

# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Up in Salem the other day, the problem of fraudulent and misleading advertising for subdivisions and land schemes came before the planning and development committee of the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature.

Attorney General Robert Thornton and Oregon Real Estate Commissioner Robert Jensen both supported bills they have drafted to halt operations of what Commissioner Jensen termed "marginal and unscrupulous subdividers."

The proposed laws would outlaw misleading statements and require bonds by developers to assure that promised improvements would be made. Violation would be punishable by a \$3,000 fine and a year in jail.

ATTORNEY General Thornton told the committee he had been studying the problem for more than a year. The principal trouble with desert land promotions in Central and Eastern Oregon, he said, is that the people concerned are not familiar with the area. People not familiar with the lack of water and the isolation of the region are apt to be defrauded in large numbers.

He added: "A review of existing laws shows there is nothing we can do to restrain these operations at the present time."

He was referring presumably, to a subdivision project in Lake county. Lake County Judge C. W. Ogle was present at the hearing and told the members of the committee that Lake county hasn't yet recovered from a similar development clear back in 1909, more than half a century ago, and urged adoption of the proposed law.

RULES of the newspapers of that long-ago period reveal that this Christmas Lake county development of 1909 was quite a project. People were pouring in from all over the country. They were full of enthusiasm. The future looked bright. The prevailing water table was within six to 12 feet of the surface. It looked like a great new country in the making. Its remoteness from markets seemed to the new settlers to be its only handicap.

LAKEVIEW, to be sure, was within a reasonable distance - and Lakeview was the northern terminus of the Narrow Gauge railroad coming up from the south. But the new settlers - whether rightly or wrongly - got the idea that the Narrow Gauge's rates were too high. These high rates, they said, meant prices for their products that were disappointingly low.

They had another outlet, of course, for their products - a branch rail line coming down from the Columbia river to Shaniko. But Shaniko was a long way off. It took five days to get there with a team and wagon and five days more to get back.

That meant too much loss of time.

SO THEY turned to Klamath Falls, which by then had become the northern terminus of the Natron Cut-off - which was the original name for what is now the main line of the Southern Pacific. That seemed to them an ideal outlet for their products to the markets of California.

But there was no road to Klamath Falls. So they tackled the Klamath county court to build a road across the Klamath Indian reservation to their area.

They figured that with such a road they could get to Klamath Falls and back in three days each way - a saving of four days over the round trip to Shaniko.

THEN - Misfortune struck. The water table in their valley began to drop. Without sufficient water, there could be no big crops to haul to market. So the proposed road was never built.

WHAT of the present? Well, Ken McLeod, one of whose hobbies is water tables, tells me the water table over there is RISING AGAIN.

It's a strong world, isn't it? You never can tell what will happen next.

FREE LOADER - Washington - (UPI) - The British Embassy said Monday that Ambassador Sir David Ormsby-Fore's lost gasoline credit card had been used by someone to charge at least \$180 worth of gas, oil, tires and auto repairs.



AWARD WINNER—Dale W. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Peterson, 11398 Dennis rd., Central Point, a geophysics sophomore at the Colorado School of Mines, was named the winner of the Max I. Silber award. The award goes to a student with the highest academic average in the 1961-

1962 freshman class. Peterson (right) received the award from H. Dean Burdick, director of admissions and chairman of the scholarship committee at the mineral engineering college. He is attending the school on a Society of Exploration Geophysicists Foundation scholarship.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

FOR HER hundredth birthday, an old lady in the Blue Ridge country was offered a ride to New York in a jet airliner. "You won't get me in one of those fool contraptions," she answered firmly. "I'm gonna sit right here and watch my TV, like the good Lord intended I should!"



A new patient, signing up for treatment, confided to a psychiatrist, "I'd better tell you before we begin that I suffer from marked suicidal tendencies." "Very interesting," nodded the psychiatrist. "Under the circumstances, I'm sure you won't mind paying me in advance."

Young Jonathan came home from school in disgrace, with a note from the teacher explaining that he had put mud in a little girl's mouth. "What made you do a crazy thing like that?" demanded Jonathan's mother. "Well, for one thing," he explained, "her mouth was open."

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## County District Bill Urged by Leaders

Salem - (UPI) - Leaders of both parties urged passage of a bill Monday that would divide Multnomah county into 17 House and 8 Senate "single-member" districts. At present all senators run at large. The 17 representatives are elected in four districts. Witnesses said voting for a single senator and a single district would make it easier for the voter and the legislator or candidate to know each other.

LEAVES HOSPITAL TODAY - Canoga Park, Calif. - (UPI) - A famed deadpan comedian Buster Keaton, 86, today leaves West Hills Doctors' Hospital where he was treated for what physicians described as a minor chest condition. He entered the hospital Sunday.

