

PHONE AGREEMENT MAY BE NEAR

In The Day's News

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THESE words are written in Eugene on the fateful morning of April 7, 1947, when the great communications industry of the United States suddenly slowed from its normal humming, efficient speed to a halting, sputtering crawl—like an automobile whose engine had suddenly gone out of whack.

Or like an antelope, its muscles working in the full, glorious co-ordination that makes an antelope in action a beautiful thing to behold, when it is stricken by the bullet of a hunter.

EUGENE has a manually operated system. So its local telephones are out. Housewives who had planned to do their Monday shopping by phone, thus enabling them to get the morning wash out of the way, must throw a coat on over a house dress and go down town and do their buying in person—WALKING, if their husbands happen to have taken the car. (They can't phone to spouses to stop by the store on the way home and bring something for lunch.)

THIS writer is headed for Roseburg this afternoon. Heading for another town in these days, you must have a hotel reservation. A quick phone call, placing the order and getting confirmation in one transaction, is something that used to be, but no longer is.

So it's a case of off ON FOOT (you can't phone the message or phone for a messenger) to the Western Union. It's a little surprising how much lost time that involves. Unconsciously you multiply yourself by 140 million and get a startling picture of the wasted time involved in the United States of America by the stoppage of telephone service. It breaks in on you that in this modern age in this most modern of the nations TIME is both capital and raw material. Wasted time means wasted production. Wasted production means a lowered standard of living. A permanently lowered standard of living means that your children will have fewer opportunities than you have had.

IT all makes you think. As always when you are annoyed and put out, your thinking takes strange turns.

The telephones and the radio (the communications tie-up isn't complete) bring you word that in Indiana and Virginia state laws BLOCK strikes that interfere with the public welfare. So the telephones are WORKING there. Housewives don't have to leave their Monday morning wash to go down town to do the day's shopping. Business men don't have to walk to the telephone office to dispatch a message that can't go by phone. Normal, modern life goes on there as usual.

This thought stares you suddenly in the face: Isn't it BETTER to have laws that protect the rights of the majority against the (perhaps selfish) desires of the minority?

Somehow it had never struck you so forcibly before. It's odd how you see things like that when your normal, accustomed routine of life is interrupted and you have to devise ways to overcome obstacles that hadn't been in your path before.

IN your disturbed and upset state, a frightening possibility crosses your mind.

Suppose some ENEMY, lying in wait for the moment when your country would be momentarily WEAK and his would be strong and ready, should choose this instant to POUNCE. In these days of air war nations can pounce like the cougar that has been waiting for the deer.

Without perfectly functioning communications, how could we organize a successful defense in such an emergency?

A SCREWY thought?

Of course it's a screwy. Practically preposterous. Such things are out of this world. It was

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Teen-Agers Deny Drinking; Canteen Given High Praise

A delegation from the Teen-Age canteen today advised The Herald and News that the story carried Tuesday as a report from the juvenile office was in error and that "no drinking occurred at the canteen Saturday night." Robert Banister, director of the canteen, accompanied the group. The KUHS students were emphatic in support of the Teen-Age policy of careful supervision of the canteen and said that as the result of the actions of a few, the canteen had been given an "undeserved" black eye. Mrs. Faye Blackmer, juvenile officer, also advised The Herald and News this morning that the canteen operations were not involved in the affair.

Banister contacted Chief of Police Orville Hamilton Wednesday morning and was advised by the chief that he had had no difficulty from the canteen which is located on the Spring street side of the armory, but did say that he considered the loca-

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Rising Costs Subject Of Cabinet Talk

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—President Truman explored the economic problems of rising prices during an hour and 40-minute cabinet session today, but the White House announced afterward "no action was taken or is planned."

Charles Ross, presidential secretary, gave this report to newsmen after the special mid-week session of the cabinet and Mr. Truman's top economic advisers.

Added to the lineup around the cabinet table were Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the president's economic advisory council; Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the federal reserve system, and James E. Webb, budget director.

General Discussion

The participants referred all questions to Ross. He said there was a "general discussion" of the price and economic situation and that President Truman "did a lot of listening."

Ross declined to detail Nourse's report on the inflationary outlook. Yesterday, Nourse told reporters he viewed it as "serious."

Ross said Nourse gave the cabinet a four or five page memorandum on economic matters. Then each cabinet officer gave his views.

