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Five Digit Phones To Be Installed

Five digit telephone numbers went into effect here Saturday and it isn't a mistake if you see a telephone listed running into five figures.

First installation of the new phones which will carry five numbers started Friday and before the day was over some 30 new customers were added to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's list. First to be installed was in the home of John R. Dodson, 2118 Radcliffe, whose number is 2-0481.

The telephone company said it had had a number of calls from people who wanted to know how to dial a hyphen. The five digit numbers are dined just like the old four numbers. Wire Chief E. J. Howell said on inquiry today.

Crews were busy installing approximately 100 new telephones today and expected to install between 500 and 600 telephones in the city and suburban area before the year was out, cleaning up most of the long waiting list.

In event old four-digit telephones are discontinued, that number will be reassigned but all other new telephones will carry the five-digit number in the future.

Plane Crashes On Take-Off

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1 (AP)—A veteran pilot, sensing something amiss with his landing gear, halted the takeoff of his Pan-American Airways clipper Friday night and the four-engine aircraft cracked up and caught fire on the runway.

None of the 24 passengers on the Honolulu and Calcutta bound plane was injured. They were taken to a hotel to await another flight.

The fire, breaking out in the inboard right engine from static sparks caused by a wing dragging along the concrete runway, was quickly extinguished.

C. V. George, pilot of the crippled sky-master, said he noticed his landing gear was not reacting properly on takeoff. He cut the engines before the craft was air-borne and skidded to a stop.

Californians Eyeing Basin

With no relief in sight in the drought areas of California more requests are coming into the county agent's office daily, regarding pasture and cattle feed information.

C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agent, sent out listings Friday to three California counties and some individuals, mostly in San Joaquin valley, naming 12 ranchers with pasture available in Klamath basin and between 1200 and 1400 tons of hay available here.

The condition in California continues serious, Henderson said, and any further information regarding available pasture and feed will be welcome at the office, phone 8151.

Idle Roster Shows Gains

PORTLAND, March 1 (AP)—More Oregonians were on relief last month, the state public welfare commission reported.

Welfare payments climbed to \$1,638,985.62 in January, 2.7 per cent higher than in December. The commission attributed the increase to winter unemployment.

The average payment of general assistance was \$64.70. A total of 1702 persons received that type of relief.

The increase in welfare needs had been expected, and the commission reported that at the end of January it had still spent only 23 per cent of its 1947-1948 funds.

The commission decided at its meeting here yesterday to call representatives of fraternal organizations to a session to discuss whether welfare should be given indigents living in fraternal homes for the aged.

Commissioners said a prevalent belief that such a plan had already been tentatively approved was not so.

Lodge spokesmen have suggested that the commission pay medical expenses of residents in homes for the aged, while the lodges pay room and board. This, however, drew from Commissioner Hugh G. Ball, Hood River, the objection that it would give lodge members a preferred status over other citizens.

Police Look For Eccentric Thief

PORTLAND, March 1 (AP)—Police were on the lookout today for a most eccentric burglar.

The places he broke into: three churches.

What he did there: drank a quart of cream.

What he stole: \$2 and two pints of cream.

Parasite Control Problems Talked

Animal parasites, especially lice, were thoroughly discussed and methods of control recommended at a meeting held at Olene Friday afternoon.

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Introduction Tour Includes Drafting



One of many departments being groomed for inspection at Oregon Vocational school's big open house and Introduction Day program this Friday is the drafting class. Bob Hube, left, a student, seeks assistance from the drafting instructor, Jess Crabtree. Although engineering drafting is stressed in instruction, assistance has been given by students with conversion problems on the campus.

Open House Plans Made

Introduction Day at Oregon Vocational school this Friday will get the first large-scale attempt of the school to display its campus and training program to people of the community. Visitors from this section and from all parts of the Northwest, many of whom do not realize the scope of OVS' educational program, will attend.

Everyone is invited, and bus service will be arranged to furnish transportation. Bus schedules will be announced soon.

Originally Introduction Day was planned to celebrate reaching a 400-student enrollment figure, but present registration is close to 500.

Conducted tours, refreshments, displays and entertainment have been planned, and the day's events will wind up with a dance in the school gym Friday evening, sponsored by the business class.

Mrs. Pearly West Passes Following Brief Illness



Mrs. Pearly E. West, 92, mother of Mrs. G. C. Tatman and a long-time resident of Klamath Falls, passed away Sunday at the Hillside hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. West, who had made her home with Mrs. Tatman since 1932, was well-known in the community, especially for her knitting work. For years she produced knitted articles for the Red Cross, and she produced 100 pairs of knitted socks for the Red Cross, and at the time of the war, turned out 50 pairs of knitted gun mittens.

Several years ago, she knitted a handsome pair of socks which were presented to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Although of advanced age, she retained a lively interest in public affairs and until her eyesight failed, was a thorough reader of the newspapers.

Born in Hillsdale, Mich., Mrs. West came west to Utah at the age of 18, and lived many years at Aurora, Utah. She was a mother of 10 children, four of whom survive, including Mrs. Tatman, 339 N. 9th. Survivors include three grandchildren living in this city. They are Mrs. Pearly West, Mrs. Myrtle Schuss and Mrs. Mary Pullmer. She also had 74 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Remains are at Whitlock's, where funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Rape Trial Starts Today

Chester W. Calaway, indicted for statutory rape involving a 15-year-old girl, came to trial in circuit court this morning. He is represented by U. S. Balentine.

