

TRUMAN ASKS DRAFT EXPIRATION



By FRANK JENKINS

FORMER President Hoover recommends that we and the British (jointly) spend \$384,000,000 on a six-month program to feed a "hungry Germany" whose living conditions have sunk to the lowest level known in a number of years in western history.

That is to say, having fought a long and bloody and costly war to whip the Germans (again), we must now turn in and spend vast sums of money to feed them.

IT sounds silly. And, of course, it is silly. Just about everything connected with war is silly.

BUT wait a minute.

Suppose you lived on a ranch (so remote, for the purposes of this illustration, as to be beyond the reach of the law) and your neighbor got to acting up scandalously and the only way you could handle the situation was to turn in and whip the day-lights out of him.

Suppose you did just that (in self protection) and in the process burned down his house, tore up his fields, destroyed his machinery and killed off his livestock. And kept it up until he yelled "Uncle!"

After it was all over, the chances are, you'd have to FEED him, along with what was left of his family. Otherwise, in his anger and desperation, he'd be likely to bushwhack you on a trail some dark night.

HUNGRY and hopeless men do strange things. Something like a decade after the last war, a hungry and hopeless German turned to a neurotic screwball named Hitler, who played cleverly upon the suppressed hatreds of the German people.

We know what happened.

AFTER the last war, we got out of Germany as quickly as we could and left the Germans to stew in their own juice. We know now that it didn't work. It would have been better if we had stayed and HANDED the Germans—including feeding them until they could again feed themselves. If we had stayed on the job, we would have been in a position to handle Hitler when he came along.

In that way, we might have kept the next war from happening.

NOW we're back in the same old spot, riding herd on a hungry and hopeless Germany. We're facing the same old temptation to wash our hands of the whole sticky, stinking mess and GET OUT OF EUROPE.

Lord, how we'd love to!

But we've got a bear by the tail. It's the same bear we had by the tail after the last war. We let go, then. This time, we'd better hang on.

Even, as Hoover suggests, at the cost of going on feeding these Germans after spending our blood and our treasure to lick them. It will be safer, and probably much cheaper, in the long run.

HOW much simpler and better it would have been if after the last war ALL the nations had formed themselves into a committee of the whole to WATCH GERMANY—and to watch ANY OTHER NATION that might show signs of breaking the peace. And to HANDLE such a nation before it was too late.

How much better it would be if the surviving nations of the earth had the good common sense to do such a thing NOW.

Apparently they haven't. But we, at least, ought to have the plain, horse sense this time to stay with the job we've started in Europe until it is finished according to OUR idea of what is right. Maybe, even in that admittedly not so good way, we can stave off another war.

Parking Meter Fund Used For Traffic Maintenance

When Mr. Motorist puts a penny in a parking meter, that penny, by city ordinance, will go toward the "control, engineering and supervision of pedestrian and vehicular traffic" in Klamath Falls. The first month of meter operation, from January 25 to February 28, the little curbstone gadgets took in something in the neighborhood of \$445.3.

Included in the city's work to be financed by revenue from the meters are such jobs as maintaining traffic lights, crosswalk and curb markings, traffic signs and anything pertaining to control of traffic.

The traffic phase of police work will be financed by the revenue, and salaries of traffic policemen can, according to the ordinance, be paid out of that fund. Regular policemen are not included.

After the preliminary installation costs have been paid

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Senate OK's Four Billion Cut

Local Red Cross Drive Opens Here

Mayor Ed Ostendorf's car led the parade launching the drive for the 1947 Red Cross campaign today.

The parade got under way at 11:45 a. m., starting at Baisiger Motor company and progressing up Main to the J. C. Penney company store where it paused while the Pep Peppers and the KUHS band, in spite of snow and rain, performed several drill numbers.

The parade, with the Red Cross float, a truck draped with white streamers and identified by a large red cross and a patient on a stretcher attended by Red Cross nurses, the band, and several cars progressed to the Willard where the kickoff luncheon followed.

Speakers at the luncheon included the mayor, Frank Sexton, fund chairman, Otto Smith, chapter chairman, Mrs. Martha M. Hurd and several others.

The drive has got off to a good start with contributions already received before it was properly launched.