But Ross said the official family made "no attempt to arrive at a 'consensus'."

Crooner Takes Battle Honors

HOLLYWOOD, April 9 (AP)—Frank Sinatra, the crooner, and Lee Mortimer, columnist for the New York Daily Mirror, tangled outside Ciro's restaurant last night and this time it apparently wasn't one of the one-punch battles for which Hollywood has become famous.

Sinatra emerged unscathed, but Mortimer went to a hospital for \$17.50 worth of X-rays. He said, however, that he was hit from behind and that Frankie had three "heavies" helping him. This the crooner denied.

Sinatra said: "I saw red. I hit him. I'm all mixed up. I'm sorry that it happened, but I was raised in a tough neighborhood where you had to fight at the drop of a hat and I couldn't help myself."

"For two years he has been needing me. He has referred to my bob-exox fans as morons. They are only kids 14 and 15 years old. I don't care if they do try to tear your clothes off."

Bank Debits Here Show Big Gain

Debits reported by Klamath's two banks in the first quarter of 1947 showed an increase of nearly \$10,000,000 over the corresponding period of 1946. Bank deposits here are up about \$1,000,000.

Here are the consolidated figures:

Total deposits on hand:

March 31, 1946—\$27,921,901.15

March 31, 1947—\$28,823,756.75

Total debits:

1st. quar., 1946—\$49,204,245.84

1st. quar., 1947—\$58,745,914.50



Large department store is inundated by flood water in Flint, Mich. Windows in the store, just off Flint's main street, were broken by flood currents and debris. An inter-city bus (lower left) was carried a quarter of a block by the force of the water. Passengers were rescued by a police boat.

Rodeo Committee Laying Plans For Three-Day Show

Long before the arena dust clouds performing cowhands members of the Klamath Rodeo association committee are at work preparing programs, outlining dates and deciding on purses and entry fees. At a meeting held Tuesday, purses totaling \$5600 were approved, and the three-day show slated for July 4, 5 and 6.

Elmer H. Balsiger, president of the association, said purses would total as much as last year's four-day show. The rodeo this year will be "an open show" with participants members of the International Rodeo association and the Rodeo Cowboys association. There will be the

traditional big Fourth of July parade with E. P. Ivory in charge, and many other special attractions during the celebration.

Biggest purse of the show is offered in the bronc riding, second high in the bull riding. Following are the purses and entrance fees, the fees to be added, as usual, to the purse.

Event	Purse	Entry Fees
Bronc riding	\$1000	\$25
Steer team roping	800	20
Calf roping	800	25
Bull riding	900	25
Bareback riding	600	15
Bulldogging	750	20
1/4-mile free for all	150	20
1/4-mile stock horse race	150	10
1/2-mile free for all	300	20
Best reined cow horse	150	25
Total	\$5600	

Musical chairs and other events are also scheduled for the arena entertainment including trick performers and clowns. Balsiger said every effort was being made to make this year's show a top-notch professional performance in every way.

Officers of the association are Elmer Balsiger, president; Bill Serruya, vice president; Horace E. Gatz, secretary-treasurer; Marshall E. Cornett and Basil Brown, arena directors; Bill Dalton, E. P. Ivory, Arthur Rickbeil and Jim Stevenson, directors; Pete Driscoll and Bill Kuykendall, legal; Dr. J. C. Hunt, general manager.

Traveling 48 miles, covering the area from East Main out to the end of any settlement south of where the city limits cross the canal, the suburban section north and south of Shasta way, Altamont section, Homedale, Yalta Gardens and Mills addition, a count was kept by Stark with a mechanical tally device.

The tally showed 231 incomplete new houses under construction or major remodeling operations. About 200 of these are outside the city limits.

A separate tally was kept on new, occupied houses which appeared to have been constructed since last summer, with a total count of 114.

From these figures an estimate was made that there are around 300 additional residences under construction in other parts of the city not covered in the survey. The downtown section of Klamath Falls was not tallied and business buildings were not considered.

Eugene Man Named State Director

PORTLAND, April 9 (AP)—The state apprenticeship council has appointed Robert L. Smith, 28, Eugene public schools trade and industrial training coordinator, as state director of apprenticeship.

Smith, a 1941 University of Oregon graduate, worked at Oregon shipyard here before entering the army. He graduated from Salem high school and attended Willamette university two years prior to enrolling at Oregon.

