

FREE PHONE CALLS IN MEDFORD AREA URGED AT HEARING

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Fluhrer bakery, said that as "a matter of principle" Jacksonville should be considered as a suburb of Medford, though he added the proposed toll would not mean much to his company in dollars and cents.

Frank P. Farrell, city attorney for Medford, testified that the "unofficial" view of the city council was that it is opposed to any change in service that would be detrimental to Medford. He did not elaborate upon the statement.

C. S. Mason of Seattle, company auditor, testified that revenues of the Medford exchange in 1938 were \$137,998.36, and operating expenses \$133,183.31, leaving a balance net revenue of \$4,815.05. The balance net revenue in 1939, he said, was \$8,929.35. The balance net revenue for 1941, reflecting the proposed rate changes and toll imposition and based on a continuation of normal station increases, he estimated at \$20,285.

Party Line Protest

A lengthy discussion was created by two letters of protest to the commission from Medford subscribers regarding the change from full-selective telephone bell ringing on four party lines to semi-selective under the dial system, each four-party user now having to identify one of two rings. Fred D. Scholl of Portland, the company's general commercial manager, said the ringing of bells was only one of many inherent disadvantages of four-party lines and emphasized the company aimed to give the best service possible in all categories.

No objections were entered to proposed changes in hotel rates.

The hearings were conducted for the commissioner by T. O. Russell, the commission's chief engineer. Taking part also were J. T. Naylor, telephone engineer, and Alvin W. Kurtz, attorney for the commission.

At the conclusion of the hearing in Jacksonville yesterday, the telephone company was given 30 days and Herbert K. Hanna, attorney for Jacksonville, 15 days thereafter in which to file briefs.

Category Different

In answer to questions by Mr. Hanna, R. J. Collins, Portland, the company's general commercial engineer for the Oregon area, explained that both Phoenix and Talent are not in the same category as Jacksonville as to type of service. That is why, he said, there is no toll charge between Medford and Phoenix and Ashland and Talent.

The proposed Jacksonville telephone rate changes would bring reductions to all but one classification of station service and would impose a toll charge of five cents on calls between Jacksonville and Medford and Medford and Jacksonville. It was the toll charge against which the people of Jacksonville protested.

Jacksonville telephone users gave testimony against the proposed toll charge after the company had presented its case. Gist of the arguments against the toll was that Jacksonville was really a suburb of Medford, most of the telephone business was done with Medford or vice versa, users could not afford to have telephones if they had to pay for calls to Medford and

Jacksonville had become a residential district because, in part, of the free Jacksonville-to-Medford telephone service.

Petition Presented

Ray Wilson, owner of a confectionery store and fire chief, presented a petition against the proposed toll. It was signed by 32 telephone users and Mr. Wilson said he could have procured more names if he had had time. He asserted that if the toll goes into effect, 50 percent of Jacksonville telephone subscribers would give up their phones and that would increase the fire hazard by reducing the places from which fires could be reported.

Others speaking against the proposed toll charge included A. L. Beck, Jacksonville school superintendent; O. M. Kesler, manager of the Rogue River sanitarium; C. A. Smith, watermaster of district 13; Mayor Wesley Hartman, Henry Niedermeyer, William Campbell, garage owner; Mrs. Roy V. Martin, Mrs. E. R. White, John B. Hamaker, merchant, and John Heckert, service station owner. Just before the hearing was closed, a telegram was received from Paul Godward and James W. Grigsby, who reside in Jacksonville and operate a printing business in Medford. The two men said they would discontinue their telephones if and when the proposed toll charge went into effect.

SCHOLARSHIP WON BY MAX G. CARTER

Word has been received here that Max G. Carter, son of County Clerk George R. Carter, has been awarded a medical school scholarship for 1941 at Harvard University.

Mr. Carter, who was graduated from Medford senior high school in 1932 and took four years of pre-medics at the University of Oregon, was one of four graduate students at Harvard who received the scholarships in recognition of high academic standing.

The 25-year-old Medford man has attended Harvard medical school for the past three years. His father said today that he also received a similar scholarship in 1939 for this year.

DECORATION DAY WILL BE HOLIDAY

Decoration day will be observed here Thursday generally as a holiday.

All public places of business will be closed for the day. These include the postoffice, county courthouse, city hall, federal agencies like the U. S. forest service, banks and the state liquor store. There will be no mail deliveries. The liquor store will remain open until 11 p. m. tomorrow.

All department stores and specialty shops will close for the day. Some grocery stores plan to close, others plan to remain open. Those which have signed intention to close include Holloway's Reliable grocery, Boyd's market and the Quality market.

