Better Housing Campaign Starts Monday in Jackson County

The Weather
Forecast: Cloudy and occasionally unsettled tonight and Saturday; normal temperature.
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MARTIN DEFIES TOWNSEND CLUB

Automobile Plant Workers to Take Strike Vote

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, March 1.—The best balanced business picture since the depression started is presented by the chart this month of official government figures.

PAUL MALLON

Industry has surged forward steadily since last September. During the last 60 days it has maintained the level of about 90 per cent of normal operations. This has brought factory employment up to 81 per cent of normal and wages to 67 per cent, leaving wages, however, still somewhat out of line.

Retail business has remained about the same during this five-month industrial surge, operating at about 78 per cent of normal. The railroads are still lagging around 65 per cent of normal, but are showing improvement. The general price level has been mounting for five months, but only because foods affected by the drouth are soaring temporarily. Other prices have not shown much change.

All this you may see at a glance at the following chart. It contains figures compiled by various government and private agencies, brought up to date by expert private estimates for February.

Each figure (except prices) is based on the 1923-25 averages as 100. All figures except payrolls are adjusted for seasonal variations so that they accurately reflect where we stand without regard to seasonal trends.

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ROADS COMMITTEE SLAPS SECTIONAL PLEAS FOR FUNDS

SALEM, March 1.—(AP)—Efforts of sectional interests to dictate the construction policies of the state highway commission by legislative direction received a sharp rebuke today when members of the joint roads and highways committee of the house and senate indicated that they were satisfied with the prevailing policy of the commission relative to the distribution of road funds, and are opposed to such resolutions as that of Representative Snider to direct the highway commission to complete the Fremont highway in eastern Oregon.

Members of the committee interviewed following a conference with the highway commission admitted an inclination to turn thumbs down on such legislative dictation.

Present when the commission was conferring with the joint committee was a delegation from Roseburg, Medford and Ashland, which had come to Salem to petition for the expenditure of $3,000,000 for Pacific highway reconstruction between Roseburg and the California line.

Their plea added color to the explanation of Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the commission, that in the distribution of federal and state funds for road construction the commission is guided by the regulations of the federal government and geographical considerations of population and financial contributions to state highways funds.

Representative Snider's home county of Lake, Scott pointed out, has received state funds for road work in the amount of three times its contributions to highway funds, and in addition has received its pro rata share of federal funds.

1878 DOG LICENSES PURCHASED TO DATE

Dog licenses issued in Jackson county for 1935, up to last evening, totaled 1,878—the largest number in the history of the county. The county clerk issued 1,645, and the Ashland city police 233. Dog owners continued to procure licenses today and it is estimated that within another week 2,000 canines here will be properly tagged. About 200 dogs are held by the County Humane society.

Today is the final date for buying the licenses, after which a penalty not to exceed $2 may be imposed by the county court for failure to procure one.

THREAT OF RECALL EQUAL TO BRIBERY WARNS EXECUTIVE

Letter From Umatilla County Pension Seekers Brings Hot Statement — Oregon Law Penalty Is Cited

SALEM, March 1.—(AP)—Serving notice upon the Umatilla county Townsend old age pension clubs, which threatened recall against the governor that he "would not submit to such intimidation," Governor Charles H. Martin today called attention to the Oregon statutes on bribing or attempting to bribe officers.

The statement from the governor was provoked by receipt today of a letter from the Umatilla County Townsend club, reputed to have a membership of 12,000, which declared that unless the governor has the legislature memorialize congress to pass the McGroarty bill rather than pass bills now in the legislature providing "blood money from our state saloons," they would stand ready in Umatilla county and elsewhere in the state on a recall measure on each and every one who supports such legislation."

Who Is Governor?

The governor declared further "who is going to run the executive department of the state anyway, the governor or these blocks?" Then he asked "what is this leading to anyway? Is every public official to be subjected to the annoyance of these things? Such actions ends majority rule and destroys our institutions, our democracy."

