

Special Election on \$500,000 School Repair Bonds Set for May 19

Weather
FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with light showers tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 62
Lowest this morning 39

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POULTRY OUTLOOK
DIMMED BY LACK
OF GRAIN SUPPLY

Medford Feed Dealers and Poultry Raisers Believe Industry Will Weather Storm

While admitting that the outlook is far from bright, Medford feed dealers, poultry raisers, hatcherymen and poultry cooperative officials believe that the valley poultry industry will weather the present feed shortage without serious trouble. A survey of interested persons resulted in the information that while the situation looks pretty desperate now, the feed industry and cooperatives are working to have the recent ruling regarding wheat lifted for this area and feel that the situation will be alleviated somewhat when grain crops begin to come on in June and July.

Hatcherymen and cooperative officials on the whole stated that poultry raisers should not be unduly frightened by the present feed shortage, which was declared by some not to be as acute as first believed. It was pointed out that the general government recommendation for a 20 per cent curtailment of turkey production and a 15 per cent curtailment of market hens originally was not to have applied to southern Oregon and similar western sections which have had poultry and egg shortages, but that due to the feed shortage, would probably result anyway. This curtailment is expected to be largely in the heavy breeds used for broilers and fryers.

Supply Rationed
It was learned that feed dealers are rationing supplies in order to take care of established customers with large flocks and that poultry cooperatives are taking measures to channel feeds to the laying flocks, which they believe must be maintained in production. While there is quite a heavy liquidation of breeder hens, this was said not to be serious as yet.

What action the government will take in the matter was viewed as uncertain. Following the government's announcement that the use of wheat would be restricted in mixed feeds, vigorous protests were showered on Washington and on congressional delegations and requests made to have the percentage raised for this district since the Pacific northwest depends almost entirely on wheat for feeds, unlike other sections of the country where corn, barley, oats and other grains are more considerably produced.

Sensors Guy Cordon and Wayne Morse, as well as Congressman Harris Ellsworth, have all been contacted from many sources and have promised cooperation in the lifting of the order, it was reported, and hope was expressed that this move would be successful.

CENTRAL POINT BUYS
ADAMS ROAD GRADER

Central Point, Feb. 19.—Purchase of an Adams road grader to replace the present city machine was authorized by the city council at a meeting here last night. The grader is being bought from Loyd Silva of Graves Creek. Henry Waeltz, street superintendent, and James Cummings and L. H. Morris, councilmen, were to go to Graves Creek this afternoon to obtain the machine.

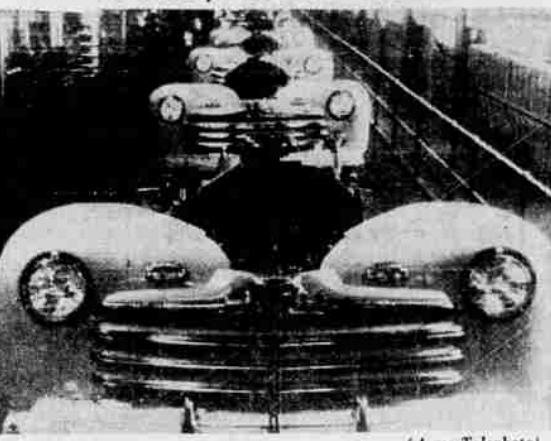
An important meeting of the city council will convene on Monday, Feb. 25, when bids on the contract for laying the new water mains will be opened. Guy Tex, city recorder, reports the receipt of 17 requests for plans of the project.

MOTORISTS! SAVE A LIFE—
KNOW YOUR TRAFFIC LAWS

Here is a law for today. Somewhere in the state of Oregon failure to observe this law will cost someone his life, or serious injury:
EMERGENCY VEHICLES EXEMPTED FROM SPEED LAWS—EXCEPTIONS

The speeds designated in or pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not apply to duly authorized emergency vehicles when operated in emergencies and the drivers thereof sound audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle. This provision shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street, nor shall it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.—(Oregon Motor Vehicle Laws, Sec. 115-325).

