

Merger To Make U.S. National One of 30 Biggest U.S. Banks

Portland — (U.P.) — The United States National Bank of Portland next week will become one of the 30 largest financial institutions in the nation when it absorbs the 11 branches of the Commercial Bank of Oregon and the Bank of Albany.

Approval of the merger was voted by stockholders of the U. S. National here yesterday. It will bring another \$40,000,000

in deposits into U. S. National coffers, boosting the total past the \$700,000,000 mark. Stockholders of the other two banks had already approved the merger.

Named To Board

Directors also elected two long-time directors of the Commercial Bank of Oregon, Hillsboro, to sit on the board of the U. S. National, raising the number of directors on that governing body to 23.

Elected were R. W. Wells of Wells' Department store in Hillsboro, and Lester Ireland, Hillsboro hardware dealer and member of the state liquor control commission.

President E. C. Sammons of the U. S. National said the merger has already gained the approval of the federal comptroller of the currency and formal approval by federal authorities is expected early next week. The changeover will take place immediately afterward.

The merger will be accomplished by exchange of \$4,000,000 worth of U. S. National stock for stock of the two merged institutions.

Dec. 1 Deadline for Sheep Growers Event

Corvallis — (U.P.) — The Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders Association Saturday reminded Oregon sheepmen that Dec. 1 is the deadline for entering the 1955 sheep production contest.

The contest, sponsored by the association, is aimed at promoting better sheep management and feeding practices. Ewe flocks of 35 head or more are eligible to enter the contest.

Awards will go to owners of commercial flocks having the most efficient production of lambs and wool.

Commercial Bank of Oregon has, besides its head office in Hillsboro, branches in Banks, Cloverdale, Newberg, Sherwood, St. Paul, Tillamook, Vernonia, West Slope, Wheeler and Hood River. They will become branches of U. S. National. Within two years, the Albany bank will become part of the present U. S. National branch in Albany in a new building.

Traffic Resumed On SP Line Closed By Big Earthslide

Portland — (U.P.) — Normal traffic was resumed on the Southern Pacific's main line south Saturday after a slide temporarily blocked traffic and delayed schedules between Portland and San Francisco Friday.

The dispatcher said here the lines were cleared of debris by 7:30 p.m. Friday, earlier than first anticipated, and stalled trains moved through from four to six hours behind schedule.

The slide occurred at 11 a.m. Friday near Oakridge and partially derailed a freight locomotive. Much of the engine was buried by the rocks and mud. No one was injured.

Stalled trains, including the Shasta Daylight streamliner, were held up on either side of the slide. Speed of crews in clearing the tracks made it necessary to reroute the trains over the old line through Medford and Ashland as originally planned.

Some passengers were transferred to busses to reach their destinations.



VICTIMS OF REDS—Air Force Capt. Elmer F. Llewellyn, sentenced to five years in prison by Red China as "spy," is shown with his wife, Marjorie, and son, Clark, of Missoula, Mont. His mother lives in Vista, Cal. The United States dispatched the "strongest possible protest" to Red China demanding the immediate release of Capt. Llewellyn and 12 other Americans sentenced to long prison terms on "trumped-up spy charges."

Hollywood Guest Stars for Band Concert Announced

Hollywood guest stars, Lilian Randolph, "Birdie" of the Great Gildersleeve show, and Walter Tetley, "Leroy" of the

same program, will be here Sunday, Dec. 5 to appear in the Medford High school band benefit concert. Miss Randolph will furnish songs and Tetley's act will include recreation of scenes and characterizations of radio personalities. Specialty numbers also are on their program.

Guest soloist for the concert, which will be held at 2 p.m. at the high school auditorium will be Keith Mirick.

To Aid Band Trip
The annual benefit performance for the band is sponsored by radio station KMD and the Jackson County Shrine club and proceeds will go toward defraying expenses of the band members when they go to San Francisco to play during the East-West game.

The high school choir will sing directed by Allen Lehl. The mixed choir is made up of about 60 voices. The madrigal singers, a mixed group, is made up of 14 voices.