The executive, with the Oregon code before him, pointed to the statute which invokes a penalty up to 10 years imprisonment in the penitentiary and fine up to $1000, for anyone convicted of bribing or offering to bribe officers, and quoted the statute in full, which reads:

"If any person shall corruptly give, offer, or promise to give any gift, gratuity, valuable consideration, or thing whatever, or shall corruptly promise to do or cause to be done any act beneficial to any judicial, legislative, or executive officer or shall intimidate or attempt to intimidate or shall threaten any injury to the person or property of such or any judicial, legislative, or executive officer with intent to influence the vote, opinion, decision, judgment, or other official conduct of such officer in any matter, question, duty, cause or proceeding, which then is or by law may come or be brought before such officer, or with

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HANSENS SEEKING SMASHUP DAMAGE

Suit, under four causes of action, for $8573 for damages as the result of an auto accident February 9 last on West Main street in which June Rose Hansen, 13, sustained fatal injuries, was filed yesterday in circuit court by C. A. Hansen of the Oak Grove district against Rosier F. (Red) Carroll, service station employe. Carroll was indicted by the grand jury yesterday on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

For the death of June Rose Hansen $7775 is sought, $370 for injuries to Dorothy Hansen, $230 for injuries to Clarence Hansen, and $200 for the wrecked Hansen auto.

The suit alleges that Carroll was driving in a "reckless and wanton manner," and "at a high rate of speed," when his auto crashed into the rear of the Hansen auto in which the family was riding, with Hilda Hansen, the mother, driving.

SORROWING SISTERS KILL SELVES

Jane, 20 (left), and Elizabeth Du Bois, 23, plunged to their deaths from a Paris-London plane near Upminster, England. The daughters of the U. S. consul general at Naples were said to have been grief stricken because two Royal Air Force flying officers were killed in an air crash a short time before. (Associated Press Photo)

AUTHORIZE $3500 FOR HUMANE USE IN MEDFORD ZONE

SALEM, March 1.—(AP)—State budgetary appropriations authorized to date by the joint ways and means committee, including $4,000,000 millage taxes for higher education, already exceed the Meier-Hanzen budget requirements for the current biennium by approximately $130,000, it was learned following the meeting of the committee last night.

The total approved so far, exclusive of the higher education budget, was $6,047,463, of which $182,251 represented budgetary items for which no legislative appropriation was required. Appropriations yet to be approved were expected to swell the total by more than $750,000.

The committee last night approved an appropriation of $40,145 for the state department of vocational education and $12,000 for the state humane society. Of the latter, $5000 would be expended in eastern Oregon, $3,500 in the Medford area and $3,500 in the Portland area.

Mrs. Sid Richardson, manager of the Jackson County Humane society, upon receiving word that an appropriation of $3,500 has been authorized for humane society work in the Medford area, said today that the funds will be spent over a period of two years in various projects throughout Jackson, Klamath, Josephine and Douglas counties.

The appropriation will be spent entirely in rural districts, Mrs. Richardson said, chiefly in looking after cattle in timbered areas, to see that stock is protected against forest fire. Water conditions in the summer will also be improved with the funds, and in Klamath county protection of stock from snow and cold will be developed.

Individual cruelty cases will be investigated, and a portion of the funds will be used for humane educational purposes, Mrs. Richardson said.

MIDWEST STATES LIGHTLY SHAKEN BY EARLY QUAKE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 1.—(AP)—A light reathquake shook portions of four midwestern states early today and sent residents of widely-scattered cities hurrying to telephones with anxious inquiries. No damage was reported. No one was hurt.

The disturbance apparently centered in southeastern Nebraska, where a distinct tremor at 5 a. m. (C. S. T.) was followed by another about four minutes later. Iowa, Kansas and Missouri points reported that windows and dishes were sharply rattled.

Kansas City apparently was on the eastern edge of the area affected. The shocks were felt as far west as Grand Island, Neb., and Salina, Kas., and as far north as Des Moines, Ia. Few persons at first realized they were experiencing an earth tremor and the dull roaring that accompanied the shocks led many to ask if there had been an explosion.

