



**OPPOSES TAX CUT**—Treas. Secy. George Humphrey told the Senate finance committee that the income tax cut passed by the House would be bad medicine "for the little folks." He used terms "unjustified" and "irresponsible gesture" in referring to the cut. He is shown (right) conferring with Senator Harry Byrd (D., Va.) committee chairman.

**Plans for Coming Events Discussed at Chamber Meet**

Plans for two coming events, the retail merchants' spring opening and the Blossom festival, were outlined yesterday noon by Howard Boyd, head of the Retail Merchants committee.

Speaking to the regular Monday luncheon in the Jackson hotel of the Chamber of Commerce roundtable group, Boyd explained the Easter basket promotion, in which all county schools have been invited to participate during the spring opening. The baskets will be displayed in downtown store windows on Mar. 11, and judging will take place the next day.

Prizes set up for the best baskets are \$25 for first, \$15 for second, \$10 for third, \$5 for fourth and a number of \$1 prizes.

**'New Approach'**

The speaker called the basket theme "a new approach to spring opening," and expressed hope that it would be successful in gaining wide interest for the opening.

He said April 23 has been set for the Blossom festival, which is financed by the RMA but carried out through cooperation by the valley's service clubs. Boyd added the committee hopes that in the future a number of additional events can be added to the festival, besides the queen's contest and parade.

He also explained the RMA's connection with the Chamber. The RMA finances its own projects, he explained, including about \$1,123 raised for Christmas promotion and \$500 for the Blossom festival.

In commenting on other mat-

**Silverton Man Freed by Grand Jury**

Salem — (U.P.) — Casper Oveross, 44-year-old Silverton carpenter, was a free man today after a Marion county grand jury refused to indict him yesterday on first degree murder charges pressed by District Attorney Kenneth Brown.

Oveross was accused by the district attorney of the first degree murder of his former neighbor, Erwin O. Kaser, at Silverton Feb. 17. But the grand jury said there was insufficient evidence to indict.

The jurors were not required to bring in either a true or not true bill against Oveross since he had not been bound over from a preliminary hearing.

The rifle with which the fatal shots were fired has not been found and ballistic tests are still being conducted in the Portland crime laboratory.

Sheriff Denver Young said today that the investigation into the Kaser shooting would be continued.

ters before the RMA, Boyd said that the shopping centers planned for Medford in the near future "are a good sign that the valley is growing. Competition never hurt anybody."

It was announced that next Monday's program would be given by Capt. Dale Davis, of the east side fire station, on the Civil Defense program in Jackson county. A "far-reaching CD project" will be announced at the meeting.

**Veteran Employee Of City Retires; Plans Long Trip**

Allen D. Curry, 505 Benson st., an employee of the Medford Water commission for almost 27 years, retired today.

Curry arrived in Medford in 1926 from Kansas and was first employed in the county tax department for 1 1/2 years. He joined the city treasurer's and recorder's office, where he remained for five years, and on May 1, 1933, became office manager of the water department, a position he has held until today.

For almost nine years Curry also served as city municipal judge, combining the duties with those in the water department.

He said today the department has almost doubled in size and in services since he joined it. When he first started work, he and one girl handled the office work. Now there are five, he stated.

Curry plans to take an extended and leisurely trip around the country in the next four months, stopping in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and up the Atlantic coast to Washington, Philadelphia and Boston. He will go by bus en route east, but will buy a new car there and drive back. He will visit numerous friends and relatives on the trip.

**Five Children**  
Mrs. Curry died in 1939. The couple's five children are Neal, Oakland, Calif.; Wayne, Fairfield, Calif.; Miss Phyllis Curry, Salem; Mrs. Alice Hood, Medford, and Mrs. Ray Tucker, Roseburg.

When he returns to Medford, Curry said, he's going to "take it easy" for a while, but plans to paint his house and fix up the yard. He has no other plans at the moment.

**EXCHANGE RATE**

Brunswick, Me. — (U.P.) — Merchant Alfred M. Senter is waging a war against lurid comic books in a novel way. He gives an illustrated Bible story to youngsters who turn in objectionable comic books at his store.

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