Busy

Great Falls, Mont.—(AP) The busy beaver is having a tough time holding his own with the busy trappers and hunters. In three days 423 pelts, worth \$7,000, were delivered to dealers here. Beaver pelts are higher in price than ever before.

300,000 BELGIANS DROP ARMS UPON LEOPOLD'S ORDER

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in the accidental death of his wife—and, seeing, too, his little country once more blasted into smoking ruins at a battlefield in the age-old quarrel between Germany and France and England—decided his highest duty was to prevent further bloodshed.

Main Army Through

Premier Hubert Pierlot announced, contrary to the monarch's order to lay down arms, that Belgian forces which could be reorganized would continue their fight on the allies side.

All indications were, however, that the main Belgian army—the Germans said between 400,000 and 500,000 men—had ceased to fight and that only minor units or new levies raised from among the throng of Belgian refugees in France would be at the disposal of the Belgian government.

While Frenchmen in the streets of Paris cried "Treason!" at the news of King Leopold's capitulation, Churchill told comrades the British and French governments "would ignore Leopold's action. He was wildly cheered as he declared: "Nothing which may happen to us in this battle can in any way relieve us of our duty to defend the world cause to which we have bound ourselves."

With the German high command declaring that the allied armies "pocketed" in Flanders were doomed, British naval spokesmen hinted that the British expeditionary force was preparing to withdraw from the battle in Belgium.

Nazi Claim Successes

At the height of the furor created by King Leopold's sudden surrender, the German high command announced a new series of smashing Nazi successes. Hitler's mechanized columns broke through strong French border fortifications "on a broad front," the high command said, and captured numerous towns and villages in the giant "squeeze" movement on the trapped allied armies in Flanders.

The British cabinet quickly met at No. 10 Downing street to consider the grave consequences of the Belgian army's capitulation.

The Belgian monarch's decision to lay down arms came at

the most critical hour in the struggle for mastery of the English channel.

The Nazi high command reported its armies had driven to within six miles of Bruges, Belgium, and had partly broken allied resistance in the battle of Artois and Flanders.

The German break-through, it said, was made north of Valenciennes.

Other Nazi hordes crossed the strategic Scheidt canal and captured Orchies and Douai, French towns south of Lillie, the high command announced. Foreign circles in Rome expected the Belgian surrender to hasten Italy's long-awaited entrance into the war—to help Germany "finish off" the allies and win a share of the victor's spoils.

Livestock

Portland, May 28.—(AP-USDA)—

Hogs: 300; slow, 15c lower than early Monday; good-choice 185 to 215-lb. driving \$8.00 to \$1.0; 230 to 250-lb. largely \$5.50; light lights \$5.00 to \$5.50; slaughter pigs \$4.50; packing sows \$4.00 to \$4.50; lightweights \$4.75; heavier weights down to \$3.75; good-choice feeder pigs quotable \$4.25 to \$5.00 and above.

Cattle: 100; calves 50; mostly steady; few head light grass steers \$7.00; medium-good fed steers absent, salable \$8.50 to \$9.50 and above. Monday's top \$10.00; cutter-common heifers \$5.25 to \$7.50; few fed heifers \$8.50; cutter-common cows \$4.50 to \$5.25; canners \$3.50; fat dairy type cows \$5.50 to \$6.00; load medium-good California grass cows \$7.10; lightly sorted \$6.00; odd beef bulls \$7.25; good-choice vealers \$5.00 to \$9.00; select \$9.50.

Sheep: 300; steady; few good-choice spring lambs \$8.75; strictly sorted lots eligible \$9.00; medium-good \$8.00 to \$8.50; common \$7.50 to \$7.50; few old crop lambs and yearlings \$5.50 to \$5.50; medium good slaughter ewes \$2.50 to \$3.00.

South San Francisco

South San Francisco, May 28.—(AP-USDA)—Hogs: 450; around 10 to 15c lower; about 40 head choice 200-lb. Oregon \$6.15; top bulk 185 to 225-lb. California early \$6.10; few 242-lb. butchers, \$5.85; medium to good packing sows \$4.10 to \$4.25.

Cattle: 25; steers absent; yesterday one load medium 1,084-lb. grassers \$8.75; few head near good yearlings \$9.25, around 25c lower; good cows scarce, quotable around \$8.85; dairy cows, few heavy Holsteins, \$5.15 to \$5.35; bulls steady, odd head \$7.25. Calves 10; nominally flat 80c lower; odd head 183-lb. choice \$10.00, now extreme top.