"It nearly shook me out of bed," said a resident of Manhattan, Kas., where earth shocks were last reported October 21, 1929. Prof. George E. Raburn of the physics department, Kansas State college, said the quake probably was the most severe the community had experienced.

The seismograph of Mrs. Vernon Seeburger in Des Moines was sharply agitated 17 seconds before 5 o'clock, she reported, and several citizens said they were awakened by the "house shaking as if by a hard, gusty wind."

"Persons who have lived through California earthquakes say this undoubtedly was an earthquake," said W. S. Breen, government meteorologist at St. Joseph, Mo. "We have no instruments at the government observatory to record earth tremors, but about 5 o'clock I was awakened by what sounded like a very large truck lumbering down the street."

GRAND JURY LAUDS JAIL MANAGEMENT

The grand jury, in its report filed yesterday with seven indictments, commended County Jailer Harry Ingling and Jail Matron Mrs. Waymack, "for efficient management of the county jail." The management of the county poor farm was also praised as "efficient."

The grand jury, Everett H. Brayton, foreman, recommended that a padded cell for the care of insanity cases "be installed at the earliest possible moment" in the county jail. Other recommendations sought the installation of a hood over the jail cookstove, to control smoke, and the painting of the ceiling and floor of the jail kitchen.

It was also recommended that the hospital section of the county poor farm be painted.

K. F. YOUNGSTER ADMITS SHOOTING OF NEIGHBOR

KLAMATH FALLS, March 1.—(AP)—A terrified youngster, Frank Leroy Thompson, 13, awoke at the county farm this morning where he spent the night after the killing of Walter Radi, 32, his next door neighbor, late yesterday afternoon.

It was expected the boy's case would be presented to a coroner's jury today.

Radi, the father of three small children, was shot as he walked from his home. He struggled back to the porch, collapsed and died before a doctor could be summoned.

For half an hour Radi's death was a complete mystery to Klamath authorities. They questioned his family for possible enemies and, discovering none, began a systematic search of nearby homes.

They found young Frank, frightened and near tears, sitting on the bed in his room.

The youngster, who had been punished for coming home from school with his clothes soiled, admitted he had been handling his brother's rifle. He told the district attorney, Hardin Blackmer, that he had playfully pointed it through the window as Radi was leaving the house. The gun discharged.

The boy stoutly held that he had not known the weapon was loaded.

There are eleven other children in the Thompson family.

RELIEF IN OREGON NEARS STNDSTILL FOR WANT OF COIN

Money On Hand Will Last Only Week—No More in Sight Until State Meets Federal Requirements

No word from upstate SERA offices concerning the maintenance of work relief in Jackson county has yet been received, but local administrative officials said today that the condition here is very similar to conditions throughout the state.

Although work projects are not in operation here on Friday and Saturdays, other relief operations are being maintained with the assumption that definite word will be received before Saturday noon. Direct relief in the form of supplies is not yet affected, but officials said this would be curtailed immediately should appropriations cease within the next few days.

The budget for March has not been received, according to officials. A budget is usually received the first of each month as a basis for operations.

PORTLAND, March 1.—(AP)—The work relief situation in Oregon was at a critical stage today.

The available money with which to carry on the relief program can last no longer than one week. Additional funds will not be available until the state government and the

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BONUS HEARINGS SET FOR MONDAY

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—Hearings beginning Monday on bills to pay off the $2,100,000,000 bonus were ordered today by the house ways and means committee.

Chairman Doughton said he expected the hearings would last "about two days." Therefore, he added, there is a possibility that some bonus payment bill will be brought to a vote in the house next week.

The committee decided upon immediate hearings, Doughton explained, because legislative drafting clerks who are working on the pending social security bill estimated it would "take them several days and maybe a week" to finish drafting the measure as it was tentatively amended by the committee.

"We have no intention of delaying the security bill at all," Doughton told newspapermen. "If the drafting clerks get through sooner, we may have to defer bringing the bonus bill up on the floor, but at present I do not expect that."

COMMISSION BARS BRUTAL WRESTLER

J. F. Erickson of the Medford Boxing commission said this afternoon that in a conference with members of the commission it was decided to bar Masked Marvel, the wrestler who started a riot at the armory last night, from future appearances in Medford.