No Steel, No Automobiles



Bright and shiny new cars—almost—stand unfinished on assembly line at Ford Rouge plant, Dearborn, Mich., for lack of steel to complete construction due to steel workers' strike.

BUTCHERED CHILD'S ARMS
FOUND IN POWER CONDUIT

Chicago, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—The arms of a child believed to be those of Suzanne Degnan, 6, who was kidnapped and butchered here Jan. 7, were found today in the conduit of an electrical company near her parents' northside home.

Police said there was no doubt

but that the arms were those of the child who was taken from her ground floor bedroom while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Degnan, slept in a nearby room.

Maintenance workers for the Commonwealth Edison Company found the arms when they checked a trouble report in the vicinity of the conduit.

The workmen called police who rushed to the scene. The arms will be taken to the morgue and turned over to the coroner, police said.

Police found Suzanne's head in a sewer catch basin half a block from her home on the afternoon of her abduction. Within a few hours her legs and torso were found in other cesspools. Only her arms had remained un-found.

A constant search for the arms was made from that time until today. Police and city employees worked day and night, dragging every sewer in the neighborhood of the Degnan home. They believed discovery of the arms would complete the pattern of the slaying and might give a clue as to the identity of the fiendish slayer.

BLOOD BATH AT
FORT OF DEATH
TOLD AT TRIAL

Nuernberg, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Soviet Prosecutor Ivan Smirnov charged today that the Nazis slaughtered 22,000 persons in a 48-hour blood bath at Kaunas, Lithuania, in December, 1941.

The Kaunas massacre was carried out, Smirnov told the war crimes court, at the "Fort of Death" on the outskirts of the Lithuanian capital.

Altogether, Smirnov said, 70,000 French, Austrian, Czechoslovak and other prisoners entered the "Fort of Death"—a converted concrete fortification—and none left alive.

Guns Overwhelmed
During the two days of slaughter in 1941, the Soviet prosecutor said, the German machine guns rattled hour after hour, but were unable to keep up with the flow of prisoners into the camp. Naked men, women and children had to stand for hours in the bitter cold before the gunners could get to them.

The parade of the doomed stretched for miles back from the ready-dug mass graves, Smirnov said.

He said a German physician, Baron Dr. Von Heiman, ordered the sale of poisonous methyl alcohol and oxalic acid as liquor and soft drinks in the city market of the occupied town of Georgievsk as part of a plot to depopulate eastern Europe.

Reds Training Japs
For Future Service
Chungking Learns

Chungking, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Well-informed government sources said today there were indications that the Red army was training Japanese troops in Manchuria, northern Korea, Sakhalin and the Kuriles for possible future use.

There was no sign, these sources added, that Russia planned to repatriate Japanese troops from those areas occupied by Soviet Far Eastern forces.

It was estimated there were approximately 500,000 Japanese troops in Russian-occupied battle areas, where hostilities were brief and casualties small.

HIROHITO VIEWS
YOKOHAMA RUINS

Tokyo, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Emperor Hirohito visited bombed out Yokohama for the first time in 17 years today on an unparalleled inspection tour of war-damaged factories and homes for war sufferers.

The emperor spoke to civilian workmen and plant officials, allowed himself to be photographed at will by eager American soldiers and news photographers, and didn't insist that people be forced to descend from street cars because they were on a higher level than he.

Tokyo residents noted the Japanese people bowed less than they would have a few months ago when the eight-car imperial cortege passed by. It was preceded by a white American military police jeep and was trailed by 20 jeeps carrying allied correspondents and photographers.

DELAYED CARDINAL
BLAMES RUSSIANS

Vatican City, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, primate of Hungary, arrived at Ciampiano airport today and said he had been delayed from attending opening of consistory ceremonies by refusal of Russian authorities to grant him permission to leave Hungary until yesterday noon.

He was more than 24 hours late for the formal notice of his elevation yesterday to the Sacred college of Cardinals along with 31 other prelates.