Weyerhaeuser Camp 6 sent in its contribution last week, the first received. Safeway warehouse employees were the next to respond, 100 per cent.

"Such response shows the timbre of Klamath people," the fund chairman said, and asked for continued cooperation to complete the campaign as quickly as possible.

Train-Car Smash Kills 6

CARDINGTON, O., March 3 (AP)—Six members of a Michigan family bound for a wedding anniversary celebration were killed and another injured critically in a grade crossing crash here Sunday.

The dead included Mrs. Wilma Passby, 24, and her baby which was born prematurely when a Columbus-to-Cleveland New York Central passenger train ripped into the family's automobile in the center of Cardington.

The other victims were: Mrs. Ethel Peterson, 55, mother of Mrs. Passby; Miss Bonnie Peterson, 19, a daughter; Lawrence Passby, 24, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Passby; all of Ohio, 16, and Miss Norine Conen, 16, of Flint, Mich.

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Spill Injures Local Ranch Hand

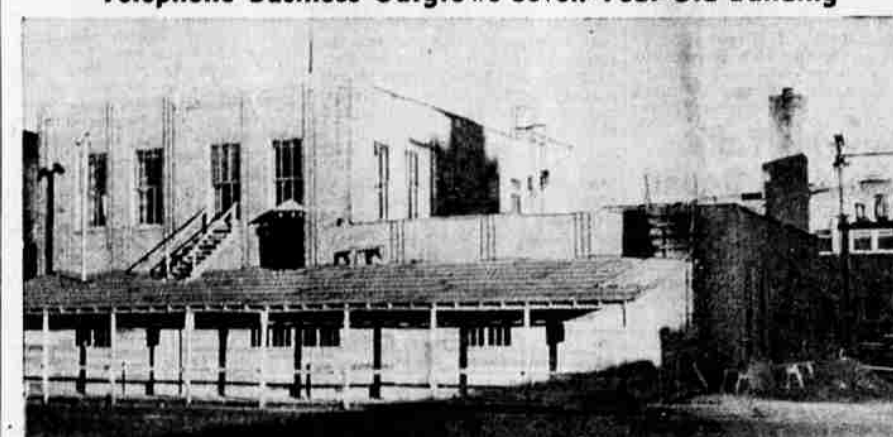
Freddy Bacon, 17-year-old ranch hand employed on the William Kittered Klamath holdings, suffered critical injuries at 9 o'clock this morning when he fell under a horse which he was riding toward the Kittered house after his morning chores.

Young Bacon's mount slipped in the mud and the boy fell under the animal. The horse attempted to get up at least three times and each time fell back against the boy. Charles Clark, also employed on the ranch, was riding 100 yards from Freddy and went to his aid. The boy was brought by Clark as far as Sand Creek station, where an ambulance was met. The boy is at Hillsdale hospital, unconscious. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bacon of Grants Pass, formerly of Klamath Falls. Freddy has been employed on the ranch for the past year.

Also paid out of the meter revenue are the salaries of a maintenance man and a collector.

The taxpayer will not pay for traffic control through regular channels of assessed taxation, but will pay as he goes in return for parking privileges. If voters decide to keep the meters in operation after the six-month trial period by vote this coming summer a supplementary budget will be formed covering traffic phases, relieving the regular police budget.

Telephone Business Outgrows Seven-Year-Old Building



The long, low, windowed shed and al fresco stairway to an upper story window of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph building at the corner of 8th and Pine, somewhat resembles an old Spanish type structure. This is only a temporary convenience during the erection of a second story on the west end of the building facing Pine. The new story will be built of steel and concrete and match the main building in exterior finish. The added space will house new, expensive equipment for dial and long-distance telephone service.

Construction Progresses On Telephone Building

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company building at 120 N. 8th in Klamath Falls is growing up — to an overall height of two stories structurally.

Business has grown beyond the capacity of the present accommodations and is straining the seams of the seven-year-old building to such an extent that more space is being added to the tune of \$150,000. There are now 8000 subscribers on the books.

Part of the building facing on Pine reached one story when it was constructed in 1940. This is being built up to make the entire building two stories. The present building will be widened also at the "jog" on the alley

Smith Heads Cooperative

Homer Smith of Lakeview has resigned his position as general manager of the Interstate Cooperative to become general manager for Klamath Basin Cooperative with headquarters at Tulelake. He will also cover the branch at Klamath Falls.