The decision was made as a preventative measure against any repetition of the mob violence that was demonstrated last night in protest of the Marvel's unorthodox wrestling. He was released by policemen after having been escorted from the arena.

WORK RELIEF HALTED IN UMATILLA COUNTY

PENDLETON, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—Work projects under SERA funds were discontinued in Umatilla county today and 642 men were thrown out of work for the time being.

No allocation of funds for March work was received and the local committee was notified that work must be halted. Officials here believe the matter will be settled within the next 48 hours.

Direct relief in the form of foodstuffs was still available here, according to County Judge Clive S. Cheshire.

SAARLANDERS HAIL HITLER AS REGION REJOINS GERMANY

Wild Adulation Showered On Dictator in Visit to Saarbruecken for Celebration of Saar Return

FORBACH, France, March 1.—(AP)—Two hundred refugees from the Saar basin territory, who said they were fleeing from nazi threats, crossed the border into France today.

Included in the refugees were 90 former detectives and gendarmes of the former Saarland police department.

Three refugees were said by the exiles to have been shot and wounded by nazis near Gudingen.

By Rudolf Josten
(Associated Press Foreign Staff)

SAARBRUECKEN, Saar Basin Territory, Germany, March 13.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler came to the Saar today and the population of the erstwhile League of Nations' territory went wild with adulation of the Reichsfuehrer.

This was the day when the Saar basin territory, lopped off from Germany by the World war and for the last 15 years under the government of the League of Nations, went back to German sovereignty.

To celebrate the event, Hitler flew from Berlin to Mannheim, the last landing field before Saarbruecken, for the local airport was flooded by recent heavy rains. With him was Franz Von Papen, former vice chancellor and now minister to Austria.

Hitler arrived at the city limits at 12:50 p. m. Ahead of him stretched streets covered with flags and bunting. The avenues ahead were lined with Nazi storm troopers, resplendent in fresh uniforms.

For 25 minutes he drove through the streets—streets vivid with color, deafening with the shouts of the populace, filled with cries of "Heil!"

The arms of the stormers, the police, the aviation men, and the citizens, raised in the Nazi salute, formed a veritable arch of humanity through which the former Austrian army corporal, now leader of Germany, passed in triumph.

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ROGUE CLOSURE PROTEST VOICED

SALEM, March 1.—(AP)—Led by Collier C. Buffington, attorney, a group of commercial fishermen from Gold Beach appeared before the joint legislative game committees last night to protest the house bill which would close the Rogue river to commercial fishing.

Buffington pointed out that four years ago the people had voted down a constitutional amendment closing the river, and that two years later they had referended and defeated a bill closing the river to commercial fishing.

Better fish propagation will solve the problem on the Rogue river the attorney contended.

Will Come Again

COL. ROSCOE TURNER, famous speed and distance flier, who spent part of yesterday and today in Medford en route south by plane, declared his intention to return here for a fishing trip as soon as possible.

ROSCOE TURNER FAMOUS AIRMAN LIKES MEDFORD

Vowing to return to Medford, which town he pronounced one of the finest he had ever visited, and profuse in his praise of Medford's water, the beauty of the Rogue River valley, and the tastiness of the trout available here, Colonel Roscoe Turner, famous speed flier, accompanied by his mechanic, Don Young, left this city at noon today in the white Lockheed cabin plane which Turner is flying from Seattle to Los Angeles.

The two were forced down late yesterday afternoon by bad flying weather after having flown from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City yesterday morning to deliver the Boeing transport plane, that Turner and Pangborn flew in the recent London to

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THREE HOOP TILTS IN C. P. SATURDAY

Central Point high school will entertain three visiting basketball teams in a triple program Saturday night.

The Pointers' A team will play the Ashland high school seconds in the main game, after Sams Valley B team plays Central Point B team. This game will be the second in a two-out-of-three series for the county B championship, the first game being scheduled for tonight at Sams Valley.