## Space 'Rendezvous' Attempt To Be Delayed Until 1965

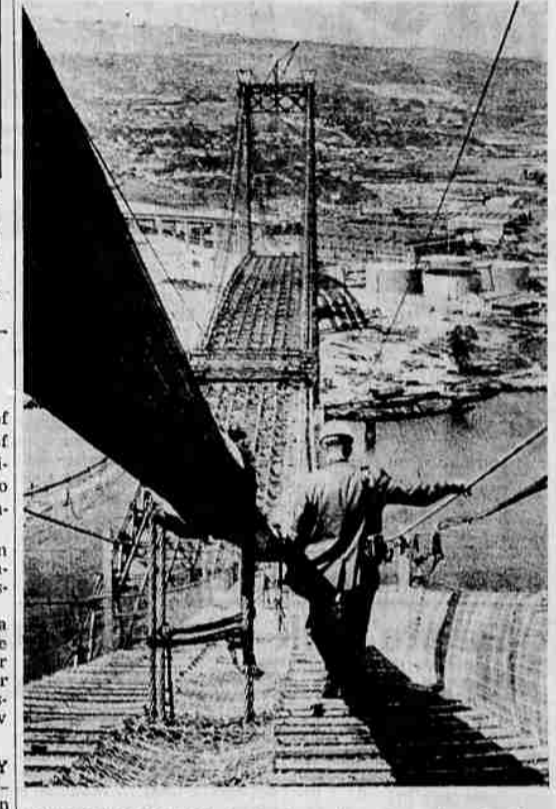
Cape Canaveral - (UPI) - The first U.S. attempt to link up two objects in orbit - a critical step toward development of manned space stations - probably will be delayed until 1965, it was indicated today. This is a key goal that the Soviet Union came within four miles of achieving last August. Jerome B. Hammack and Walter J. Kapryan of the federal space agency said that attempts to "rendezvous" a manned space capsule and an unmanned target object in orbit "should begin with about the fifth flight" in Project Gemini, America's newest man-in-space program.

Present Paper - Hammack and Kapryan presented their paper Monday before the opening session of a three-day space flight testing conference sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The Gemini capsules will carry two-man teams of U.S. astronauts into orbit. The first manned flights in the new program are not expected until the middle of 1964, and

the fifth flight could not come before 1965.

As planned now, the "rendezvous" attempt will involve launching an unmanned Agena-D upper stage into orbit aboard an Atlas rocket, and then sending the two-man Gemini team into space about 24 hours later to try to link up with it.

Eventually, the United States hopes to put huge space stations in orbit around earth to accommodate perhaps as many as 20 men. This cannot be accomplished until the technique of hooking pieces of gear together in building-black fashion in space has been proven. Russia indicated it was working toward such a manned space station when it sent cosmonauts Andrian Nikolayev and Pavel Popovich within four miles of each other aboard their spacehips in orbit last summer.



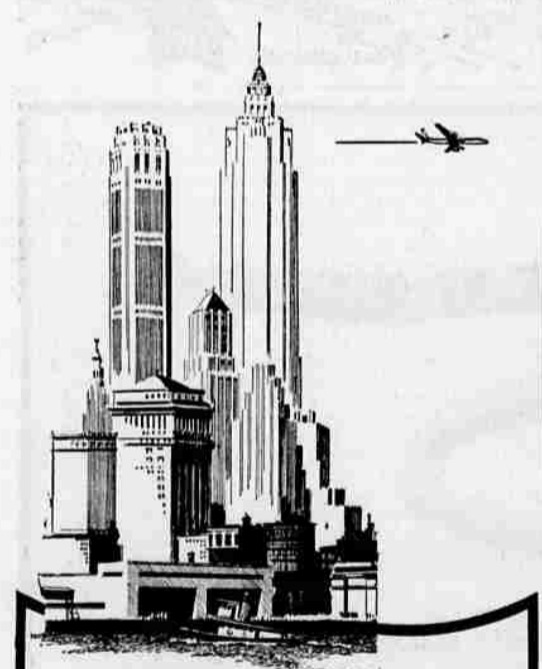
BRIDGE IN PLACE - A photographer steps gingerly down suspension cables of the new Vincent Thomas bridge across Los Angeles harbor channel to Terminal Island as a 20-ton section, middle of bridge, goes into place. The span, now 70 per cent completed, is expected to be finished some time in October. (UPI)

## Rules to Protect Needy in Court Told

Washington - (UPI) - The Supreme Court has spelled out rules to insure that needy persons get full legal protection when they face criminal charges in state courts. The high court acted Monday in four cases involving the issue. In the most sweeping decision it reversed by a 9-0 vote a 20-year-old ruling and held that state courts must provide free legal help for indigent defendants in criminal prosecutions.

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## Dennis the Menace



"HEY, JOEY! DON'T LICK THE GLASS!"

## Proposal Made to Join State to Pact

Olympia, Wash. - (UPI) - Backers of the Columbia river interstate compact today initiated a second effort to add Washington's name to the list of states which have ratified the agreement.

Sens. John Cooney (D-Spokane) and Marshall Neill (R-Pullman) introduced in the Senate a bill identical to the ratification measure which came close to passage during the regular session of the legislature, which ended Thursday.

The measure died in the Senate Rules committee when time ran out on the regular session. The controversial measure was approved by the House during the regular session after a bitter debate.

The bill would authorize Washington to join Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Nevada and Wyoming in a pact governing the Columbia river watershed resources. The agreement must be ratified by the legislatures of the states involved and by Congress before it can go into effect.

Opponents of the measure argue that the compact commission would be dominated by private power interests from Idaho, Montana and other upstream states.

## Legislature Approves Funds for Property

Salem - (UPI) - The legislature Monday approved the release of \$75,000 for purchase of property in southwest Portland for expansion of Portland State college. The college has no immediate plans for use of the land, but wants to buy it before other plans are made to build on it.

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