



**HONORS IN THE "Speak For Democracy" contest held Wednesday night, went to Ben Roufs, KUHS student, who was given the top spot by the judges, Manager Charles Stark of the chamber of commerce, and members of the Toastmaster and Toastmistress clubs. Left, Bill Wentworth, program director of KFJI, presents Rouf with a merchandise order from Dick Reeder's. Roufs now enters the state finals, and hopes to get into the nationals.**

### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
I HAN into some figures the other day that startled me quite a bit. This is the general drift of them:  
Payments to individuals for DIRECT RELIEF in this country were more than twice as much in the big boom year of 1948 as in the bottom-of-the-depression year of 1934!  
DIRECT relief doesn't include social security, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, or anything of that sort. It is money paid directly to people who just haven't enough to live on and have to be taken care of by the state.  
BUT, you may say, in 1934 we were just getting started on government help for the needy and hadn't had time yet to get going.  
That doesn't seem to work out. In the six years of depression and unemployment from 1933 to 1939, AVERAGE direct relief payments per year amounted to \$224,000,000. In the three post-war BOOM years of full employment, the AVERAGE payment per year was \$1,461,000,000. The figures are vouched for by the U. S. department of commerce.  
THIS is a natural question: How could such a thing be?  
Well, here's a fact that might help to explain it: As wages go up, labor-saving machinery IS SUBSTITUTED FOR MEN in the hope of keeping costs-of-production down. What becomes of the men who are thus displaced?  
BACK in 1940, we put a floor under wages by passing a minimum wage law. We have just passed a new law putting a much higher floor under wages.  
That brings up another interesting question: What is to become of those who are so unskilled or so inefficient as to be unable to EARN the minimum hourly wage prescribed by law?  
ISN'T it possible (perhaps probable) that some of those displaced by new labor-saving machinery have been going into the direct relief rolls? Isn't it possible that as minimum wages (set by law) go up many of those who could be employed at a lower wage but can't find employment at a higher wage will go onto the direct relief rolls?  
IT is certainly startling that in the roaring years of the big post-war boom, when it was generally supposed that there were more jobs than men to fill them, the DIRECT RELIEF BILL was much larger than in the trying years of the deep depression, when jobs were admittedly scarce and hard to find.  
Is it going to be true throughout the foreseeable future that in years of high wages and full employment DIRECT RELIEF PAYMENTS are going to be larger than in years of

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## Red Feathers Blossoming In Klamath

Klamath county folks are beginning to see red this week. Cause of it all is that the red feathers, symbolic of the \$65,541 Community Chest campaign, are more and more in evidence each day as the army of volunteer solicitors steps up its tempo in preparation for the first report meeting of the drive set for noon Monday, November 14, at the Winema hotel.  
And in addition to the little metal red feathers that men and women and children are sporting in their coat lapels and on their bonnets, street banners, window posters and even hundreds of store windows with red feathers and the campaign slogan, "It's your chest, do your best," are telling one and all that the campaign is rolling in high gear this week.  
Then, too, throughout the residential areas of the county the window stickers which make it plain that folks who live in the various homes have done their share are beginning to add their weight to the red feather story which tells of the need for 1950 operating funds for the 23 agencies which will share in the \$65,541 objective.  
The bang-up salesmanship job the many volunteer solicitors are doing is not the only manner in which the Community Chest story is being spread. The Klamath Falls Toastmasters club has taken over the role of campaign speakers' committee and club members have already appeared before various service clubs, civic groups and at meetings of employees in business firms.  
Personnel in one more campaign (Continued on Page Two)

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# Lewis Spurns Government Bid To End Coal Strike Peace Parley

## Winter Hits; Crater Has Heavy Snow

A drive warning was issued today throughout the state as winter cracked down with snow and ice in the higher elevations.

Porticularly is the warning to week-end travelers including those planning treks northward to Bend Friday for the traditional Armistice Day till between the Pelicans and Lava Bears.

Fresh snow fell on all mountain passes during the night, but heaviest snowfall of the past 24 hours occurred in Crater Lake national park where Chief Ranger Louis Hallock said 24 inches of snow had clogged the road to the rim. It is hoped to open the rim road by tomorrow.

