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**ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR NEW SCHOOL**—The Very Rev. John M. Berger, pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic church, above, today announced preliminary organization for a fund drive to finance the parish's St. Mary's parochial school's new building. Cost of the project is estimated at \$315,000. Larry Schade will head the campaign.

### St. Mary's to Seek New School Building

Preliminary organization for a drive for funds to erect a new and modern St. Mary's school was announced today by the Very Rev. John M. Berger, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic church. The new school, to be constructed at the corner of Ivy and Eleventh streets, is to be built at an estimated cost of \$315,000.

Larry Schade, 989 South Oakdale avenue, has been named by the Rev. Father Berger to head the campaign. He will supervise the concerted efforts of a large corps of volunteers, now being enlisted.

### Haynes Fails in Sealed Car Stunt

Ashland Ore., Apr. 13—(U.P.)—Don Haynes self-tabbed "marvel man" was home today after being sealed inside his automobile 13 months 18 days in a fruitless attempt to win a 25-1 bet. He ended a national tour 12 days short of his 14-month goal last Friday at Fort Smith Ark., and lost a possible \$25,000 winnings on a 25-1 bet made with Rancher E. B. Maulden of Grants Pass, Ore.

Haynes said he quit the tour because he lost contact with his advance man. The wager specified that Haynes had to stay in his rolling prison 12 months, travel 140,000 miles and tour all 48 states. Until he was released from his barred automobile, Haynes had traveled 110,900 miles and had visited 41 states.

Legs Bother  
"It's swell to be free" again," Haynes commented. He said his legs bothered him at first because of his long period of inactivity. Windows on Haynes' car were barred and the doors were welded shut.

### Democrats Gain Slowly On Republicans in Voter Registration

Registration figures for the two major parties in the county, as of April 1, stood at 12,499 republicans and 10,643 democrats, the county clerk's office reported today.

#### WEATHER

FORECAST: Decreasing cloudiness tonight. Partly cloudy Friday morning. Increasing cloudiness in afternoon with scattered showers. Cooler tonight, warmer Friday.

### STATE TOUGHENS ON PAYMENT OF WITHHOLDING TAX

Salem, Ore., Apr. 13—(U.P.)—The state has started to get tough with employers who hold out on money they've held out of employees' pay checks for the state income tax.

Warrants are being issued against employers who fail to come across after ample warning and collectors have been put into the field for personal contact, Ray Smith, head of the income tax division of the state tax commission, told the United Press today.

Distrain warrants have been issued against 415 Oregon employers to get the money they've already taken out of their employees' wages for state income tax, Smith said.

These 415 employers have a total withholding tax liability of \$141,135.65. Of this amount, \$108,083.07 was due for 1948 withholding money, and \$33,072.58 was due for 1949.

The employers are given ample warning before distrain warrants are issued. First they are contacted to determine if they might have filed their returns under some other name. Then they are given two notices within a period of 30 to 45 days. If they haven't kicked through by that time, distrain warrants are filed with the sheriffs of the counties where the employers are doing business. A distrain warrant means the sheriff can take the employer's property in possession if he doesn't pay the money due.

Smith emphasized that this is not a matter of getting tough with an individual who has failed to file his own personal income tax return. It's a matter of getting tough with employers who have already taken the money—not their money—out of pay envelopes for the withholding tax.

Smith said some employers apparently don't realize the seriousness of the offense when they hold out money they have collected from employees and are in fact holding in trust for the state.

Other appointive officers were to have been named today.

### Southerners Called To Rejoin Democrats

Washington, Apr. 13—(U.P.)—Bolting southerners were summoned today to rejoin the democratic party to insure defeat of President Truman's civil rights program.

Sen. Lister Hill, (D., Ala.), made the appeal directed especially at his home state. Hill was a notable new dealer. He nominated FDR for a fourth term in Chicago in 1944.

In a radio address delivered here last night and broadcast from Alabama stations, Hill said:

"I tell you it is the power and influence of your senators and congressmen that has made possible defeat of FEPC and the other so-called civil rights bills. They hold this power and influence as members of the democratic party."

### Two Czech Citizens Get Prison Sentences

Prague, Apr. 13—(U.P.)—A Prague state court convicted two Czech employees of the U. S. information service tonight of spying for the United States, working against the state and insulting Czechoslovakia's allies.

The court sentenced Dagmar Kacerovska, 23, to 15 years in prison and Lubomir Elser, 28, to 18 years. Miss Kacerovska had pleaded "partly guilty" to the charges, but Elser had pleaded innocent.

Both defendants also were fined 10,000 crowns (\$200) and deprived of citizens' rights for 10 years.

### Heathman Hotel Robbery Thwarted

Portland, Ore., Apr. 13—(U.P.)—An attempted holdup of the downtown Heathman hotel failed early today when a fast-thinking clerk told the would-be robber that no money was available.

Most tax payers have a fear of Uncle Sam, he said, but not of the state. Some of the employers, when dunned for the money that is the state's and not theirs, get huffy and threaten to take it up with the governor or with the legislators of their district.

Before last June 1, the state had no authority to issue distrain warrants to collect delinquent withholding taxes. The 1949 legislature passed an act granting the authority.