Calaway is accused of forcibly attacking the girl on a side road near Moore park last December after having taken her for a ride in a car.

First testimony this morning was directed at establishing the age of the girl.

Jurors hearing the case include J. E. Swanson, Eldred Putnam, Mike P. Lavenik Jr., Robert D. McGeehey, Guss A. Page, Everett R. Dennis, Bertha Teed, J. R. Ratliff Jr., Jasper J. Cole, Alfred Keller, Victor O'Neill and Melvin W. Cherry.

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Fire Destroys Spring Lake Home

The recently completed 4-room home of Mr. and Mrs. Dou Johnson of the Spring Lake district was completely destroyed by fire which broke out late Saturday night during the Johnsons' absence. The family lost all household furnishings and personal belongings.

The Johnsons add their young son had left home about 9 o'clock to join friends at a party at the George Lamb home. The fire was discovered after they left and despite the efforts of neighbors, the house burned to the ground. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving White, who reside on the adjacent property.

Seven Hurt In Accident

Seven persons were injured in a head-on collision between two cars on the snow covered stretch of highway 97 four miles north of the Fort Klamath junction at 10 a. m. Saturday. Five of the injured were moved by City Ambulance Service from the Klamath Agency hospital to Klamath Valley hospital here. None was thought to be seriously hurt.

In the hospital are Mrs. Ila E. Craven, Mrs. Mabel Wilson and Mrs. F. W. Schecht, all of Washougal, Wash., and Mrs. Herbert L. (Maybelle) Willey and her six-year-old daughter, route 3 box 218, Klamath Falls. The Washington women were occupants of a car en route to California and Mr. and Mrs. Willey and Cheryl were going north when the two machines collided.

John Craven of Washougal suffered a broken nose and minor hurts but after first aid returned to the scene. At the wreck as did Willey, a Weyerhaeuser Timber company employee. His hurts were not serious.

Mrs. Willey has a head injury and her daughter a cut lip but both were in the emergency room at the hospital at 2 p. m. today and details were not available.

Mrs. Willey has a back injury and is thought to be the more seriously injured of the three in her car. Mrs. Schecht suffered bruises and minor hurts but Mrs. Craven has a painful head injury. The Cravens were en route to Grass Valley, Calif., and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Schecht were planning a visit at Hayward.

Tulelake

Mrs. Clarence Barber, Yakima, sister of J. Merton Brown, is spending some time here during Mr. Brown's convalescence from an illness of several months' duration. His condition is improving steadily.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Rhodes returned Wednesday from the bay area where they spent two weeks visiting in Oakland and at Sacramento where a son, Lloyd, is engaged in pest control with a Berkeley firm. Rhodes reports that the drought has dried up water sources that in normal years are running bank full at this season and that grain four inches high is burned brown.

The new Homesteaders Improvement association will elect officers on March 13 and all members are urged to attend the meeting which will be called by Paul Rodgers, chairman.

A total of 1,685,203 major crimes were committed in the United States during 1946, according to FBI records.

Vermont has 39 women legislators, largest number of any state in the Union.

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Truman Meets Newsmen During Stay In Naval Station - Says Little

KEY WEST, Fla., March 1 (AP)—President Truman refused to discuss his own candidacy and attributed to 1948 politics today the failure to get speedier settlement of foreign and domestic problems.

Speaking in a palm-shaded yard in vacationing base where he is vacationing, the chief executive gravely declined to talk about Soviet pressure on Czechoslovakia and Finland or the continued disorders in Palestine.

He did say that he has been in daily communication with Secretary of State Marshall through the state department, but he said he could not answer in each case when reporters asked:

1. Did he think the time has come to form a military alliance in Western Europe?
2. Were there any conditions under which United States troops might be sent to Palestine?

The president said flatly the Russians have made no overtures looking to a meeting with Premier Stalin in Stockholm or anywhere else.

No such overtures have been made, formally or informally, he said, either through the White House or the state department.

He has not changed his position that if there is to be another "Big Three" meeting, it must be in Washington.

The president, attired in a white suit, came out on the lawn for a news conference. When reporters stood up, he asked them to be seated in lawn chairs while he stood up, he said, he could see them better.

There, in the palm-shaded vacation spot, he refused to comment on the southern revolt.

What did he think of Governor Tuck's plan?

Every state has a perfect right to conduct its elections as it sees fit provided every voter has the right to express his opinion at the polls, Mr. Truman said. He recalled that in the past elections were not committed to any candidate.

He said he thought maybe the Virginians are trying to restore the old constitutional approach.

Pleasant Visit

He said he had a very pleasant visit yesterday with former Ohio Gov. James M. Cox, 1920 democratic presidential candidate, who called for lunch. He said it was a personal visit and the first time he had an opportunity to get really acquainted with the newspaper publisher and radio station owner.

Did he think the time has come for the western powers to form a military alliance against the spread of communism?

He said he could not answer that question at this time. Nor was he ready for a lecture on architecture when someone brought up the controversy over the White House balcony.

President Truman blamed presidential year politics for holding up

Hall Thanks Basin For Yule Ship Gifts

In a letter to Mayor Ed Ostendorf, Governor John H. Hall thanked residents of the Klamath area for their contributions to the Northwest's Christmas ship.

Governor Hall expressed appreciation for this area's part in the shipment of food to Europe aboard the ship which left Portland February 2.

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