Meanwhile the four new American cardinals received diplomatic callers at the Apostolic chancery, planned to return calls of the old cardinals and began preparations for the next of the week-long consistory ceremonies.

BIG PRICE BOOST
SOUGHT BY FORD,
BOWLES REVEALS

55 Per Cent Increase Asked
Last Summer, Price Controller Tells Committee.

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Price Chief Chester Bowles revealed today that the Ford Motor Co. last summer asked OPA for a 55 per cent price increase.

Bowles, newly designated economic stabilizer, made the statement to the house banking committee, which is holding hearings on renewal of price controls beyond the present June 30 expiration date.

The committee immediately agreed to invite Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Co., to appear and explain his views on price control.

Control Lift Urged
Young Ford recently has made statements urging removal of price control.

The demand that an invitation be extended to Ford was made by Rep. Fred L. Crawford, R., Mich.

Bowles said that Ford had made the statement he was losing \$300 a car and that his production was being impaired by high price ceilings on parts.

Pointing out that Ford's production had not yet attained its full volume, Bowles said:

"I don't know of any intelligent industrialist that would base his pricing on small volume. I'm surprised that Ford didn't know that parts were taken out from under price control."

Pressed to tell the committee how much of a price increase Ford asked when OPA was undertaking to price new cars last summer, Bowles said:

"I think this should be known, normally we don't reveal the extent of the price increases asked, but because of the many statements—I would say irresponsible statements—Mr. Ford has made, I'm going to say this. Ford asked OPA for an increase in price by 55 per cent last summer."

"A figure like that should explain why Ford is so eager to get rid of price control. That's an outrageous increase."

Meanwhile a republican move was afoot in the House to give OPA advisory committees the right to end price controls in their industries when they see fit.

TRUMAN REMAINS
UNDECIDED ABOUT
ICKES' SUCCESSOR

Choice Believed Narrowed to
Justice Douglas, Sen. O'Mahoney and Chapman.

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—The White House said today that President Truman is still undecided about a successor to Harold L. Ickes who resigned last week as secretary of interior.

The President received a couple of congressional delegations whose members urged their favorite candidates upon him, but White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said Mr. Truman had not made up his mind about a man for the post.

Douglas Lunch Guest
Ross admitted officially, however, that Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas lunched with the President yesterday.

Informed sources believed the choice may have narrowed down to three men—Douglas, Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, D., W., and Acting Secretary Oscar L. Chapman, in that order.

A senate group representing 13 southern senators asked Mr. Truman to appoint Rep. Frank Boykin, D., Ala., to the interior post. Sen. John H. Bankhead, D., Ala., said the President agreed to give Boykin "friendly consideration" but was "not yet committed to anyone."

The President also received four California congressmen who proposed Rep. Harry Sheppard, D., Calif., for the interior job.

Informed sources thought Douglas, O'Mahoney, and Chapman were running one-two-three, but agreed the President might come up with an outsider.

POACHING TRIO
FINED, JAILED

Three Medford men were arrested by state police early this morning for spotlighting deer and illegal possession of deer meat. Stopped in their automobile near Eagle Point this morning were Norval N. Johnson, 1730 North Riverside avenue; Ruben J. Smith, 433 Manzanita street; and Dudley P. Smith, 1112 Atlantic street. According to state police, who found rifles, spotlights, knives and a doe carcass in the car, the trio admitted illegal hunting in the Lake Creek area.

Taken into justice court today, they were each fined \$100 and court costs and given 30 days in the county jail. The court confiscated the hunting equipment.

Peronistas Shoot
Into Depot Crowd

Buenos Aires, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Disorder marked by gunfire broke out today at a railroad station where some 40,000 persons had gathered to welcome democratic union candidates returning from a campaign tour of the provinces. The first unofficial reports said two persons were killed and 15 were wounded.

Eyewitnesses said gangs of Peronistas—followers of Col. Juan D. Peron, himself a presidential candidate in the forthcoming election—broke through cordons and began shooting into the crowd.