**Heavy Fall**  
Twenty-one inches fell during Wednesday in a continuous storm which let up during the night but started in again this morning. It was cold and overcast within the park at noon.

For the first time this season, chains will be required from Annie Spring to the rim, and Hallock said it was quite possible that motorists would have to adjust chains even before the Annie Spring point.

The fresh snow in the park does not offer good skiing as yet, and will not until it is packed, the ranger observed. Plows were at work today clearing the rim road and making preparations for week-end motorists.

**Roads Sanded**  
Highways north and south are sanded but snow in the mountains is forecast tonight. A minimum of 26 degrees is promised as compared to last night's low of 29 degrees. Maximum temperature Friday will be in the 45 degree vicinity. State highway this morning reported:

Odele lake, 30 degrees, overcast, spots of ice sanded, no fresh snow and 6 inches of roadside snow.

Chemult, 25 degrees, solid overcast, spots of ice on the road, 1 inch new snow, 5 inches roadside.

Chiloquin, 27 degrees, snowing lightly, spots of ice, 3 inches roadside snow.

Kemp, 28 degrees, overcast, pavement bare over the Greensprings, 4 inches roadside snow.

Bly, 24 degrees, overcast, spots of ice over the mountains, no new snow.

Dorris quarantine station, 24 degrees, roadbed south dry, some roadside snow, overcast.

## Pomona Election Saturday

Officers for the next two years will be elected Saturday when Pomona grade meets in the high school gym at Bly.

The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. Business will be conducted along with the election of officers. Lunch will be served at noon with both the Bly and Langell Valley granges as hosts.

Later this year, state grade officials will meet with the Pomona group Lyle Hickman, Pomona mast said. Further information will be announced later.

## ESSEY JUDGE

SALEM, Nov. 10 (AP)—Justice George Rossman of the Oregon supreme court said today he has been named to a three-man essay judging committee of the American Bar association. The three judges will determine the two best essays in a contest sponsored by the association's section of administrative law.

## MARINES' ORCHID

SALEM, Nov. 10 (AP)—Governor McKay, who served in the army in two world wars, had some nice things to say about the marines today. On today's 174th birthday of the U. S. marines, he asked the public to take part in the "Orchid to Marines" fund-raising drive.

## Big Klamath Crowd Going To Bend

The Pelicans won't be lonesome for home town cheers when the Klamath team faces Bend in the annual Armistice Day game tomorrow.

In addition to the more than 300 reserved duets purchased by Klamathites, about 100 general admission tickets went on sale at the chamber for local grid customers. There were still about 25 general admission pasteboards left this morning but indications were they would be sold early this afternoon.

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## U. S. Tightens Red Reins



**RECLAMATION COMMISSIONER VISITS HERE**—Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Strauss are pictured talking to E. L. Stephens, right, Klamath project manager, before the party left town on an inspection trip which Strauss is making for the reclamation program of the federal government.

## U.S. Official Here to Scan Reclamation

Michael W. Strauss, federal commissioner of reclamation, is in Klamath Falls today and will make an inspection trip to the Klamath reclamation area with E. L. Stephens, local project manager, and other bureau officials.  
Strauss is currently visiting Northwest reclamation projects with other federal reclamation department officials.

## Itinerary

Among items on today's itinerary will be inspection of the Tulake area and the new developed areas by the reclamation bureau. Strauss also will hold an informal meeting with the settlers of the Newell area to discuss further reclamation projects in that area.

## Bridges Asks Welfare Audit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—Senator Bridges (R-NV) asked today for a court audit of operations of the coal miners' welfare fund since he has been one of its trustees.  
When that has been done and his own actions as a trustee have been reviewed, he asked the U. S. district court here to let him get off the board.

Bridges' petition to the court was in some degree his response to a plea by Era Van Horn, former coal operator member of the board, to be absolved of any responsibility for the fund the multi-million dollar welfare fund has been administered.

## QUINIRO AHEAD IN PHILIPPINES

MANILA, Nov. 10 (AP)—President Elpidio Quirino's lead over two opponents mounted slowly today as tardy returns filtered in from Tuesday's presidential election.  
Unofficial returns at 11:30 p. m., gave Quirino \$1,384,516 votes. Trailing him with 1,125,627 was Jose Laurel, critic of the United States Philippines policy and favored by leftists. Jose Avelino, third party candidate, had 309,220.