The first preliminary will be between the Central Point girls' team and the Sams Valley girls' team.

Sams Valley A team eked out a surprise win over Rogue River high school, 29 to 27, last night in the first of a two-out-of-three series, played at Rogue River. The second game for the county A championship will be played at Sams Valley tonight.

WALKOUT LOOMS AS PROTEST ON BOARD'S ACTION

Move by American Federation of Labor Surprises—Membership of 20,000 Claimed East, Mid-West

DETROIT, March 1.—(AP)—Francis J. Dillon, American Federation of labor organizer, announced today that a strike vote has been called for among members of 176 locals in the motorcar industry. The vote, he said, would be in protest against the procedure of the national automobile labor board, which has been holding collective bargaining elections in the industry.

Dillon declined to estimate the number of men who might become involved in a strike, but said membership was growing steadily.

The automobile labor board in elections held in various plants so far has shown an American Federation of labor affiliation of only four per cent of the workers. William Green, president of the federation, in a recent visit here, said the federation membership was approximately 20,000 paid up, with about the same number in arrears.

Dillon, in announcing the action voted by the National Council of Automobile Workers' unions an A. F. of L. affiliate, said today: "The time has come to find out whether we have a union or not. We've tried every available means to improve

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KING PRAJADHIPOK ABDICATES THRONE

CRANLEIGH, Eng., March 1.—(AP)—King Prajadhipok of Siam was announced by his private secretary today to have abdicated the throne. The announcement of abdication of "the supreme arbiter of the ebb and flow of the tides" was made by M. R. Smaksman who has been here with his king on a "vacation" from troubled Siam.

The king's rejection of his throne follows months of internal disputes in Siam over governmnetal matters and repeated conferences in London with a delegation of countrymen who attempted to patch up the wide split between the monarch and his administration officials.

An official notification reaching King Prajadhipok from his capital, Bangkok, that parliament had rejected his conditions for retaining the throne was the final straw for the picturesque monarch.

Smaksman announced: "The delegation realizes that this answer from Siam means abdication."

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb 28.—I get a kick out of Mussolini. Now today he says he has so many million and is ready for the world.

Now he ain't talking to the world at all. He is talking to the little kingdom down there in Abbysinia, the stepchild of Cleopatra, and he is talking to keep his own folks steamed up. He don't want war; his record shows that he don't, and it's because he is ready for it, he hasn't had any.

I think he is too smart to go in there and even conquer this Aba-Dab-Ba country. He would lose a lot of friends if he pounces on that country, and besides Mussolini likes to do these things just to devil the life out of France. He has kidded France seriously more than any man alive.

Will Rogers.

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BARTER BABES FOR FOOD IN CHINESE FAMINE AREA

By Morris J. Harris
(Associated Press Foreign Staff)

WUHU, China, March 1.—(AP)—A famine so terrible mothers were reported selling their own children for as little as a Mexican dollar is slowly starving 5,000,000 Chinese in southern Anhwei province.

Stories of this worst famine within memory experienced in this portion of China were received in Wuhu today from missionaries within the 6,000 square miles affected.

The death toll, already large, was reported steadily growing.

Unprecedented drouths which spread to virtually all China last summer, were blamed for the plague of slow starvation. Relief of any form is absolutely non-existant at present, missionaries said, as they appealed for aid to at least save the emdiciated children.

A vivid picture of the gradual death from hunger that is killing off the masses was told by George Birch, China Inland mission worker from New Westminster, B. C., in a letter to Dr. Robert Brown of Chicago, superintendent of the American Wuhu general hospital.

"A terrible famine engulfs us, constraining me to write you for aid," he said. "Two-thirds of this area is without food and the remainder is approaching the same condition. Deaths are heavy.

"It is distressing to walk the streets these days with misery and death everywhere.

"I hear of such things as five of a family of seven starved to death, the man climbed a hill to cut fuel and collapsed dead, women with babies exhausted and despairing laid down and died."

He said children were being sold for a Mexian dollar (about 40 cents American money) for each year of age.

Budding crops were already being eaten, Birch said, and continued famine is certain.