Army Man Accused of Espionage As
Court Martial Trial Gets Underway

Hamilton Field, Cal., Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Staff Sgt. Frank Hirt of the U. S. army was charged at the opening of his court martial trial today with conspiring with at least nine Nazi spies, operating throughout the world, to commit war-time espionage against the United States.

Hirt, 31, an air forces mechanic at the Fairfield-Suisun air transport command base, was brought to trial as the climax to a three-year investigation.

The first specification of the official charges accused Hirt of "willfully and unlawfully agreeing and conspiring in Germany, Switzerland, Portugal, Brazil, the United States and at other

PHONE STRIKE VOTED

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—The greatest telephone strike in history was ordered late today by officials of the National Federation of Telephone Workers (Ind.).

Heads of 50 NFW member unions, with a total membership of 250,000 voted overwhelmingly in favor of a nationwide walkout to support demands for higher wages.

The vote was announced as 121,000 members in favor of a strike and 30,000 members opposing a walkout. No votes were cast by 25,000 members.

The strike resolution did not set a date for the unprecedented telephone strike which was expected to virtually paralyze long distance service throughout the nation and local calls in at least 43 states.

Sen. Tobey Barred From Testifying
Regarding Pauley's Solicitation
Of Demo Funds From Air Line Head

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—The Senate Naval Affairs committee refused today to let Sen. Charles W. Tobey, R., N. H., testify about Edwin W. Pauley's solicitation of democratic campaign funds from the president of United Air Lines.

Tobey, a member of the committee, was rebuffed when he had himself sworn as a witness in hearings on Pauley's nomination to be undersecretary of navy. He tried to read a memorandum he made on the basis of a long distance telephone conversation with the air line president, William A. Patterson.

The gist of earlier republic questioning indicated that they would try to show that Pauley, as democratic national treasurer, offered corporations legal advice on how they could charge off as business expense the personal political contributions made by company officers.

The Federal Corrupt Practices act forbids political campaign contributions by corporations and labor unions.

Chairman David I. Walsh, D., Mass., ruled Tobey out of order when the republican senator tried to read the memorandum.

Walsh explained that a subpoena for Patterson already has been issued and that every member of the committee will have ample opportunity to question him when he appears as a witness personally.

Hannegan Offer Told
Earlier Pauley told the committee he once offered Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan an oil investment venture. He said, however, the proposition was dropped later as unprofitable before Hannegan put any money into it.

Asked whether Hannegan or any other government officials had any financial interest in his oil and other business enterprises, Pauley said he recalled none.

When the hearing recessed for lunch, Tobey told reporters he intended to bring out the material in the Patterson memorandum during questioning of Pauley later.

Date for Patterson's appearance had not yet been fixed definitely. Patterson was reported on the west coast.

Fund Raising Probed

Tobey and Sen. Owen Brewster, R., Me., had subjected Pauley to a critical examination of his fund-raising activities on behalf of the democratic national committee.

Pauley testified that:

1. "We never solicited corporations because that would violate the Hatch act."

2. "We did everything we

KIDNAP-SLAYER
SUSPECT BALKS

Santa Cruz, Cal., Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—On the grounds that he feared a lynching attempt on his life in Santa Clara county, Thomas H. McMonigle accused as the kidnaper-slayer of 14-year-old Thor Chamberlain, today changed his mind in Superior court and refused to lead an official search party in a hunt for the girl's body.

McMonigle, in what amounted to his sixth purported confession, testified that Miss Chamberlain was killed when he jumped from his car last Nov. 2. He said he buried her near her home town, Campbell, which is in adjoining Santa Clara county.

The court, including judge and jurors, had prepared to go to Campbell, 45 miles distant, by bus to investigate McMonigle's story.

At a meeting of the school board last evening it was voted to call a special election for March 19 to vote on a bond issue of \$500,000 for repairs, improvements and additions to present school buildings. A 10-year issue is proposed with principal and interest to be amortized in 10 annual payments.