Selections by these two groups for the benefit will include a variety of light, entertaining numbers, as well as spirituals, show tunes and radio arrangements of folk music.

Soloists will be Miss Emily Gannaway, a senior, and David Moore, a junior.

U. S., Austria Plan To Press for Treaty

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States and Austria will continue pressing for an Austrian peace treaty calling for withdrawal of all occupation troops despite Russia's insistence on keeping troops there.

A joint U. S.-Austrian communique released by the State department Friday said the two governments will "continue with determination to work together for a state treaty which would provide for the withdrawal of all occupation troops from Austria at an early and fixed date."

Demo Senators See Aid to Asia Plans As 'Probably Good'

Washington — (U.P.) — Two key Senate Democrats expressed guarded general approval Saturday of administration proposals for a development and aid program for Asia. The proposals, thus far only tentative, envision the United States sharing the cost with European Free Nations.

Hacksaws Smuggled Into Mental Hospital

La Porte, Ind. — (U.P.) — Authorities Saturday arrested a hospital attendant on charges of smuggling hacksaw blades to criminally insane prisoners.

Elmo Bell, head of Norman Beatty hospital's maximum security section, said George Green, 20, who lived at the hospital was caught during a shake-down inspection with a hacksaw blade attached to his shorts.

He said a shake-down of attendants was ordered when four blades were found in an inmate's cell. The criminally insane recently were transferred to Norman Beatty from Indiana State prison.

Green admitted smuggling in one other blade, according to authorities. He said he was being paid from \$20 to \$50 for each blade he delivered, but refused to say what inmate he was dealing with or where the money came from.

Mercy Flights Takes Patient to Lebanon

Mercy Flight, Inc., carried its 303rd patient Saturday afternoon, taking John Lowe, 16, to his home town of Lebanon where he was to undergo surgery for an inflamed appendix.

George Milligan and Gene Kooser were pilots for the flight which was made in the twin-engine Cessna. They left here about 2:30 p.m. and returned about 5 p.m.

The boy had come here to attend the funeral of his grandfather, John M. Lowe, who died Wednesday.

Pilot Escapes Crash Of Jet Fighter Plane

Dover, Del. — (U.P.) — An F86F jet fighter plane crashed in flames on a farm shortly after taking off from the Dover Air Force base Saturday, but the

pilot escaped with only slight burns.

Second Lt. H. E. Delfosse, 23, of San Fernando, Calif., walked from the blazing wreckage and notified the base of the crash. Fire crews rushed to the scene three miles from the base but were unable to save the craft.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIFTEEN

Campaign To Gain Support For Off-Street Parking in Medford Talked at Meeting

A campaign to gain public support of city-owned off-street parking facilities was urged Friday at a board of directors meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce by Jack Crawford, member of the special parking committee.

Crawford suggested that publicity on public off-street parking be made to inform the residents of the facts involved. He stated that this was the only type of parking that he believed feasible.

Chet Hubbard, another committee member, stated earlier that the committee had, as yet, reached no agreement, but that "some solution" would be arrived at.

In other business, Don McNeil, manager of the Chamber, announced that a new trade area brochure was now being printed for distribution designed to attract wholesale businesses to this area. It will include two standard size pages, he added.

Robert Root, state representative, was announced as the speaker at the weekly round-table meeting at noon in the Jackson hotel on Monday. Root will discuss property taxes with Chamber members and guests who attend.

The tentative date of Jan. 17 at the Jackson hotel was announced for the annual Chamber dinner. Choice of a speaker for the occasion was also discussed.

A motion was adopted to work with the county court in conjunction with the recent city traffic survey in order to continue traffic control outside the city limits.

Glenn Jackson Named To Centennial Group

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson has asked a group of citizens to form a study committee to recommend the type of celebration for Oregon's centennial in 1959.

The governor said his office had received many suggestions from interested groups and individuals concerning the celebration and he has asked a group of persons throughout Oregon to serve on the committee, first meeting of which has been set for Dec. 17 at the Benson hotel in Portland.

Members of the committee named by Governor Patterson include: Glenn Jackson, Medford; Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, Roseburg; Niel Allen, Grants Pass; Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls.

