

# Rent Control Said To Be Essential

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Two top government officials today told the house banking committee that control on rents and housing should be extended.

Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, temporary controls administrator, proposed continuation of "essential" rent controls until June 30, 1948.

Housing Expediter Frank R. Crendon told the committee that only those controls necessary to get the housing job done are being used now.

The committee is considering a bill by Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.), to repeal the 1946 emergency housing act in order to free the building industry of all federal control.

It would also end rent controls on March 31, 1948, and place them on a different basis than at present.

Fleming said that the proposed bill would lead to higher rents in many instances and to hardships for veterans and the lower income groups.

# New UO Coach To Speak Here

Jim Aiken, new football coach at the University of Oregon, will be guest speaker at a general get-together of Oregon dads, mothers and alumni to be held at the Willard hotel April 1.

This will be the coach's first visit to Klamath Falls since his appointment, and the local committee in charge expects a large crowd at the dinner and after-meeting which has been arranged.

Les Anderson, alumni director, will accompany Aiken to Klamath Falls.

John Houston, member of the alumni executive board, presided at a meeting of representatives of interested groups at the Willard Monday.

Those present included G. C. Lorenz, member of the board of Oregon Dads; Ted Reeves, George Myers and Malcolm Epley, Oregon dads; Mrs. Anne Mason, Mrs. E. M. Igl and Mrs. Ed Hamacher, representing Oregon Mothers; John Houston, Mrs. Frank Howard and John Raffetto Jr., representing alumni; Mrs. Martha McCollum, secretary of the joint group.

Special entertainment will be arranged for the meeting. Those wishing to make reservations immediately should write Mrs. Martha McCollum, First National Bank building.

# Farm Bureau Favors Withholding Tax

The Klamath Farm bureau went on record favoring the one percent withholding tax now being considered by the tax committee of the state legislature.

The bureau met Monday evening at the Olene Community hall to discuss various legislative matters of interest to agricultural communities.

Slides illustrating phases of economics were shown by Clayton Sharpe, principal of Bonanza high school.

# Five Fires Reported Here

After a quiet week, city firemen answered five calls in less than 24 hours, two of the fires causing considerable damage.

At 11:10 p. m. Sunday, a cigarette burning on a davenport caused a blaze to break out at the Round-Up Barbecue, 2514 S. 8th, destroying some furniture in the living quarters and doing damage to the building.

The second call came at 12:20 a. m. from 2011 Wantland where an overheated oil stove threatened the residence.

George Miller is the occupant. There was no damage reported.

At 2:01 a. m. the truck was called to the old OK Transfer company building, 620 Spring, where flames partially destroyed the rear of the structure but did not harm the contents.

Firemen think a cigarette thrown in a sawdust may have started the blaze which continued to break out occasionally today.

Two calls were received Monday, the first at 11:46 a. m. and the second at 2:07 p. m., both from 235 Riverside where a grass fire had gone out of control.

There was no damage.

# Elks Sponsor Portland Show

Under sponsorship of the Klamath Falls Elks lodge, 35 talented youngsters of the Young Oregonians organization in Portland will present a big free show at the Klamath Union high school auditorium on April 5.

Willard Ward, exalted ruler of the Elks, said that the lodge hopes there will be a capacity house to see this entertainment, first of its kind to be presented here since before the war.

He emphasized that there will be no admission charge.

Singing, dancing, ventriloquism and many other entertainment features will be presented by the youngsters, who belong to an organization sponsored by The Oregonian, Portland newspaper.

# Deschutes Ranger Transfer Told

Marshall R. Stenerson, ranger for the Crescent district of the Deschutes national forest since June, 1944, is being transferred to the Galice ranger district of the Siskiyou national forest.

Stenerson will be replaced at the Crescent ranger station by Henry N. Cory, who is now ranger for the Galice district.

Stenerson's new headquarters will be at Rand ranger station on the Rogue river near Grants Pass.

The change will be effective on April 7, it was announced by Deschutes national forest headquarters.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stenerson have been active in community affairs in and around Crescent. Mr. Stenerson has served as president of the Gilchrist Parent-Teachers' association.

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# Raffetto To Take Training

John Raffetto will leave soon for Meudham, N. J., where he will enter national training school to prepare for the position of Boy Scout executive.

He will report on April 9 at the Mortimer L. Schiff Scout reservation for a six weeks' course in the operation of Boy Scout councils, finances and the general organization plan of the association.

A graduate of the University of Oregon, 1942, Raffetto has had previous experience in Scout work, having been a Boy Scout for many years and later, in college, spending summers as an adult worker at summer camps.

Following the training season he will report in Klamath Falls to work in the Modoc area council.

# Japs Applaud Mac's Speech

TOKYO, March 18 (AP)—Japanese today acclaimed General MacArthur's press conference declaration as the strongest, most detailed expression of Japan's present position the world has heard.

But many of them voiced fear of being cut off from United States financial aid and of losing the stabilizing influence of American military power.

The supreme commander told American correspondents at a luncheon yesterday that a peace treaty with Japan should be made soon, the occupation terminated and future guidance of the country turned over to the United Nations.

All newspapers printed MacArthur's statement in full, without editorial comment. It was the major topic of conversation.