A building report with recommendations submitted by City School Superintendent E. H. Hedrick about 10 days ago was adopted by the board, but with a reservation permitting the board to deviate somewhat from the proposed program should future changes and further study of the school picture make it seem wise to do so.

\$525,000 Total
The proposed program, involving all buildings, was estimated to cost \$525,000. Although some members expressed doubt whether the district could get all the work done that was planned if prices and wages should keep on rising, it was shown by the clerk's report that the district now has on hand about \$27,500 received from the sale of land on Bartlett and Riverside last year. Proceeds from the sale of this land were mandated by a vote of the people in 1930 toward a building fund for an addition to the junior high school. Taking account of this amount on hand, the board set the sum to be raised by bond issue at \$500,000.

Feeling the board had put out in the bond market indicated that the school district might expect an interest rate less than 1 1/2% on a 10-year bond issue.

Board members present at the meeting were John P. Moffat, chairman, Dr. R. E. Green, Otto Frohnmayer, Eugene Thorndike.

Walton Speaker

Ralph L. Carr, ex-governor of Colorado and present president of the Denver Bar association, will speak on western resources and related subjects at the court house auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. His talk is under auspices of the Isaac Walton league and the public is invited to hear him.

DISCHARGES GO
TO VALLEY MEN

Among those recently discharged from the armed services are Pfc. Jack Morris, route 2, box 325, Ashland; Frank Richardson, Jr., PhM3c, box 505, Central Point; Alfred Ball, CSK, box D; S/Sgt. Calvin Bell, box 190, and S/Sgt. Kenneth Knapp, all of Talent; Pfc. Daniel McKeen, box 117, Gold Hill; T/5 Garth Ross, route 1, box 73; Rogue River; and T/5 Frank Proctor, Jr., Trail.

Sgt. William Rottschaefer, 1213 West 9th street; Everett Dahack, RM 1c, box 177; Cpl. Howard Lind, route 3, box 42; Cpl. Charles Cornutt, 23 Mistletoe street; S/Sgt. Arthur Satterlee, 311 Laurel street; Pfc. William Buchanan, route 1, box 283A; Robert Johnson S1/c, route 4, box 263; John Wood, S1c, 54 Rose avenue; S/Sgt. Charles Daley, 562 South Fir street; Pfc. Raymond Darby, route 2, box 412E; T/3 James Dunlevy, 243 North Holly street; Cpl. Gilbert Merritt, 230 North Ivy street; Sgt. Martin Webb, Jr., 1208 Sailing avenue; Charles Commons, S1c, route 4, box 276; S/Sgt. Paul Atkins, route 1, box 263A; Sgt. Robert Ford, route 2, box 320; and Pfc. Williams Jones, box 1023, all of Medford.

PAY HIKE FAVORED
FOR SHIPBUILDERS

Major labor developments today included:

1. Government procurement agencies recommended at the national shipbuilding wage conference at Washington an 18 cent hourly raise for the nation's 450,000 shipyard workers, retroactive to Dec. 4.

2. Nearly 400,000 of the 750,000 steel workers who struck Jan. 21 settled for 18 1/2 cent hourly pay increases in line with President Truman's wage-price policy.

3. At Lancaster, Pa., CIO unions voted to support the AFL in a city-wide strike to protest delays in settling a walkout of bus and street car operators.

GM and CIO Negotiate
4. General Motors and the CIO United Auto Workers were to meet again today, and Federal Mediator James E. Dewey said "there is still a great deal of negotiating to be done" in the strike of 175,000 workers.

5. A government fact-finding board at Washington recommended a wage increase of 18 cents an hour for 30,000 CIO farm equipment workers striking against the International Harvester Co.

Eleanor and Party
Return From UNO

New York, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—The Pan American World Airways plane, UNO clipper, landed at LaGuardia field at 2:37 p.m. EST today with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and other United Nations assembly delegates aboard.

Bad weather had grounded the plane for a time at Gander, Newfoundland, en route from England.

More than 5000 different kinds of plants flourish in the 1017 acres of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

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