

Marshall Urges Army Navy Merger

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall, while asking to be relieved of further testimony because of his diplomatic status, nevertheless holds to his belief as a soldier that army-navy unification is "essential."

Chairman Gurney (R-S.D.) released a letter containing Marshall's views today as the senate armed services committee headed for a showdown on the hotly disputed merger issue.

Shying from any public forecast of committee sentiment, Gurney said only that he expects the pending bill to be cleared to the senate floor by the end of the week.

No Opposition
One committee member, however, who asked not to be named, predicted that "not more than three" of the 13 senators who have been listening to conflicting testimony for eight weeks would oppose the unification plan.

But even if that happens the prospect for final congressional action this year is remote. The house expenditures committee still is in the midst of its own hearing, and the two-year-old issue was omitted from the list of legislative matters marshaled down at "must" at the last meeting of the senate republican policy committee.

Marshall, while serving as army chief of staff, gave enthusiastic support to the original merger plan which was bitterly opposed by navy leaders last session. Gurney asked him to testify again this session on the compromise version supported by both army and navy leaders.

Retail Sales Figure Climbing
PORTLAND, May 12 (AP)—Retail sales climbed here and throughout the state in the first quarter of 1947, the bureau of census director here reported today.

Sales climbed 21 per cent over the same period last year. La Grande led with a March boost of 69 per cent over the same month a year ago and the quarter up 49 per cent. Gains in Salem were 46 per cent for the quarter, while in Portland the quarter boost was 26 per cent.

VET MEETING
The meeting of the Allied Veterans council was informally opened by acting chairman Aubrey Adams in the selective service room at the courthouse, Friday evening.

Memorial services were discussed and two men of the Marine Corps league were appointed on the publicity council. Next meeting will be held Friday, May 23, 8 p.m. at the same place.

Portlanders Plan For Shrine Benefit



Two directors of the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland, Tommy Luke (left) and Frank McGuire (right), visited here with Mayor Ed Ostendorf, member of the Klamath Falls Shrine club which is busy completing arrangements for the annual benefit dance given for the hospital fund. The dance will be held here on June 7 with all proceeds going toward the hospital.

Petition Urges Road Survey

LAKEVIEW, May 12 — Petitions to urge the state highway department to proceed with the survey of a new market road from the Klamath highway to Union school were being circulated in West Side this week, according to Representative Burt E. Snyder here, with whom men from that area conferred Tuesday.

The market road is one which the county proposed a year ago to surface as soon as the highway department could establish the grade. Snyder said that while at Salem, he had conferred with highway officials and had been informed there are no engineers available at present for this project, and that no funds are available for it this year or next.

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ON THE HOUSE

WADDERSON, Eng., May 12 (AP)—The members of Wadderson's fire company were so efficient at keeping their equipment in order that the chief decided to buy a drink for all hands as a reward.

While the chief was standing at a local pub, fire broke out in the fire station and destroyed all the equipment.

HAPPY ENDING

WELBORN, Kas., May 12 (AP)—Hearing that Glenn Masterson, 11, had fallen in a pond, 39 Welborn volunteer firemen sped to his father's farm yesterday with a rescuer.

The pond, nine feet deep, balked efforts at rescue by wading, so the men feverishly tore a break in the dam with crowbars, spades and rails to drain the pond.

As the water flowed out, Glenn came trudging down a road.

"Gee," he exclaimed, "you're looking for me?"

Morrow County Ranch Sold
PENDLETON, May 11 (AP)—Sale of the 3700-acre Cowan-Gahler wheat ranch in Morrow county to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Smith, Cecil, Ore., was reported today. The undisclosed price was believed in excess of \$150,000.

The new owners take immediate possession and Russell Cowan, one of the partners, said he planned to move to South America later this year to enter wheat growing there. John Gahler said he would continue with the railway mail service.

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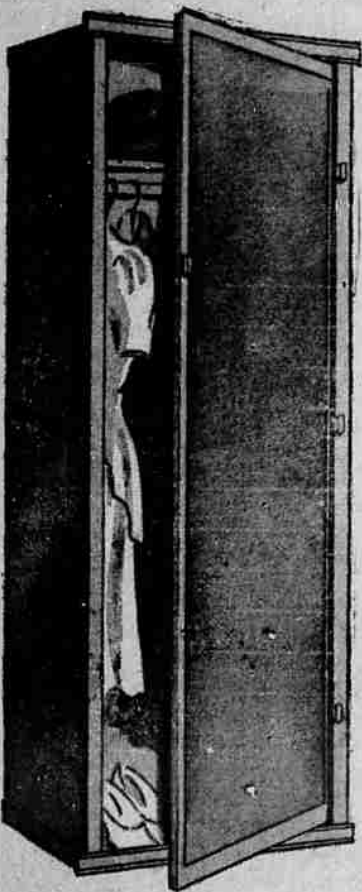
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