The position carries a \$5000 annual salary.

Work Starts On Lighting

Following the legislative okay on a bill providing for formation of lighting districts, work has begun on installation of street lights on the section of S. 6th street beyond the city limits. Work on the area of the street within the city, extending from the viaduct to Washburn way, will be withheld until legal technicalities are ironed out.

City Engineer E. A. Thomas received plans drawn by state highway engineers for the lighting work inside the city this morning, first step in the city's side of the project. Under the state plan, lights along the thoroughfare will be paid through regular tax channels with payment on a per front footage basis.

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Weyerhaeuser Plans Extension

Considerable work is scheduled by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company as soon as weather permits with extension of the main line from Horsegrade north of Bly into the Syman marsh area to develop timber on the west side of the Summer lake rim in Lake county.

Ground in the area where the contemplated extension is slated is extremely soft at this time of the year although free of snow. Work will be done by Weyerhaeuser crews and will continue all through the construction season. The extension will carry into a virgin stand of Ponderosa pine, old Weyerhaeuser holdings, cruised a number of years ago by the late Jack Kimball.

Dynamite Cap Blows Off Boy's Fingers

MEDFORD, April 9 (AP)—Explosion of a dynamite cap through which William Hard, 3, was attempting to drive a nail, cost the youngster all fingers of his left hand except the thumb.

Lyle Hard, Jacksonville, said he believed the cap was left by a miner who occupied the home before the Hards moved in. A 15-month-old sister with the boy was unharmed.

Boeing Company Shows Big Loss

SEATTLE, April 9 (AP)—A net loss of \$327,188 for the year 1946 after transfers from reserves and estimated tax refunds, was reported today by Boeing Aircraft company. The company's total income for the year was \$17,127,080 against total costs and expenses of \$22,039,749.

FIRE DAMAGE

Flames caused by a defective fuse partially destroyed the Arthur Donnelly home at Fulton and Sargent late this morning after neighbors turned in alarms to the city fire department.

The first call was received at 11:27 a. m., firemen said. Considerable damage was done to the contents of the residence.

One Injured In Accident

One person was hospitalized and two others slightly injured in an accident at midnight last night, when a car carrying three young people crashed into two light poles on S. 6th before coming to a stop.

Lawrence Pisley, 21, 2530 S. 6th, was able to leave Klamath Valley hospital today on crutches after receiving treatment for hand and back hurts. Minor injuries were suffered by Cecil Norman Weaver, about 20, route 1 box 1089, and Beverly Gifford, about 20, 3737 Bisbet. State police said Weaver was driving the 1934 sedan on S. 6th and Altamont when the machine struck a rock and was thrown against the curb. The machine then sideswiped and splintered a light pole, traveled down the highway 154 feet and hit a second pole, moving the base six inches to one side. The machine overturned several times and was telescoped. The three, riding in the front seat, were miraculously free of serious injury the state police officer observed, considering the damage done to the car.

Weaver said he was driving 35 miles per hour.

\$31 Billion Total Said Possibility

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—Two senators declared in the senate today that President Truman's \$400,000,000 program of aid for Greece and Turkey will embark the United States on a tremendous outlay of similar aid in all parts of the world.

Senator Bushfield (R-S.D.), declaring his opposition, predicted, too, that an American move against communism would "inevitably mean another war."

Huge Cost Seen

Senator Martin (R-Pa.) said he is willing to support the assistance for Greece and Turkey but wants the whole field of foreign expenditures surveyed. He said he had been told the whole program of foreign assistance might total as much as \$31,885,000,000.

Martin asked:

1. For a "hardboiled" American demand that Britain open Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration as a forerunner to United States help for Greece and Turkey.

2. That the American people must be made to realize that "they must pinch at home" if they are going to finance the stability of free people over the world.

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Fire Razes Warehouse

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9 (AP)—Five firemen suffered minor injuries fighting a \$300,000 warehouse fire in the city's northwest warehouse district today.

The fire broke out shortly before 8 a. m. in the brick structure owned by Union Pacific and leased by Rudie Wilhelm for storage of furniture and refrigerators. An hour later it was out of control but destruction of the building did not endanger other structures as it occupied an isolated piece of ground.