Car Theft Suspect Confesses Slaying

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Robert C. Knowles, held here for stolen car charges, has signed a statement that he killed Alvin Calvert Stewart, Wick-enburg, Ariz., and threw the body in the Yakima, Wash., river, it was learned Saturday.

Stewart was reported missing Sept., 1953, by a sister in Wick-enburg. She told authorities her brother drove his pickup truck and trailer to Modesto, Calif., to participate in farm harvests and had not returned.

A Modesto motel owner who knew Stewart said Stewart left for the apple harvest in Washington and had been looking for a companion to accompany him. He has not been seen since.

Stewart and Knowles had worked together in the California harvests.

Ava Gardner Planning To Buy House in Spain

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Film star Ava Gardner took off on a round-the-world air trip with the word that she might buy a permanent home in Spain and "return to Hollywood only to make movies."

"If I get to Spain, I will look for a house," she said Friday as she left on a trip to publicize her picture, "The Barefoot Contessa."

She didn't explain why she never has divorced crooner Frank Sinatra, saying only that they are "good friends."

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Intermediate Penal Institution Site Receives Approval

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Emergency board has voted to approve the purchase of the Williams and Hart site near St. Paul for location of the intermediate penal institution authorized by the 1953 Legislature.

But it did so only after practically every member present at the meeting here had expressed the opinion the Board of Control would have done better to pick the Kippinger site near Gervais in spite of the fact that site would have cost \$174,000 compared with \$70,000 for the Williams and Hart property.

They voted 5 to 7 to approve the purchase after Rudie Wilhelm Jr. of Portland had observed: "We shouldn't go against the Board of Control. It is their responsibility and they will have to run the institution."

Rep. Francis W. Ziegler of Corvallis cast the lone dissenting vote. He made it plain he is in favor of the intermediate institution, but thought the Kippinger site would have been better.

Chiang's Troops Celebrating Smashing Victory Over Reds

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Chiang Kai-shek's forces Saturday celebrated their smashing victory over a Communist attempt to raid Wuchiu Island by bombing Red installations on Tachen Island.

Returning pilots reported good results from their raid on Communist gun positions on Tachen, which lies off the Chekiang coast near the Nationalist held Tachen Islands 200 miles north of Formosa.

Prepare for Attacks

Nationalist defenders of Wuchiu, 75 miles southwest of Tachen, prepared for new Communist attacks even though the Reds suffered a bloody defeat there Friday.

Reconnaissance pilots said the situation at Wuchiu was quiet and the entire Communist invasion fleet had dispersed under heavy Nationalist air attack.

Reports of what actually happened at Wuchiu, a stepping stone to Formosa, Friday were conflicting. Official Nationalist agencies disagreed among themselves as to what course the battle took.

The office of government information announced late Friday that the Communists had landed on the island and had

been driven off following a bitter hand-to-hand struggle. This office reported the Reds suffered heavy casualties and the Nationalists took many prisoners.

Real Heroes

Late Friday night the Ministry of National Defense, the most respected news sources on Formosa, said the Nationalist Chinese Air Force had been the real heroes of Wuchiu's defense.

The ministry said no Chinese Communist set foot on Wuchiu and the blistering Nationalist aerial bombardment turned back

ROK Assembly Stops Rhee's Amendment

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — The Republic of Korea's National Assembly Saturday voted down a constitutional amendment sponsored by President Syngman Rhee's liberal party that would have allowed Rhee to stay in office indefinitely.

The rebuff to the ROK president was by a one vote margin. A total of 136 votes was necessary to adopt the resolution but the liberals received only 135. There were 60 votes against. Seven members abstained.

The constitutional amendment has been a sore point in South Korean politics for months. Rhee's party has attempted every strategy to guarantee passage and at one time called for an open vote which would have allowed the party leaders to check the voting of their members.

The 135 votes cast for the amendment Saturday represented the exact strength of the liberal party in the National Assembly.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kind words of sympathy, the beautiful flowers, cards and acts of kindness in our bereavement of our loved one—Mary Catey, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Kline and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Catey and family.

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