

North Road Closures To Be Speeded

Vacation notices were being published this week in connection with the closing of streets involved in the north entrance project of the Oregon State highway department, and City Attorney Henry Perkins said today that it was hoped to have a petition ready for presentation to the city council by January 5.

This is expected to clean up the state clean for the north entrance job. This does not include the three streets in the Hot Springs area, Erie, Earle and Melrose, but Perkins said he understood the highway commission would call for bids on the job without demanding the word on whether these three streets would be closed. Residents of the three streets mentioned have previously protested their closing to the city council.

The state highway commission will call for north entrance bids for the second time, this time in early January. The commission rejected previous bids on the grounds they were too high. In the meantime, the residents engaged here has been asked to re-submit estimates in the face of rising costs. The bids will be for grading, surfacing, bridge work, and also for the hot water job which includes drilling a well and laying hot water pipes on the incline from the Esplanade overhead crossing to the canal. The state has already purchased sufficient ground near the canal to drill the well.

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Nimitz Quits As Navy Head

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Monday stepped out as chief of naval operations and Adm. Louis Denfeld was sworn in as his successor.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and many other top military leaders and government officials gathered at the navy department to witness the transfer of command.

Immediately afterwards, Nimitz left by auto for San Francisco where he will be stationed as a special advisor to the secretary of navy.

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Federal Aid To Be Sought For Lava Beds Road

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mer, and another \$10,000 would probably be available for carrying on this work the coming summer.

Sam Anderson presided at the meeting. Others at the head table included Tom B. Watters, chairman of the roads and highways committee of the Klamath County chamber of commerce; Dr. E. F. Auble, Modoc chamber road leader and Modoc supervisor; Clint Fulcher, Modoc supervisor; Gordon Jacobs, Siskiyou supervisor; Don Potter, president, Tulelake chamber; Paul Rogers, president, new homesteaders' group. Several other representatives of each group were present, making a total of about 40 at the conference, which was sponsored by the Tule chamber. Anderson is chairman of the Tule chamber roads committee and is president of the Tulelake Growers.

Canned Peas To Go To Yule Ship

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 16 (AP)—A carload or two of Umatilla county's surplus of canned peas will be loaded into the Northwest's Christmas ship for Europe's needy, the Rev. O. D. Harris, Pendleton drive coordinator, announced Monday.

He said the \$3000 set for Pendleton's goal would fill one car of 1760 cases while other communities throughout the county were expected to contribute a second carload. Originally it was planned for Pendleton to send dry peas because of the lighter weight, but the committee decided it would be best to utilize some of this area's surplus crop of canned peas.

Boy Injured In Traffic Mishap

A six-year-old boy was slightly injured early this morning when he ran into the side of an automobile at 11th and Main. The little boy, Thomas Mutchie, was on his way to school at Sacred Heart academy when he stepped off the curb and hit the side of a car which was turning the corner.

He was knocked down and the driver of the car, Ralph McNutt, 37, Southern Pacific employe from Kirk, stopped and drove Thomas home. His mother, Mrs. Luke Mutchie, 133 Mortimer, said that he had a bump on his head but was all right. The lad went on to school.

Application For Homesteads Gain

Interest in the 44 unallotted homesteads in the Coppock Bay area of Tulelake is increasing to the tune of around 100 application requests per day, E. Laton Stephens, superintendent of district operations, U. S. bureau of reclamation announced.

The latest requests are coming from the middle western states including Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Idaho and Utah.

To date 14,000 application forms have been given out and 700 of these have been completed, and returned to the bureau. January 20 is the closing date for receiving applications from World War II veterans.

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Western Area To Be Independent

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ister, might plan a Big Three meeting.

Russian reaction to the conference collapse, thus far restricted to press comment, blamed the breakdown on the western powers.

In Moscow the newspaper Izvestia charged the western powers had hamstrung the conference whole "trying to lay the responsibility on the Soviet Union."

Reds Accused

Most British papers editorially accused the Russians of forcing the conference into deadlock. German papers generally took a gloomy view of the breakdown with the Russian-licensed Tagliche Rundschau claiming that "Marshall blew up the conference."

In Washington the White House declined comment on the failure of the meeting. Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said President Truman had been kept fully informed of developments in London.

In Frankfurt, German leaders sat secretly in a lengthy meeting to prepare for what may be a history-making conference this week-end with U. S. and British authorities. Out of this conference, tentatively set for Saturday, may grow an interim government for Western Germany.

During their meeting the German

Late Spud Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 15 broken, 36 unbroken cars on track; Oregon 4, California 3, Utah 5 arrived; 14 cars arrived by truck; market dull; Idaho russets, No. 1-A, \$4.10, occasionally as high as \$4.20; Deschutes No. 1-A, \$4.25; Klamath Bakers, No. 1, \$4.30.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 10 broken, 9 unbroken cars on track; California 3, Oregon 2 arrived; market steady; Deschutes russets, No. 2-A, \$2.90 to \$3.00; Klamath No. 1 bakers, \$4.90.

TEMBLOR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—Short and fairly sharp earthquake tremors were felt in Los Angeles early today.

The California highway patrol said the earthquake occurred at 1:03 a. m. (PST). Police said they had received no reports of any damages.

There was a rattling of windows and shaking of household furniture. Several who felt it said it lasted only a "second or so."

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leaders issued a communique "officially recognizing an invitation of the bi-partite control office" to a meeting with Generals Lucius D. Clay and Sir Brian Robertson, U. S. and British military governors.

It was believed that at this meeting the allied commanders would inform the Germans of how far they can go in organizing Western Germany on a political basis. Formation of a central political organization heretofore has been forbidden.

Railroded Into Marriage, He Says

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—General P. Liebold contends he was railroaded into marriage—and he wants out.

Liebold, a railroad employe, filed a divorce suit yesterday claiming he was railroaded into matrimony by Alice M. Liebold in Chicago November 26, 1946.

The bride and her strapping brothers threatened him with violence and there was "no other reason" for the ceremony, his complaint asserted. Moreover, he said, they held him prisoner for two

weeks before he escaped and finally came to California.

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5 Named To Italian Cabinet

ROME, Dec. 16 (AP)—Premier Alcide de Gasperi added five new ministers to his hard-pressed Christian democratic cabinet Monday, bringing the support of the labor socialist and republican parties to the fight against the communist-dominated extreme left.

President Enrico de Nicola swore in these new ministers:

Giuseppe Saragat, former ambassador to France and leader of the moderate left labor socialist party, vice premier.

Randolfo Pacciardi, leader of the leftist republicans, vice premier.

Ciriaco De Mita, republican, minister of defense.

Ludovico d'Aragona, labor socialist, frequently arrested for leftist activity and forced to flee Italy to France as early as 1895, minister of posts and telecommunications.

Roberto Tremelloni, labor socialist, a Milan merchant and employment expert, minister of industry and commerce.

No Re-Match In Man-Horse Battle

WATERLOO, Ore., Dec. 16—There is no chance of a re-match in the classic man vs. horse tug-of-war in which a 1900-pound logging horse came out victor over Chet Fitzwater of Lebanon.

Fitzwater reported he is content to abide by the decision reached Saturday when he was yanked to his feet within 30 seconds by "Baldy."

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