Smith succeeds Earl Ager of Tulelake and took over his duties on March 1. He left immediately with other officials for Portland to attend the annual meeting of Pacific Supply March 3 to 5.

Those accompanying Smith were: J. Gene Smith of Malin, president of the board of directors of Klamath Basin Cooperative; Melvin L. Cushman, Tulelake, member of the advisory board of KBC; Frank Jameson, in charge of the hardware department, and V. G. Reinmiller, head of the petroleum department. Gus Haaglund, manager of Pacific Supply in Klamath Falls, Warren Smith, manager of Merrill Mills, the branch of Pacific Supply in Merrill.

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Auto Wreck Injures Three

Three persons were seriously injured late Saturday night when their car left the highway near Klamath Agency in the midst of a snowstorm.

Driver of the car, Robert McAllister, 27, Chillicothe, is in Klamath Valley hospital with a fractured pelvis and his two women companions, Mrs. Linda Barkley, 26, and Mrs. Ruth Castellan, 24, also of Chillicothe, suffered injuries. Mrs. Barkley has a broken leg and Mrs. Castellan a broken collar bone, it is reported.

The trio was brought to the hospital by Mrs. Don L. Campagna of the Klamath Agency store. The accident occurred at 11 p. m. Saturday and no other car was involved.

Butcher Talks At Standstill

Negotiations between butcher workmen, Local 368 (AFL), and Safeway and Emil's Foodstores, were at a standstill today and no settlement is anticipated for at least another week or 10 days, officials advised.

Boat Wreck Fatal To 2

COOS BAY, Ore., March 3 (AP) Two men and possibly others in the crew of an unidentified fishing boat were drowned yesterday when their craft capsized and broke up attempting to enter the harbor here during a localized storm.

Boatswain M. C. Alvey of the coast guard lifeboat station reported efforts to trace identity of the vessel and the two men sighted clinging to the wreckage have been unsuccessful.

Coast guard crewmen at the station said the boat overturned near the north jetty and that a lifeboat put out immediately. One man was washed to sea almost at once but the second clung to the wreckage for about 12 minutes. The lifeboat was within 500 yards of him when he disappeared, Alvey reported.

Observers said the boat, appeared to be about 65 feet long and gear washed ashore later indicated it was a shark fishing craft. No local craft were at sea yesterday, and Alvey said the capsized boat evidently was a stranger to the harbor or the crew would not have attempted to enter the harbor under the tide conditions at that time.

The exchange, purchased in 1910 from H. H. Van Valkenburg, was operated from the Smith building on S. 7th before moving into the then new building at the corner of 8th and Pine in 1940.

The old telephone line which Van Valkenburg purchased, was established by the government in 1883 and operated between Fort Klamath and Ashland. Van Valkenburg bought it from the government after the old fort was abandoned, added a telephone line and operated the exchange in the back of his jewelry store which stood at Center and Main in Linkville, where the old stone building still stands today.

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Movie Strike Leader Beaten

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., March 3 (AP)—Sheriff's officers reported early today that movie strike leader Herbert K. Sorrell, president of the Conference of Studio unions, had been found badly beaten and bound hand and foot on a highway.

Kern county sheriff's deputies said Sorrell told them he was kidnapped Sunday night on a street in San Fernando by three men in a black sedan. All three, officers quoted him, were armed, "and one of them wore a police officer's uniform and a Los Angeles police officer's badge."

Sorrell told the authorities he was handcuffed, bound with rope, and driven to a spot 90 miles north and east of Bakersfield, then thrown out as his assailants drove on.

Shortly after the ambulance overturned, a southbound car driven by Pete Azareo of Watsonville, Calif., was flagged by Fly, and Cox and the two men were rushed to Hillsdale hospital.

Cox is thought to have a possible skull fracture along with other hurts and his attending physician said the woodsman's condition was grave. He is not yet conscious. A brother is at his bedside.

Harold Fly, who operates the ambulance service, said he had an auxiliary machine to continue calls but that he was doubtful if the new ambulance could be repaired.