Wilhelm said a tentative estimate would put loss to the contents at \$250,000. Two other firms—Broderick and Bascom Rope company and Seagram Distillers corporation—also occupied part of the building and it was understood but not immediately confirmed that the Oregon liquor control commission had some stocks stored there.

Ramona Phoners Return To Work

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 9 (AP)—Service was normal for the 389 telephone subscribers of Ramona today after the 12 operators returned to work, their chief explaining they had decided "duty to the community" came first.

Hearing Opens On State Milk Price

PORTLAND, April 9 (AP)—The state milk control board opened a public hearing today on petition of retail and consumer groups asking a review of Portland milkshed prices and advocating lower retail prices for bottled milk sold in stores.

Ervin L. Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture, Safeway Stores, Inc., Oregon Food Merchants association and the affiliated milk committee asked the hearing.

Opposing any change in the price schedule are the Dairy Cooperative association, the Oregon Milk Distributors' association and the Oregon Independent Retail Grocers' association.

Workers To Be Flown To Alaska

SEATTLE, April 9 (AP)—Described as one of the largest mass movements of construction men ever undertaken by a commercial air carrier, Pan American World Airways said today it would fly more than 2500 men from Seattle to Fairbanks this year.

The 1700-mile trip, flown non-stop in eight hours, would take seven days by land transportation.

Negotiations Break Down Over Cost

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—Negotiators in the nationwide telephone strike ended an eight-hour session early today with agreement almost within reach for a key unit in the vast Bell system.

All indications were that the cross-country shutdown would continue for at least another 24 hours, however.

The last-minute obstacle in government-aided negotiations for the long distance lines of the American Telephone and Telegraph company involved the cost of arbitrating wages and other issues in dispute.

Arbitration

It was learned from persons close to the night-long discussions that the company proposed submitting its case to three arbitrators. The union tentatively agreed to arbitrate but wanted it to be a one-man job. The union said it could not afford the \$20,000 it estimated a three-man panel would cost.

Top flight arbitrators get \$100 a day, and the record would cost another \$200, the union figured, making a total of \$500 a day. The case would run about 40 days, the bargaining committee for 20,000 long lines workers said.

Compromise

As a compromise the union offered to assess its members \$1 apiece, if the company would check it off the workers' paychecks. This the company refused to do, and the stalemate on that point forced postponement of the negotiations—strategic in the whole nationwide strike picture—until 10 a. m.

Past practice has been for the government to assume arbitration costs in emergencies, but negotiators said the labor department lacked funds in this case.

FBI Joins In Paine Hunt

Alfred A. Paine, escaped San Quentin prisoner who eluded city police here in a running gun battle March 31, is now a federal fugitive.

The FBI yesterday filed a complaint before U. S. Commissioner Francis St. J. Cox, charging Paine with crossing a state line to avoid custody and confinement. The complaint was signed in San Francisco.

Paine and Norman Jacklin were cornered at the dead-end of Jefferson near 10th street at the government canal after their March 29 break from a prison work gang at San Quentin but Paine escaped during the exchange of shots. Jacklin surrendered to city police and is now back at San Quentin, a "lifer" as the result of his fourth offense. Paine was serving a life term for the 1935 slaying of Police Chief Erskine G. Flah of North Sacramento. No trace of Paine nor the Harold Winter case, which he is thought to have stolen from Fort Klamath, has been found although northwest police were alerted immediately after the battle here.

Ninth Bus Crash Victim Identified

SEATTLE, April 9 (AP)—Fellow workers last night identified Mrs. Jane Creacy, 32, of Seattle, as the ninth victim of Monday night's plunge of a North Coast Lines bus into the Duwamish river south of the city.

An operative for Stores' Protective Association, Inc., she was returning from an assignment in Tacoma.

Liaison Planes Weathered In

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 9 (AP)—Task force Frigid liaison aircraft which left Monday on a 3100-mile flight to Fort Ord, Calif., reported yesterday they were weathered in at Watson Lake, near Laird river on the Alaskan highway, Col. Paul V. Kane, task force commandant, said today.

The flight is the first made from Alaska to the United States by ground force liaison planes.

9 o'clock Special



This lady says that she has to come to work before 9 o'clock because she hasn't enough help. So our 9 o'clock photo caught Cardula Esells, acting superintendent of the county welfare commission during the absence of Superintendent Altha Urquhart, hard at work this morning.