

### House Passes Bill For War II Veterans

Salem —(U.P.)— World War II veterans will have until June 30, 1959, to start training with state educational aid under terms of a bill passed by the Oregon House Tuesday.

Present cut-off date was Dec. 31, 1956. Other bills passed by the house appropriated \$3,835 for expenses of the Capitol Planning Commission; \$36,000 for expenses of the Chewings Fescue and Creeping Red Fescue Commission; suspended for two years collecting of a property tax for veterans educational purposes; and extended the Governor's emergency powers in civil defense matters.

### Kindergarten Children Visit Medford Library

Twenty children from Kent's kindergarten visited the Medford library Monday. Mrs. Nora McKay, children's librarian, issued library cards to those who were six years old, explained the care of books to the children and discussed the library system. She also read a story to the class.

The children were accompanied by Mrs. John Kent, who operates the kindergarten.

## Penal Institution At St. Paul Planned To Rehabilitate Young

Salem —(U.P.)— The main objective of the new intermediate penal institution to be built north of Salem near St. Paul will be rehabilitation of young prisoners. Superintendent Paul J. Squier told a sub-committee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee here Tuesday.

Squier, named superintendent of the new institution so he could help plan its construction, proposed an operational budget of \$833,000 for the next biennium. He told the subcommittee headed by Sen. Howard Belton of Canby that the budget was not broken down at this time because this type of penal institution is new to Oregon.

He said he planned to work with the State Budget Department and the director of finance in breaking down the budget before any personnel was hired. William C. Ryan, secretary of the Board of Control, said working plans for the first two phases of the institution were about ready and bids for construction would be asked between March 15 and April 1.

Construction of the first two units is expected to be completed in a year and a half. Some 300 prisoners will be admitted upon completion of the first two units, Squier said. The intermediate institution will eventually have a capacity of 600 prisoners.

### Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSSY

Hollywood —(U.P.)— Jack Benny celebrates his 39th birthday again Thursday — because staying 39, he said today, "keeps me young."



Aline Mossy

The comedian who has won more continued success on radio and TV than any other entertainer actually will be 63 on Valentine's Day. But to his millions of fans—and Benny himself—he's still 39. "People should forget birthdays and their age," reflected Benny as he sat in his Beverly Hills office on the eve of the occasion. "If it weren't for obnoxious serving birthdays, you couldn't keep track of your age. It would be wonderful if a person could not. Some people feel old just because of those numbers that are pinned to him."

### Comedian Feels 39

"You don't look older to people who see you all the time," he continued. "I really feel 39. I do the 39 gag so much on my show that I don't picture myself as much older."

Benny first used the age gag in 1945 on radio when he announced he was 36. He was 37 for a couple of years and finally moved to 39 where he stayed. Since then the age joke—along with gags about his Maxwell car and his gold-filled vault—has become a national legend. The gentle, amiable comedian realized the importance of his 39 pose two years ago when he planned to turn 40 on his CBS-TV show. It was to be a national event, an hour program bringing together all the entertainers who have worked with him.

Newspaper Sways Planning But a Boston newspaper talked him out of it.

"Someone sent me an editorial they printed," said Jack, parking his feet on top of his desk. "It begged me not to grow older. Their reasoning was that it has been a great help to a lot of people who now can figure that when they get to be 39 they won't get any older, either. And so they don't get older."

This year Jack will be given his biggest birthday party in his life. He'll be feted by the top stars of show business Thursday night at a \$100-a-plate dinner with proceeds going to the American Heart Fund.

### Letter Asks Holmes For Budget Estimate

Salem —(U.P.)— Rep. Wayne Giesy, a Monroe Republican, said yesterday he had penned a second letter to Gov. Robert Holmes after failing to receive a reply to his first request for the governor's budget estimate.

Giesy contended the legislative committees are unable to get to work because they don't know how much money the governor wants to implement his program.

Giesy had estimated the program would cost \$318-million and he asked Gov. Holmes to say whether that figure was too low or too high.

### Fire Sweeps Jaguar Factory in England

Coventry, England —(U.P.)— A multi-million dollar fire swept the giant Jaguar Motor Works here Tuesday night and officials said it would halt production for "many months."

Some 300 cars marked for export were destroyed but prototypes of new Jaguar models which the company was about to introduce to the public were saved.

A 40-foot link road saved half the factory from destruction as 16 fire brigades struggled to douse the flames.

### Lewis Bright Takes Third in Tournament

Salem—Lewis Bright, a junior at Willamette university from Medford, placed third in extemporaneous speaking at the annual College of Puget Sound Forensic tournament last week end.

Bright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Bright, is a speech major.

### VIOLIN MINUS VIOLIN

Hollywood —(U.P.)— Misha Violin reported to police today that burglars had stolen his most prized possession—a \$25,000 violin.

Washington —(U.P.)— A supply officer says that recent price increases could add \$85 million to the armed forces' oil bill in the next 12 months.

## Effect of Trade With Red China Discussed

(Editor's note: In connection with the "Great Decisions... 1957" program, Marion D. Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college, discusses the effect of trade with the China mainland would have in the northwest.)

By MARION D. THOMAS, EXTENSION AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST OREGON STATE COLLEGE

Resumption of trade with China could have many diverse effects on Northwest markets. Ten years ago the United States shipped nearly \$200,000,000 worth of farm products to China. Among these were wheat, flour and other grain products; canned and dried milk, and some fruit and vegetable products from the Northwest.

Last year, and for the five preceding years, no farm products have gone from this country to the mainland of China—at least not directly.

Our shipments of 10 years ago, although financed to a considerable extent by our foreign aid funds, do give some idea of the possible size of the Chinese market. Yet this market might become much larger if the Chinese are successful in their current efforts to increase industrial production, raising incomes. Even then, the old problem of earning dollars might remain until they produced something that we could buy to advantage.

At one time, China offered walnuts and eggs in this country. That was very upsetting to markets here. Chinese hooked rugs were liked by many American homemakers, but cut into the sales of domestic rug manufacturers.

No one knows what goods China might offer or want from us in the future, but it is quite apparent that any change in our policies toward China could bring many and varied changes in our markets.

Trade with China might help clear away the cloud of concern that has been hanging over Northwest wheat producers in recent years. This cloud has already been partially lifted by increased sales in other parts of the Orient, especially in Japan and India. At one time China took nearly 9,000,000 bushels of our wheat; part of this was in the form of flour milled in the Northwest.

But would trade bring additional difficulties to poultrymen, nut growers and others already hard pressed? That's among the questions which would have to be answered in any consideration of reopening trade relationships.

### Baby Born in Plane Baffles Law Experts

Vienna, Austria —(U.P.)— The birth of a baby in an airplane over continental Europe had the international law experts in a stew today trying to figure out her nationality.

Mrs. Fritzi Fagl, 25, gave birth to a girl in an Israeli plane over German territory Tuesday. Mrs. Fagl and her husband are Austrians. They live in Britain. The plane was enroute from Amsterdam to Vienna.

The Israel "El-Al" Airline said this may be the first case in airline history of the birth of a baby over continental Europe.

Experts said the baby could claim Austrian or Israeli citizenship because she was born on Israeli territory in the plane and only over German territory.

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### 17 Cases of Disease Reported Last Week

Seventeen cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Jackson county health department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

The cases included five chicken pox, four influenza in Medford, one mumps in Ashland, one pneumonia in Medford, one pink eye in Butte Falls, four infectious hepatitis in Shady Cove and one rheumatic fever in Ashland.

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