANT TO ADD \$35,000 PRE-COOL UNIT

Medford Ice & Storage Will Have Facilities for 100,000 Additional Boxes of Valley Fruit This Year

At an approximate cost of \$35,000, the Medford Ice and Cold Storage company has started work on the remodeling of the huge ice storage room at their plant on South Fir street, to convert it into a four-story pre-cooling unit. The plant, capable of holding 10,000 tons of ice, is the largest of its kind in the northwest, but due to the fact that refrigerator cars now carry more fruit with the same amount of ice as in the past, the call for ice is diminishing, while at the same time, more and more fruit shippers are calling for pre-cooling.

A few years ago, according to M. M. Morris, manager of the company, most of the local fruit was stored in the east. The method then used here was to put the fruit into a room where the temperature was held at 30 degrees, and after 18 days, the fruit temperature was down to the same level.

With modern pre-cooling equipment, the fruit is now put into a room where an 18 hour blast from large fans drops the temperature in the required 90 degrees in only 72 hours. The Medford company now has storage space for approximately 600 cars of fruit, or will have when the new 100,000 box unit is completed. This will be in about 90 days, Morris said. Thirty men will be busy on the project until its completion.

One third of all the local fruit, Morris stated, is now stored in local plants. This keeps that fruit in better condition, and consequently brings a better price for the product on the eastern markets. Over half of the expense of pre-cooling is for labor in handling the fruit, he said, and this adds tremendously to the local payroll. With facilities for storing 1400 cars of fruit in this vicinity, the cost of diverting the money to other sections, Medford people are directly benefited, he pointed out.

In the company's storage rooms now are about 175 carloads of fruit, 80 carloads of which are apples.

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