



ACKNOWLEDGING CHEERS from Los Angeles supporters, Senator Estes Kefauver, Tenn., announces he "most certainly" will enter California primary in June if he decides to seek Democratic presidential nomination. (International)

Highway Body To Survey Crooked Coastal Section

Portland—(U.P.)—The State Highway Commission decided yesterday to survey a crooked four-mile section of the Coast highway between Bay City and Garibaldi to see if it can feasibly be straightened out.

The survey, to be made next spring or summer, was granted at the request of a Tillamook delegation headed by County Judge O. E. Effenberger.

In another petition, former Rep. Lowell Stockman of Pendleton asked the highway body to sell a lumber campsite on the north fork of the John Day river back to the Pilot Rock Lumber company. The land was deeded to the commission several years ago as part of a highway beautification program.

The commission decided to advertise the property at auction within the next two months.

Commissioners agreed to lower the roadbed on the Pendleton-Walla Walla route to permit 14-foot clearance at a railroad overpass.

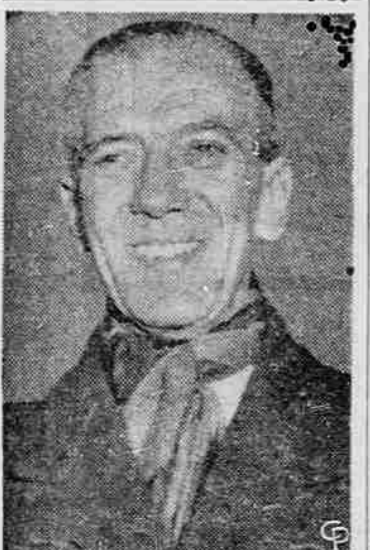
The commission turned down a request to designate the portion of the old U.S. 30 highway between Boardman and Stanfield as "U.S. 30 Bypass." Sponsors of the move had hoped that would help lead travel to McNary dam. The commission said it had no such authority for a federal highway and indicated it was not in favor of plans to divert through traffic from major routes to local points of interest.

Saturday Closing Of All Bars Urged

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon Licensed Beverage association today urged its member bars and taverns to close their doors voluntarily Saturday night to encourage both patrons and employees to spend Christmas Eve with their families.

The association also announced a novel plan to discourage drinking drivers. It sent to Portland taverns and bars a sign which reads, "Let us arrange for a non-drinking driver to drive your car home."

Arrangements have been made with three Portland taxicab companies to provide cabs with two drivers. Two driver cab service will be provided on a priority basis to licensed premises. One driver will be available to drive a celebrant's car home while the cab follows behind. Rate will be double the standard fee.



EDUARDO Lonardi successful leader of revolution that ousted Juan Peron as president of Argentina, arrives in New York for medical check-up. Lonardi was ousted as provisional president by Gen. Pedro Aramburo. (International)

Cost of Living Shows Increase In Past Month

Washington—(U.P.)—The cost of living edged up again last month.

The government report said today that price rises on 1956 autos and other items more than offset declining food prices.

The report also showed that average factory take home pay reached a new record level for the third straight month and that the purchasing power of average factory pay also set a new record.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said its consumer price index climbed .1 of 1 per cent to reach 115 per cent of average 1947-49 prices for the first time since August, 1954.

Picture of Stability
Deputy BLS Commissioner Arnyess Joy Wickens said the price picture is still "one of considerable stability" despite creeping increases in the last half of the year. She said the outlook is for "no marked change" in the index over the next few months.

The BLS reported that the average factory worker with three dependents earned \$72.85 a week after taxes in November. This was about 80 cents higher than October and 14.67 higher than in November, 1954. More overtime as well as wage increases contributed to the gain.

First Degree Murder Charged in Slayings

Tillamook—(U.P.)—Grant Bailey, 33, Rockaway, was charged yesterday with first degree murder in the double slaying last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peecard of Warm Springs at Bailey's home.

The complaint was filed by Tillamook county Chief Deputy Sheriff Haille Island. Bailey was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Walter J. Herd and the case was continued until today to give Bailey time to consult with an attorney.

Bailey told officers the shootings occurred during a fight after he had ordered the Peecards from his home.

Bell Will Retain Union Presidency

Portland—(U.P.)—Results of a ballot recount, announced yesterday, showed that Jess Bell of Portland will retain the presidency of the Oregon State Industrial Union council.

Bell was declared defeated earlier by Francis R. Lenaburg of Willamina. But Council Executive Secretary George Brown said that unintentional errors in transcribing votes by three local unions had thrown the vote off.

The corrected vote gave Bell 1748 votes to Lenaburg's 1065. The council is an organization of former CIO unions which will be merged with the AFL's Oregon State Federation of Labor in line with the recent labor union merger.

Mexican Mayor Fired For Cattle Rustling

San Francisco Del Rincón, Mexico—(U.P.)—The city council fired Mayor Jesus Reyes Betancourt Tuesday after army investigators accused him of heading a gang of cattle rustlers.

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