

Commissioner Says He Agrees With Supporting Letter

County Commissioner Chester Wendt said Monday that he is in complete agreement with a letter supporting Mrs. Blanche Lyman, welfare administrator who was discharged last week.

Mrs. Lyman was ousted by the state welfare commission following investigation of the local welfare department arising out of the arrest of Harley Heubner, a former department employee. On Vacation

Four members of the Jackson county public welfare commission signed a letter sent to the state commission protesting Mrs. Lyman's dismissal. Wendt, also a member of the commission, was vacationing in Albuquerque, N. M., at the time the letter was written.

"If I had been here I would have gone along with the other members of the commission," Wendt said.

Wendt stated that he had earlier refused to comment on the case until he had read the state commission's full report but that since reading the report he feels that there was not sufficient reason for Mrs. Lyman's dismissal.

She may have used a little poor judgment in this one case, Wendt said, but that is a poor reason to discharge anyone. The local commission chairman, Alfred S. V. Carpenter, yesterday indicated his endorsement of the commission's letter in a cablegram from the Virgin islands, where he is vacationing. He said he was "shocked" by the letter of dismissal, which he termed "inaccurate and vindictive."

A HANDY LEG
Windham, Me.—(U.P.)—A Holstein milking cow on the farm of Stanley V. Hall has a 16-inch-long extra leg, small hoof and all, attached to her neck. Hall says the cow swings it to chase away flies.

Ex-Welfare Employee Here Attacks State In Lyman Dismissal

The former child welfare supervisor of the Jackson county public welfare department today attacked the state public welfare commission for its recent discharge of Mrs. Blanche Lyman as administrator of the local department.

Roy W. Tibbets, now of Altadena, Calif., who recently resigned to accept a social work post in the California city, wrote the Mail Tribune about Mrs. Lyman's dismissal as "the cheapest kind of petty and political insult," and came to her defense as a courageous and able administrator.

Excerpts from Tibbets' lengthy letter follow:

"Petty Insult"
I am writing because I sincerely care about what happens to people who are served by public welfare . . . because I feel Mrs. Lyman's dismissal is the cheapest kind of petty and political insult, and because I feel the game of picking a "scapegoat" for what represents the state administration's inadequacies has been too often successfully played by the state public welfare commission . . .

If her management were so poor, why had not the state consultants . . . been aware of it before she had given 21 years of service? . . . I was able to observe how little help was given then to the public assistance department. What I observed over the past year was typical of the state's failure to give constructive help and leadership over many years . . .

Made Choice
Under the current state administration, one has a choice of working under undue strain and pressures . . . or quitting to join a progressive organization. I made my choice recently. For those who continue in Oregon's public welfare, there is a choice of resigning themselves to plod-

ding along with mass lethargy of the state administration, or of trying to become a progressive leader.

In the event that one chooses the risk of leadership . . . he sets himself up for becoming a scapegoat for the state's inability to accept persons capable of more than average performance . . .

I no longer have to be silent, and I will say what needs to be said. I feel the pushing and the projection of the state administration's ills upon county administrators of Mrs. Lyman's caliber has gone far enough. Having worked in three Oregon counties over five years, and having found Mrs. Lyman an administrator without equal in ability to see the larger meanings of problems, with rare compassion for the public's welfare, and with the courage to speak of reality and act upon it, I fiercely resent the fact that one worker's inadequacy is being used as the reason for dismissing her from office . . .

"Look Over Fence"
. . . I feel that if this is the time to hang the dirty wash, it is also time to look over the fence to see what is behind such drastic action. I hope that the Jackson county commissioners will have the courage of their convictions, use their commendable capacities to view the incident in its proper perspective, and that they will repeal this attack which seems to involve much personal, rather than objective, viewing from the state office . . . I hope further that my frankness will stimulate other Oregon county welfare departments to band together and join Jackson county in a presentation of the state administration's inadequacies.

I realize, I cancel any chance of returning to public welfare in Oregon . . . but I am relieved and happy to have said what

Roy W. Tibbets, 760 Mountain View ave., Altadena, Calif.

Republican Dinner Expected To Set All-Time Record

New York—(U.P.)—The Republican party, in firing its 1955 fund-raising guns, is expected to set an all-time record here with a \$100-a-plate dinner that may gross almost \$1,600,000.

