

## State Equipment To Test Fuel Oil Meters in Area

The state department of agriculture fuel oil meter truck will be in the southern Oregon area for the next two and a half weeks, according to the Salem office.

The equipment was set up this week at the Medford Associated oil plant to test all meters through which fuel oil and gasoline bulk and wholesale deliveries are made, including gasoline deliveries to service stations as well as fuel oil deliveries to homes and businesses.

J. E. Kitchen is in charge of the equipment.

**Special Truck**  
The special testing truck is on the road throughout the year and visits all wholesale plants at least once a year. The meter truck schedules visits to delivery trucks in the area on a schedule which is arranged to interfere as little as possible with plant delivery activity.

The inspector has reported that so far this year tests reveal that meters are in good shape. Meters which test all right are sealed and seal goes on in such a manner that the meter can not be disturbed without breaking the seal.

Meters which do not measure correctly must be corrected before the seal is attached.

The test truck will be in Grants Pass in two weeks at the Standard oil plant and will move to Cave Junction later.

## Pacific Employment Has 86,700 Increase

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Wage and salary employment in the three Pacific Coast states in mid-June totaled 5,518,900, an increase of 86,700 over the mid-May level, the U. S. Department of Labor reported Thursday.

Max D. Kossoris, western regional director of the department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, said the mid-June total was 261,200 greater than in June a year ago.

California employment increased by 53,700 over the May level to a total of 4,240,900; Washington was up 14,000 for a total of 779,000, and Oregon showed a monthly gain of 19,000 workers.

Kossoris said the average weekly earnings in the three states was close to \$90, well above the national average of \$79.40. He said the difference between the two was due mainly to industrial competition and the number of hours worked and did not reflect substantially higher hourly earnings.

## Young Stock Wizard To Attend Convention

Tujunga, Calif. — (U.P.) — Leonard Ross, the 12-year-old stock market wizard, plans to get an early start in launching his career as a politician by attending the Democratic National Convention at Chicago.

Young Ross, whose knowledge of the stock market won him \$100,000 recently on a television quiz program, has accepted an invitation to attend the convention. He and his mother, Mrs. Pauline Ross, will fly to Chicago Sunday.

Despite his vast knowledge of finance, Ross told a television audience while appearing on "The Big Surprise" that he is a Democrat and will enter politics. He will be on television for the Democrats during convention programs next week.

## Bridge Columnist Leads in Play-off

New York — (U.P.) — Popular bridge columnist Charles Goren of Miami Beach led his team to victory early today in a three-team playoff for the masters team of four bridge championship of the United States.

The team will meet Italy, who became European champion this week in Stockholm, in international competition in New York next January.

Trailing midway through its final match, the Goren team rallied to win by the narrow margin of 140 points. Other members of the team are William Seamon of Miami Beach, Mrs. Helen Sobel, Harold Ogust, Boris Koytchou and Peter Leventratt of New York.

They edged a team composed of Alvin Roth of Washington, Harry Harkavy of Miami Beach, Tobias Stone, Ira Rubin and Victor Mitchell of New York.

**CONFUSED STREET**  
Cambridge, Mass. — (U.P.) — A street that was both one-way and two-way created chaos here. The Cambridge-Somerville city line passed through White Street. But when Cambridge decided to make White street a one-way street, it neglected to notify Somerville. It was several days before the confusion was ended.

## A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By **HARMAN V. NICHOLS**  
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Washington — (U.P.) — Riding herd on a bunch of college students is a far cry from putting



Harman Nichols, troupe of the play "The Pajama Game"

on pajamas and looking over the footlights at a critical theater mob. But Marguerite Shaw has played both roles and loved both. Before she joined the road company she organized the sug-

gested her sister for the same role. Nobody is sorry Reta did. The theme of the play is set in a pajama factory and the plot is wound around a spat between labor and management over a 7 1/2 cent an hour boost in pay for the hired hands. Fun is poked at both sides in balanced doses.

**Phone Rang Late**  
As "Mabel" the bookkeeper, Marguerite gets herself into a number of pretty funny jams. "I've had some bad moments, though," she told me during a chat backstage at the National Theater. "Like the time I picked up the phone before it rang and almost jumped out of my P.J.s when it finally went off in the middle of a sentence. I ad libbed out of it and the audience laughed. I guess the customers thought it was part of the act."

And another time she and

Buster West were doing a soft shoe dance and our gal did a prat fall. Buster gathered her up and that took a bit of doing. No lady likes to admit that she stretches the scales to 180 pounds, even in flimsies like pajamas.

Marguerite can lay claim to a fine education. She holds an A.B. degree from Bates College and has a master's degree from Columbia University. She calls South Paris, Me., her home town.

**Uses Good Luck Charm**  
Maybe you have wondered how show people doll up for a performance. Applying the lip rouge and such. The "bookkeeper" showed me her own system.

First, she washes her face, then applies some grease paint. After that she puts on some wet rouge, and next the eye shadow.

Face powder is smoothed on and she sees that the brows of the eye are free of paint and powder.

"Then," she said, "I dab some rouge under the chin—shying away from the second one."

Marguerite, incidentally, has a good luck piece which she uses regularly. It's a rabbit's foot Reta gave her before she started off on an 18-month tour, during which she completed 650 performances without ever having to call upon either of her two stand ins.

She uses the bunny paw to smooth her face after the make-up is on.

Biggest thrill she has had came the other night when some of her former pupils in the gallery here flashed an American University banner.

**QUICK RESULTS**  
Norwich, Conn. — (U.P.) — After broadcasting an appeal from the parents of a missing boy, announcer Tom Phalen recalled seeing a lad outside the studio a few minutes before. He dashed out and sure enough, it was the missing boy.

**NEW HAT**  
Brockton, Mass. — (U.P.) — Judge Anthony Kupka told Gordon H. Scully Jr., acquitted on charges of shooting a raccoon after explaining he thought it might bite his children, to "skin the animal and make a hat for yourself."

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