# Bids Called For Road Surfacing

Bids for surfacing and oiling the Midland-Mac's store section of the Lower Klamath Lake secondary highway, will be called for May 1, by the Oregon state highway commission at Salem, according to Rod Cozad, right-of-way man for the state highway department.

Cozad has been here the past week in the interest of the proposed job and said some slight changes are to be made and some property settlements arranged.

Cozad said this afternoon that he was cleaning up his work and would probably be through by the end of the week. Cozad is at the Willard hotel during his stay here.

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	1947	1946
March 17	36	1
March to date	496	537
Season to date	9852	10,121

CHICAGO, March 18 (AP)—Potatoes: Arrivals 126; on track 311; total U. S. shipments 1092; supplies moderate to liberal; demand slow; market steady for Nebraska, Idaho, and Colorado; for Red river valley stocks, dull and slightly weaker; Idaho Russet Burbanks \$3.85-3.90 washed; Wisconsin Chippewa \$2.75 unwashed; Minnesota North Dakota Red river valley cobbles \$2.45 unwashed; Nebraska Bliss triumphs \$4.00; new stocks Florida 50-lb. paper sacks Bliss triumphs \$2.50-2.60 (all U. S. No. 1 quality).

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18 (AP)—Potatoes: 12 broken and 16 unbroken cars on track; California 1, Oregon 2 cars arrived; 1 car arrived by truck. No prices quoted.

LOS ANGELES, March 18 (AP)—Potatoes: 25 broken, 33 unbroken cars on track; California 1, Idaho 12, Florida 1, Nevada 1, Utah 3 cars arrived. Market unsettled; Idaho Russets No. 1 A \$3.50, few 3.40; car of large 3.60.

# Minor Accident Brings Charge

Walter Franklin Cray, box 138, city, was arrested by city police last night after he had sideswiped a car driven by Jacob Will Shoaf, 5103 Harlan drive. The accident took place on the viaduct on S. 6th.

Cray was booked for violation of the basic rule and released on \$110 bail. One drunk, one vagrant and one drunk and disorderly were lodged in the city lockup last night.

# Influenza Strikes Jail Inmates

Four of the boys from the city jail developed serious cases of influenza and early Sunday morning were transferred from the town hospital to a ward at Hillside hospital.

One of the four, James Shook, was booked on a vagrancy charge, was reported quite ill today. Two of his companions, Ashley Adams and Otis Porter, both serving vag sentences, were improving today.

The fourth, Thomas Dugan, charged with being drunk, was released Tuesday following treatment. All are said to be transients, according to police.

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# Coppeck Bay Bid Date Set

Bids on the third large plot of land to be leased for farming by the bureau of reclamation will be opened Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The land is all in the Coppeck bay area, comprising some 9060 acres of ground, situated just south of the Jap camp, and divided into 33 units. The bids will be opened in building 61, the reclamation building at the naval air station.

It was explained that the bids will be awarded on this tract just as on the Frog Pond-League of Nations tract. Only one unit will be awarded each individual bidder, and no one holding a reclamation lease is eligible.

It was stated that the bids on the Coppeck bay units are not expected to run as high as those on the other tracts. Experience has shown that the area is not quite as fertile and productive, and the possibility exists that there will be no water after May 15, which limits the crops which may be grown on the land, bureau of reclamation officials said today.

# Mercury Stays High Here

Spring fever continued to run rampant in Klamath Falls today as people found it increasingly hard to stay in their stores, offices and homes with the sun shining brightly outside and clear blue skies overhead.

At 12:25 this afternoon the thermometer registered 66. The mercury soared to 75 degrees at 3:30 p. m. Monday, the highest temperature of the season and the highest since September 30, 1946, when it was 78.

There may be a few clouds on the weather horizon for Wednesday according to the weatherman's forecast of "partly cloudy."

# Students Hold Demonstration

LOS ANGELES, March 18 (AP)—A demonstration by a group of sign-carrying students at Fremont high school, protesting the presence of six negro pupils in the institution, was described as un-American and possibly "communist inspired" by J. Paul Elliott, president of the board of education, at a board meeting last night.

The student demonstrators, estimated as about one-tenth of the 2946 enrollment, stayed away from their classes and assembled on the campus and near-by street corners yesterday. One group hanged a negro in effigy and Principal H. S. Wood was jeered by the demonstrators when he removed the dummy.

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# City Police Probe Fires

City police today were questioning two suspects in connection with fires in the industrial section of the city, the first at the old OK warehouse on Spring street early Sunday morning, the second breaking out at 2:31 a. m. Tuesday, today, and threatening the Link River Lumber company at Klamath and Center.

Both fires, nipped through quick action of the city fire department, started around 2 o'clock on each morning and in similar manner. The mill fire was first burning in the northeast corner of the filling room and had proceeded into the mill when the department arrived. The OK warehouse fire had also

# Pelicans Honored By Lions Club

Members of the Pelican basketball squad, second-place winners in the state tournament, were honor guests of the Lions club at its noon luncheon meeting today.

Each member of the team received a picture of the group. Wayne Scott, Pelican coach, reported on the team's activities and its showing at the Eugene tournament.

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