

# Recreation Committee Gets Green Light On OVS Pool Use This Summer

Long involved business matters kept the city fathers hard at it until a late hour Monday night. Main action was the city council's okay to the recreation committee to go ahead with a project to use the Oregon Vocational school swimming pool for its summer swimming program.

OVS and the city will cooperate in opening the big pool at the school with the city taking care of safety precautions, hours the pool will be open and regulating cost to users. OVS will maintain the plunge.

The big pool is 48 inches deep at its shallowest point and will not be used by small children.

Councilmen were embarrassed when a delegation of residents from

California avenue were present to ask what had become of a paving petition turned over to the city some time ago. When the petition was finally found it was dated August 18, 1947. Property owners asked that California avenue from 3rd to Upham be paved. That section is the half of California which has never been paved.

The petition was referred to the city engineer for preliminary survey and a cost report.

Councilman A. F. Conroy demanded that something be done about pedestrian traffic on 8. 6th street. Long a complaint of residents and councilmen, the city some time ago called in a state highway engineer to look over the street and advise what should be done. There are only a few scattered crosswalks the length of the entire street.

# War Plant Disposition Row Looms

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—President Truman insists "there would be no necessity for any world emergency" if congress would follow his leadership.

He said in a letter to Rep. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), who came back with a few sharp words of his own.

Johnson, a long-time administration stalwart, made public the president's letter, which also asserted:

"If there was a little less emergency talk and a little more activity on the part of congress to meet the international problem we would be able to meet it."

Johnson had written Mr. Truman on March 26 to suggest that the war assets administration be told to review, in the light of possible future need, its program of disposing of surplus war plants and other facilities.

The president replied two days later that the matter already had been taken care of in sales contracts for the properties; that "in case of emergency they immediately revert to the government."

Johnson fired back his reply yesterday. He said his understanding of some war plant sales is that no provision is made for recapture. Then he added:

"You say, Mr. President, that you hope I will put my 'shoulder to the wheel'.

"I support the Marshall plan, building the world's best air corps, selective service and universal military training. My shoulder always has been and always will be at the wheel of preparedness.

"It is difficult to accomplish preparedness, however, when the wheel is pushed up hill one day and down hill the next."

# Navy Works To Free Marines

SHANGHAI, April 6 (AP)—The navy announced today it had begun efforts to free four U. S. marines held by Chinese communists.

An announcement said there had been no direct word from the four, who were captured yesterday when their marine transport plane was forced down by engine trouble 18 miles west of Tsingtao, North China.

"The navy is contacting communist troops relative to their return," the announcement added.

Four other marines seized by the communists last Christmas in the same general area were released only Thursday.

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# Murder Trial Postponed

AUBURN, Calif., April 6—Charles E. Thomason, alias Kenneth Allen Miller, who is accused of murdering Lulu Mae Easley, pretty Stockton waitress, has been given a three-day postponement of trial.

Thomason was to come to trial today but the court appearance was continued until April 9. He has pleaded not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity.

Superior Court Judge Lowell Sparks has granted a request by the defendant that he be tried before the court without a jury.

Thomason, also from Stockton, is alleged to have killed Miss Easley on or about November 14, 1947, after he and the woman left Klamath Falls, Ore. Her body was found early in December beneath a brush pile in a field near Roseville.

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At Klamath Falls the couple lived as man and wife in a hotel, while he worked as a cook and she as a waitress in different restaurants.

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# Lewis Gets Leeway In Court Fight

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—The government allowed John L. Lewis more legal rope today before cracking down on him and the striking coal miners for defying a court back-to-work order.

While government attorneys declined to reveal their time-table for proceeding against Lewis and the United Mine Workers union, they hinted that the deadline for compliance will fall tomorrow.

If so, Lewis or his attorneys would have to do one of these things today to avert that crackdown:

1. Send the nearly 400,000 soft coal miners back to work, ending the strike over pensions which started March 15.

2. Fight the temporary restraining order itself by challenging its constitutionality or asking the court to dissolve it on other grounds.

If Lewis elected to do nothing the next move appeared likely to be a contempt of court citation.

Justice T. Alan Goldsborough, who 18 months ago fined the union \$2,500,000 and Lewis \$10,000 for ignoring another back-to-work order was due to receive any motions which Lewis or the government might offer. The union's fine was cut to \$700,000 when Lewis appealed to the supreme court.

Attorney General Clark obtained the present restraining order from Judge Matthew F. McGuire Saturday night.

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# High School News and Comment

By MARY LOU CASE

In an Hawaiian setting, the boys' gym will be the scene of the first semi-formal dance of the year this Friday night, April 9. Commercial club is sponsoring the program affair with Helen Jackson and Betty Butler serving as co-chairmen.

Committees for the dance are Karen Kohler, music; Joyce Wepner and Jean Wright, refreshments; Carol Horton, Dalton and Bob Mason, cleanup; Joyce Copeland, Peggy Dahlman, Miriam Goddard, Beverly Karnes, Ann McLoughlin and Pat McMann, publicity; Betty Butler, Helen Jackson, Glenn Lorenz, Fonda Parsons, Leona Montgomery and Wanda Murray, programs.

Programs for the dance will go on sale Thursday in the students' room.

Tomorrow is another of those days which come around four times a year—report card day. Students will take their cards around to the teachers during regular class schedule and then receive their grades for the third nine weeks.

All upside-down and backwards describes the April Fool edition of the Krater which came out Monday. The Krater staff had devoted two weeks inventing all kinds of impossible stories and ads. This week, however, they are settling

down to start on the next regular edition.

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