House Gets Bill Back For Action

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) The senate approved today and sent back to the house a resolution pledging a \$4,500,000,000 cut in President Truman's budget and promising to use \$2,600,000,000 of any savings to reduce the national debt.

The vote was 64 to 20. The senate's action came after it had adopted on a voice vote an amendment by Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.) under which any receipts from the sales of surplus war property would be applied on the debt.

The measure now goes to the house, which voted previously to attempt to trim \$6,000,000,000 off the \$37,500,000,000 Mr. Truman asked to operate the government in the year beginning next July 1.

The house fixed no specific figure for debt payment. Neither did it specify that surplus receipts should be used in the manner the senate set out. All of these differences are expected to go to a senate-house committee for compromise.

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Martial Law In Holy Land

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British officials reported that Isaac Poli, 30-year-old Jewish ex-serviceman, was shot and killed while bicycling in Tel Aviv when he failed to heed a soldier's order to halt.

His death was the second traceable to control measures imposed to facilitate a hunt for Jewish underground fighters. Kettil Shalom, four-year-old Jewish, died in a hospital yesterday, officials said she was hit in the back of the head and her mother was wounded in the leg by bullets fired at Kettil's father, leaving the house in violation of a curfew. The two were standing on a balcony at the time. The officials reported Shalom walked out after a quarrel with his wife.

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WEATHER	
Max. (Mar. 3) 42	Min. 34
Precipitation last 24 hours 1.5	
Stream gauge at Falls	10.5
Last year 10.7	Normal 8.13
Forecast: Light rain, partly cloudy Sunday and Tuesday, colder tonight.	

Ankeny Asks Indictments Be Quashed

A motion to quash both indictments against Lewis H. Ankeny, local stockbroker charged with embezzlement and larceny by bailer, was made in circuit court when Ankeny was brought up for arraignment this morning.

Ben Anderson of Portland, Ankeny's attorney, charged in his motion that Howard Barnhisel, foreman of the grand jury which indicted the broker, was prejudiced because he was one of the persons who allegedly lost money in Ankeny's stock purchasing business.

Barnhisel, Anderson said, had given Ankeny \$600 to invest, and when the brokerage folded last fall and Ankeny disappeared from town, Barnhisel was one of the persons who put in a claim in involuntary bankruptcy proceedings.

Then a few months later, in December, Barnhisel was called to jury service and made foreman of the grand jury.

At the time the grand jury met and investigated allegations of shortages in Ankeny's accounts, Anderson told the court that Ankeny was in New York and not present to challenge the qualifications of the members of the jury.

By having Barnhisel on the grand jury, Anderson said, Ankeny was deprived of a fair and impartial investigation and as a consequence deprived of his liberty as guaranteed by the 5th and 14th amendments to the federal constitution.

Ankeny is free on \$10,000 bail after spending almost two months in jail in New York City and here.

Another blow at the Ankeny (Continued on Page 4, Column 2)

Chicago Blast Kills Three

CHICAGO, March 3 (AP)—A third body was recovered today from the debris of an explosion that leveled a three-story brick building in the loop yesterday and would have taken a huge toll had it occurred on a business day. More than 30 persons were injured.

The body, that of a man, was taken to the county morgue where efforts to identify it were being made. One person had been missing and firemen believed the body might be his.

He was Louis Pappas, who operated a restaurant on the ground floor of the building at Wells and Van Buren streets. Police said his wife told them he had gone to the building about two hours before the explosion.

The other dead are Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Koons, Fort Wayne, Ind., who were blown from the street to the elevated structure of the Chicago Rapid Transit tracks. Koons, a taxidermist, and his wife had arrived in Chicago only about an hour before the blast shook the area and shattered hundreds of windows in buildings over a radius of a block.

Grohs Leaves Estate Valued At \$40,000

Frank P. Grohs, prominent Langell valley rancher who died February 18 at the age of 70, left an estate valued at over \$40,000 and a will dated September 25, 1946, probated filings recent.

His real property is valued at \$20,500 and his personal property at \$19,500.

Grohs' Rimmock ranch near the head of Langell valley on the state line, was left to his widow, Neva L. Grohs, for her lifetime, and after that to his sons, Frank and Neil Grohs.