Sheep: 800; for two days good to choice lambs fully steady; light medium lambs 25c lower; around 800 head north coast lambs \$9.00 to \$9.35; deck medium to good 72-lb. lambs \$8.65; deck medium 65-lb. \$8.25; shorn ewes nominal, mostly \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Chicago, May 28.—(AP-USDA)—

Hogs: \$4.000; top \$5.50; bulk good and choice 200 to 270-lb. \$5.25 to \$5.30; 270 to 300-lb. butchers \$5.10 to \$5.35; most 300 to 350-lb. offerings \$5.00 to \$5.20; good size choice 170 to 200-lb. light \$5.25 to \$5.50; bulk good 400 to 500-lb. packing sows \$4.15 to \$4.50; lighter weights to \$4.74.

Cattle: 8,000; calves 2,000; most fed steers \$8.75 to \$10.25; very little under \$9.00 however; top \$11.00 on part load 350-lb. yearling steers; most weighty bullocks \$10.75; calves \$11.50 down to \$10.00; yearlings \$9.25 to \$10.00 mostly; sausage bulls to \$7.00; cutter cows to \$5.00; vealers to \$11.00. Sheep: 6,000; fed and springer lambs 15 to 25c higher for week; few decks handweight fed clipper \$9.75; handweight native springers \$12.15; five double California springers with around 10 per cent sorts \$11.25; fat sheep scarce, steady.

Portland Produce

Portland, May 28.—(AP)—Butter, butterfat, cheese, eggs, country meats, live poultry, onions, peas, unchanged. New potatoes: California whites 80s, \$1.35; 100s, \$2.50 to \$2.60. Potatoes, hay, unchanged. Wool: 1940, eastern Oregon ranch, 24c; Willamette valley, 12 months, nominal, 29c lb.; lamb 25c lb.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, May 28.—(AP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close July \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2 Sept. \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2 Dec. \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2 \$1.28 1/2

Portland Wheat

Portland, May 28.—(AP)—Grain: Wheat: Open High Low Close Sept. 7 1/2 7 1/2 7 1/2 7 1/2 Cash grain: Oats—No. 2, 38-lb. white \$21.00. Barley—No. 2, 45-lb. B. W. \$21.00. Flax—No. 1 \$1.81. Cash wheat (bid): Soft white 7 1/2 c; western white 7 1/2 c; western red 7 1/2 c. Hard red winter: Ordinary 7 1/2 c. 11 per cent 7 1/2 c; 12 per cent 7 1/2 c. 14 1/2 c; 13 per cent 9 1/2 c; 14 per cent 9 1/2 c. Hard white—Barrt: 12 per cent \$1.02 1/2. Today's car receipts: Wheat 17.

Wall St. Report

New York, May 28.—(AP)—Traders dumped stocks on today's market, as war bearishness revived with the surprising capitulation of Belgium to Germany, but bought some of them back later and substantially reduced early losses running to 7 or more points.

The forenoon shock to sentiment was subsequently offset to some extent by Prime Minister Churchill's speech to the house of commons declaring that, while the situation was exceptionally serious, the British and French would fight on to the finish.

Transfers were around 1,300,000 shares.

Today's closing prices for 32 selected stocks follow:

Al. Chem. & Dye	138 1/2
Am. Can	90 3/4
Am. & Fgn. Power	4 1/2
A. T. & T.	147 1/2
Anacosta	31 1/2
Atch. T. & S. F.	14 1/2
Bendix Avia.	27
Bethlehem Steel	68 1/2
Caterpillar Tract.	44
Chrysler	57
Coml. Solvents	8 1/2
Curtiss-Wright	44
DuPont	150 1/2
Gen. Electric	29 3/4
Gen. Foods	39
Gen. Motors	39
Int. Harvester	40 1/2
I. T. & T.	2 1/2
John-Manville	40 1/2
Monty Ward	35 1/2
North Amer.	15 1/2
Penney (J. C.)	7 1/2
Phillips Pet.	28 1/2
Radio	4 1/2
Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Std. Brands	5 1/2
Std. Oil Cal.	18 1/2
Std. Oil N. J.	31 1/2
Transamerica	4 1/2
Union Carbide	6 1/2
United Aircraft	45 1/2
U. S. Steel	45 1/2

San Francisco Butter

San Francisco, May 28.—(AP-USDA)

Butter: 92 score, 28c; 81, 26 1/2 c; 80, 26 1/2 c; 80, 26c. Sacramento, May 28.—(AP)—Churning cream butterfat: First grade 30c; second grade 28c.

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