## JAPANESE WOMAN SHOCKS BIG CROWD

TOKYO, Nov. 10 (AP)—True it, 23, was en route to Utsunomiya today for trial in the slaying of her husband.  
At a way station she leaped from her police guards, stripped off her clothing and plumped naked into the crowd at the station.  
Her screams and efforts to elude police delayed the train for half an hour.  
Passengers and police were shocked—not so much by her actions, but by her act.  
It is an unpardonable offense in Japan to delay a train.



**STOP THIS!**  
Youngster Dies Agonizing Death; Loses Cancer Fight

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 10 (AP)—An eight-month battle against cancer has come to an end for Bobby Byers.  
The 4-year-old youngster, who touched a nation's heart with a plea for mail, died last night. He slipped into a coma early in the afternoon and never regained consciousness.  
Blond, and once chubby, Bobby's condition first became known last June after an operation. Prior to that he had only complained of being tired, but finally told his mother:  
"Mommy, I hurt."  
He was placed in bed and one of his greatest joys in life was to wait for the postman.  
"Mommy, did the mailman leave anything for me today?" he would ask his mother.  
Sympathy  
News stories of Bobby's wish soon brought messages from all parts of a sympathetic nation and some foreign countries. Mail came by the truckload. More than 200,000 pieces had been received when the grateful parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Byers, of Phoenix, stopped counting.  
Expressing their thanks, the Byers had to ask that no more be sent. The packages, toys and messages were creating a minor crisis in the post office department.  
"Only Sissies Cry"  
Bobby was given only 10 days to live after the operation, but not knowing he was to die, held his own and passed his days much as before. He played with his toys and his dog, and when he didn't hurt too much would tell his mother, "only sissies cry."  
But Bobby slipped steadily during the last two months.

## HST Pledges No Change In Gold Value

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—President Truman said today there will be no change in the value of gold as long as he is president.  
The president replied with what he described as a categorical no when he was asked if anyone in the administration was giving consideration to raising the price of gold as a means of reducing the national debt.  
Any such action would have to take the form of a recommendation to congress.  
No!  
"The answer to the question Truman asserted is a categorical no. As long as he is president of the United States he said the value of gold is fixed.  
The \$35 an ounce U. S. price for gold has been in effect since January 1933.  
Rumors that the gold price would be lifted again have been persistent in financial circles and elsewhere outside the government.  
Shares in gold mining enterprises have moved up several times as the rumors became intense.  
Persistence of these reports also is believed by government officials to be a major circumstance in causing gold to start moving from the U. S. to foreign countries recently.

## HST Hopes We Can Get Along With Russia

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—President Truman expressed the hope today that the United States can get along with Russia.  
He said he has always hoped that their problems will be worked out peacefully and continues to hope that this can be done. And he said the effort will be continued through regular diplomatic channels.  
This was his view when he was asked at his news conference about the meeting of the foreign ministers in Paris.  
"TOO MUCH"  
SALEM, Nov. 10 (AP)—State Budget Director Harry S. Durman asked all state departments today to make fewer and shorter long-distance telephone calls. At the present rate, he said, the state is spending \$96,000 a year for telephone calls, and he thinks that's far too much.

## Car Smashes Into Truck, Three Killed

PENDELTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—Jack Day Lewis and Mrs. Alice Ferrell, both of Pendleton, and Lowell Arthur Vabman, Beaverton, were killed early today on U. S. highway 30 about 16 miles west of Pendleton when their car collided with the rear of a disabled truck parked on the edge of the highway. State Police Sergeant N. W. Smith reported.  
Carl W. Bridgman, Gresham truck driver, previously had put out warning flares behind the truck, Smith said.  
The deaths raised Umatilla county's traffic fatality total for 1949 to 19.

## Meet the People



**A NEW BOILER** for the heating plant must be in prime condition before its installation, according to John Bigot, plant employe, who checks each opening.

**BIG THREE IN JOVIAL MOOD**—U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson (left), and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman clasp hands in front of bearing Ernest Bevin, (center) British foreign secretary, at the meeting of the Big Three in Paris.