Specific bequests in the will gave Fred W. Grohs, a son, of Los Angeles, \$5; Mildred Louise Hellickson, daughter, of Bonanza, \$500, and the will stated that any other money, bonds or stocks would be given to Mrs. Lois Maria Schenk, daughter, of Seattle, and to Frank and Neil Grohs.

Shevlin-Hixon Land Trade Takes \$84,720 Off Rolls

A land and timber transaction by which the Shevlin-Hixon corporation traded 5202 acres of cut-over land in the north end of Klamath county to the U. S. government for cutting rights to an equal monetary value of timber in Deschutes national forest took \$84,720 in assessed value off the county tax roll for the fiscal year, according to County Judge U. E. Reeder.

The 5202 acres becomes the property of the federal government.

This deal was completed and the deeds filed here Saturday. It is the type of transaction the county has been fighting for years because it takes land off the taxable lists and further increases the federal government's holdings in Klamath county.

In a straight sale of national forest timber the county would get 25 per cent of the purchase price, but on a trade of this type the county gets nothing but loses potential tax income, Judge Reeder said.

Senator Guy Cordon has authored a bill in Washington calling for government payments to counties in lieu of money lost in tax income on such transactions.

In this latest trade, Shevlin-Hixon reserves the right to go into the acreage traded to log merchantable dead timber and cut logging-size sugar, lodgepole and ponderosa pine through 1950, and have until June 30, 1951, to bring out their equipment.

A section containing some 21,900,000 board feet of ponderosa marked to be left uncut, is excepted in this right.

The filed deeds bear \$108 worth of revenue stamps, indicative of monetary value of about \$175,000.

Release Of All Selectees Seen Ahead

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) President Truman today recommended that congress let the draft law expire March 31 and disclosed that army soon expects to release all non-volunteers.

There was no immediate report of the number of drafted men who will be turned loose by the army but it is expected to amount to several thousand. The war department indicated it would issue a statement on its plans for discharging the men.

Message

In a message to the legislators, Mr. Truman advised that the war and navy departments will request re-enactment of a selective service act later if they are unable to keep the army at a strength of 1,070,000 men and the navy at its authorized strength of 571,000, through voluntary enlistments.

He requested that the services be authorized to hire—from funds already appropriated—the necessary civilian help to offset any shortage of enlisted men if strength falls below the required levels.

Truman in Mexico

The White House dispatched the message to Capitol Hill while the president himself was flying to Mexico City for a three-day good-will visit.

Last spring, congress extended the draft law until March 31 of this year and raised pay scales of enlisted men. The idea then was to see whether the armed services could get all the men they needed as volunteers.

The White House decision that the law need not be extended is a short term one so far as general future military manpower policy is concerned.

President Truman has repeatedly said that he wants some form of universal training law enacted eventually. He now has a commission of educators and public leaders studying the question of what system would be best for this country. This group is expected to report in two or three months and Mr. Truman has said he will send congress detailed recommendations then for a training law.

Eleven Die Violent Death

Overshadowed by the Evans apartment fire which took five lives, the month of February chalked up the tragic toll of 11 violent deaths in Klamath county, one of the worst records in many months.

Early on the morning of Sunday, February 16, the blaze which destroyed the Evans apartment building, took the lives of Mrs. William Lorenzen, Mrs. Golda Harney, Mr. and Mrs. George Peaster, all tenants of the apartment, and Sydney Evans, owner of the building.

Death struck again the following Sunday, February 23, with the crash of the Republic Seabee which carried Tex Rankin, famed stunt flier, Cy Walian and Jack Elie, local automobile dealers, to their deaths.

Donald Gordon Roberts, 26, died of gunshot wounds inflicted by Deputy Sheriff Marion Barnes on Monday, February 3, when Roberts attempted an escape across the courthouse lawn just before his circuit court trial for theft of a Bend-Portland freight truck.

On Sunday, February 2, Dell George Smith, rodeo performer and special Indian officer at Beatty, took his own life with a .38 service revolver at his home near Beatty.

The only traffic death in the month occurred on February 9, when Joseph Johnson, 26, of Chillicothe, was struck by a car near Beatty. The traffic fatality was the fourth since January 1, 1947, the county coroner stated in the month-end report.