Similar political gatherings—known as "Salute to Eisenhower Dinners"—will be staged simultaneously by the GOP on Jan. 20 in 63 cities. But the gathering of an expected 16,000 like admirers in Madison Square Garden here will be the granddaddy of them all.

The Garden rally is being staged by the Republican state committees of New York and New Jersey. Douglas M. Black, business and professional division chairman of the rally, said it will be "the largest political dinner in history."

For his \$100, the Garden diner will get a box supper with a single lobster as the main course, tossed green salad, stuffed celery, seedless grapes, cheese cake and a glass of orange juice. The specially designed box opens into a tray so each diner can juggle it easily in the Garden's theater-type seats.

In addition, the Ike fans here will be entertained with an ice show, singing by six choral groups of 1000 voices and enough political oratory to last them for months.

needs to be said. I certainly hope that my letter will be presented to the public because I care what happens to people far too deeply to disregard what is happening to public welfare in Jackson county and Oregon, and to a most outstanding county administrator.

Roy W. Tibbets, 760 Mountain View ave., Altadena, Calif.

About 400,000 tons of prune plums are required to produce about 160,000 tons of the dried prune variety.

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JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES

Jim Bond Films On 'Unfair' List

Portland—(U.P.)—The Portland Central Labor Council last night placed the Jim Bond adventure films on its unfair list. Bond and the films have been appearing at Benson high school under the auspices of the Westminster Presbyterian church.

Russ Phelan, secretary of the theater employees local, said Bond had refused to hire union cashiers, ticket takers and ushers. He added that the films were doing a good business and that Benson appeared to be "the busiest motion picture theater in town."

A spokesman for the Bond films said many persons had donated their services so that the Presbyterian church could realize as much as possible in its drive for Sunday school funds.

Further talks were scheduled for later today.

Massachusetts Ends Polio Vaccine Ban

Boston—(U.P.)—The Massachusetts Polio Advisory Committee Monday night ended a six-month ban on mass inoculations with the Salk anti-polio vaccine and said there was "no evidence" that the vaccine caused last year's polio epidemic.

The committee said it still does not believe that the present vaccine assures "total freedom from live virus" but said instances of the vaccine inducing the disease would be "rare."

The decision by a board of 19 experts was reached after a six-hour meeting in the office of Massachusetts Public Health Commissioner Dr. Samuel B. Kirkwood. The board includes Nobel Prize winner Dr. John F. Enders.

The recommendation that the health department resume the vaccination program left Idaho the only state in the union still refusing to accept the Salk vaccine. It was in Idaho last summer that a batch of vaccine produced by Cutter Laboratories was found to contain live virus.

Massachusetts discontinued mass vaccinations when an epidemic of polio broke out last spring. At least 128 deaths were reported among some 3,385 cases.

The committee voted its recommendation on the basis of "evidence that the more-recently produced vaccine has a sufficiently greater level of safety than that previously available to warrant its use."

"However," the statement said, "the committee also believes that total freedom from live virus cannot be assured in this vaccine and that the vaccine may possibly on rare instances induce the disease in those vaccinated or in their contacts."

Search Continues
"Furthermore, it recognizes that the search still continues for a reliable substitute for the virulent Mahoney strain."

But, the committee said it arrived at the decision to recom-

mend resumption of mass vaccinations "on assurance from Washington that the vaccine now available to the state from the federal government would comply with the new methods of production and additional safety tests introduced in November, 1955."

Chamber Directors To Meet Thursday

The board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, including newly-elected members, will hold its first meeting of 1956 at noon Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Medford hotel.

Otto Ewaldsen, elected president of the chamber last month succeeding John Pletsch, will preside.

NOBODY WAS LOOKING

New York—(U.P.)—Police searched with a vengeance today for the thief who burgled a safe Monday and escaped with \$112 and \$5 worth of stamps. The safe is located in the clerk's office of the fourth district municipal court. Some well-armed Navy shore patrolmen are headquartered in the same building and next door is the West 54th Street Police Station.

Articles Filed for Local Feed Firm

Articles of incorporation have been filed in Salem for Morton and Marsh, Inc., of Medford, a grain, feed and seed firm. Articles were signed by R. A. Morton, L. J. Marsh and O. O. Morton.