Smith said an additional \$21,245 is due from employers against whom warrants have not yet been issued. In addition, there is an unknown number of employers holding out on the withholding funds which the commission has not yet discovered, Smith said experience shows.

### York Rite Bodies Name Portland For 1951 Conclave

The 1951 meeting of all York Rite bodies in the state will be held in Portland next April as the result of action taken yesterday by delegates from the Oregon Masonic orders holding their 1950 meetings here.

The final sessions of the meeting of Royal Arch Masons was being held today with adjournment set for some time this afternoon. New officers of the grand chapter installed today were Herbert W. White, Portland, grand high priest, succeeding Robert E. Dodge of Ashland; Floyd M. Edwards, Albany, grand king; Vernon A. Turpin, Medford, grand scribe; Rex W. Davis, Salem, grand treasurer; Richard H. Tussant, Portland, grand secretary, and Ray Kellogg, Portland, grand captain of the host.

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### Coos Representative Attacks Statement Made by Clatsop Judge

Coquille, Ore., Apr. 13—(U.P.)—Rep. Ralph T. Moore of Coos Bay, chairman of the Oregon legislative interim highway committee, last night said an attack against the committee by Clatsop County Judge Guy Boyington was "incoherent and irresponsible" and contrary to "actual facts."

Moore's charges were made at a meeting of the committee with Coos county groups at the county courthouse here.

The Coos Bay representative referred to remarks made by Judge Boyington in Portland Tuesday when he called the committee's report "a slap in the face to every taxpayer in the state."

Boyington told representatives of seven counties in district six that the committee's report urged removal of control from the state highway commission and substituting a "superman dictatorship."

### Sisters on Relief Take European Tour

New York, Apr. 13—(U.P.)—Two elderly sisters who have been on relief for 10 years spent the last six months visiting friends and relatives in France and Switzerland, the New York World-Telegram and Sun said today.

The spinsters, who have been living in a \$25-a-month railroad flat paid for by the city, got tired of it and embarked on a European tour last September. They sold most of their furniture before leaving, according to the newspaper.



**HUBBY GOT MAD**—Mrs. Rosalie Bruce, 22, whose husband, Edward Lee Bruce, 20, hit her hip-length brown hair with a knife to keep her from running around, surveys her shorn locks following the Samson and Delilah drama in Norway, Calif. "Even with her hair off, she's still beautiful," Bruce said as he was booked on suspicion of felonious assault. Baldly speaking, she wants a divorce.

### Sister Kenny Okays Suit Against Chapter

San Francisco, Apr. 13—(U.P.)—Sister Elizabeth Kenny, guiding light of the nation-wide polio foundation bearing her name, today gave her approval to the state's fraud suit against the foundation's northern California chapter.

The Australian nurse arrived here yesterday from Los Angeles and signed papers approving the state's efforts to find out what happened to the \$150,000 raised by the local chapter between 1945 and 1949.

She said she gave the local chapter autonomy last October on the condition that the chapter officers give her a full financial statement. "I gave them enough time," she said, "but the accounting was never made."

Sister Kenny indicated she would not take sides in the case but would await results of the investigation. "I never condemn anyone until proven guilty," she said. "I will be the happiest woman in the world if everything comes out all right."

Meanwhile, Henry Von Murgur, executive director of the chapter accused of misusing the polio funds, minimized his role in the chapter's activities.

"E. C. Hubbard, the state chairman, and George D. Roberts, the finance chairman, were the main persons responsible for policy and deciding how funds should be split," he said. "I was the chore boy. I did what I was told. I fronted for them."

His statement was contradicted by Hubbard, president of San Francisco's Hawley Terminals.

"I don't know how Von Murgur can make such a statement," he said. "He ran the organization. I only lent my name—like Gov. Warren and other people. I was a figurehead."

Roberts, senior vice-president of Henry Von Murgur, Inc., public relations firm, could not be reached for comment.

The suit, brought by the state attorney general's office, charges Von Murgur received \$85,000 of the funds contributed to the foundation, of which only \$1,274.56 was spent to combat polio over a four-year period.

### Truck-Scoter Crash Injures One Today

Charles Bennett Jr., 21, of 820 Marshall street, suffered a slight back injury and skinned leg this morning when his motor scoter collided with a pickup driven by Raymond L. Herzog, 38, Phoenix, city police reported today.

The accident occurred at about 8 a.m. today at the intersection of Stewart avenue and Kings highway. A Conger-Morris ambulance was called to take Bennett to Sacred Heart hospital.

### PRE' DENT TAKES FULL CREDIT FOR COUNTRY'S SHAPE

Washington, Apr. 13—(U.P.)—Harry S. Truman in a review of his first five years as president said today that the country is in fine shape and that he deserves the credit.

The president told reporters that employment, business and agricultural conditions are better than they have been in a long time.

And looking to the future, he said he is hopeful for continued improvement in international relations.

As of now, Mr. Truman said, he can see nothing seriously the matter with this country.

Yesterday marked the start of Mr. Truman's sixth year as chief executive. Today, at his 222nd news conference, the president said his first five years had been rather difficult but that the country still is on its feet.

The president spoke slowly and deliberately as he thought back over the tumultuous years since the death of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Apr. 12, 1945.

There is some unemployment, the president said, but more people are at work in this country than in any other country at any time in history.

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