Officials said the firm was formed for the purpose of merging the two firms, Cascade Supply company, 1228 North Riverside ave., and the Big Y Seed and Feed company, 1948 Pacific highway, north. The firm will have offices and store at the Big Y location.

The firm will continue to handle all feed, seed, fertilizers, power equipment for lawns and gardens, outboard motors and boats. Both firms have been established here for about four years.

R. A. Morton is president of the new firm with L. J. Marsh as vice-president and O. O. Morton secretary-treasurer. R. A. Morton will be general manager of the store, and Marsh will be in charge of operations.

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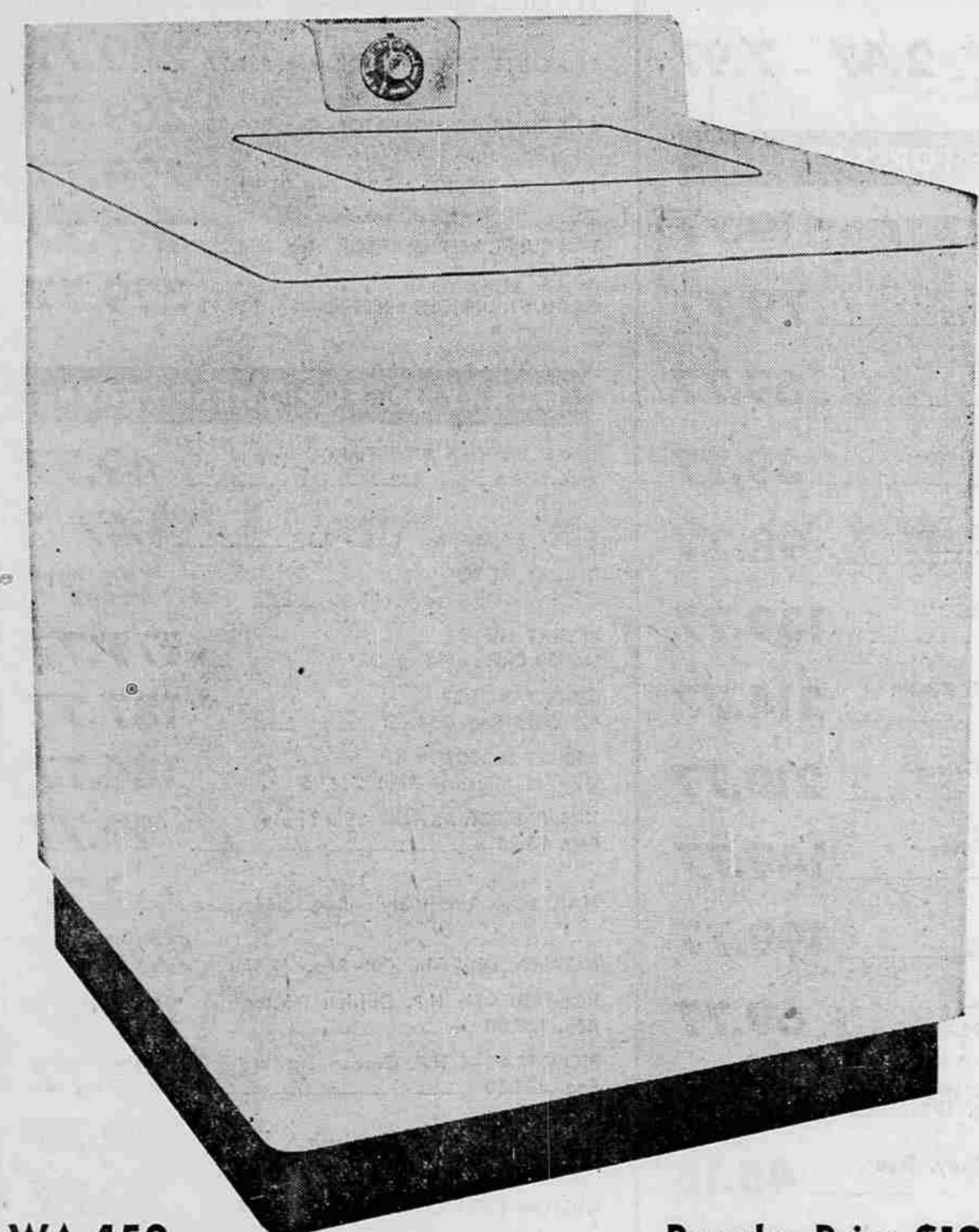
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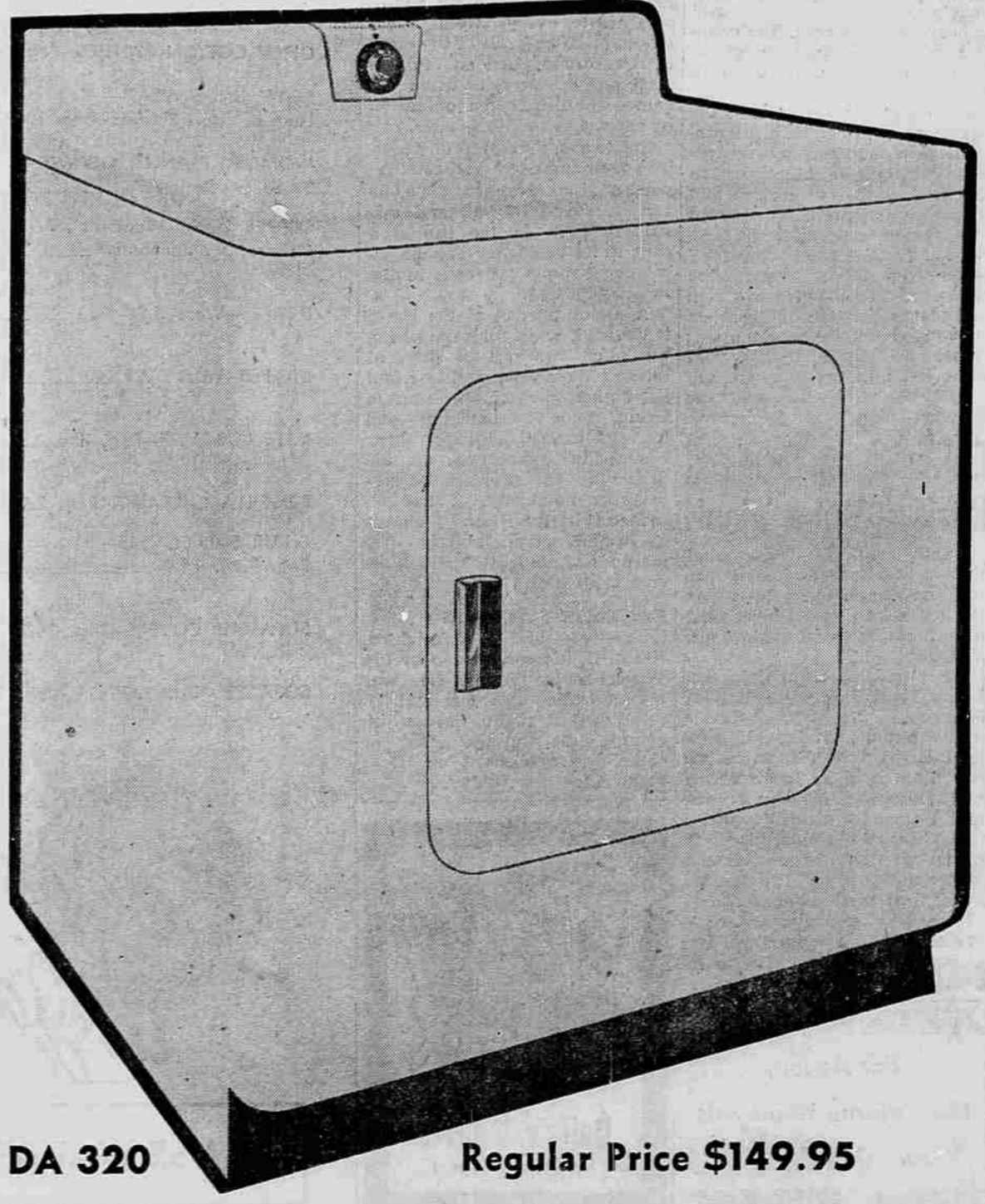
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