



EVEN PRESIDENTS EAT CRAB — Vaclav Kalina, (center) newly elected head of the Malin chamber of commerce is getting his share, shell and all from Merle Loosley who guided the chamber in 1951 while Mrs. Kalina looks on. Kalina was introduced at the annual chamber banquet in the Malin Broadway hall Monday night. Guderian Photo

County Employees Ponder Question Of Withdrawal From Retirement Program

By HALE SCARBROUGH
About 30 employees of Klamath County have signed petitions asking to be allowed to withdraw from

the Public Employees Retirement System, the state's retirement plan for state and local government workers, so they can come under federal Social Security.

Merrill Hi News

By YVONNE CONNER
And EDNA MAE REEVES
The game with Tulelake Tuesday night ended our basketball season. Merrill lost to S. H. A. 52-49 in the consolation finals of the Klamath County basketball tournament. Congratulations are extended to Bonanza, coming out on top in the tournament. They will represent Klamath County in the playoffs for district honors. This week starts the fifth six-weeks. We had six-week tests last Wednesday and Thursday. Our band has five new instruments. The student body bought a flute and drum. The P.A. bought three new instruments. Everyone is working hard for the speech festival. This year the senior high speech festival will be held at Henley Friday, March 14. The junior high speech festival is March 7 at Altamont Junior high school.

The Public Employees Retirement System was set up by the Legislature in 1945 and went into effect July 1, 1946. Under it government employees put in a certain percentage of their salary each month toward their eventual retirement.

The percentage is based generally on the age of the employee at the time he comes under the plan, so that older workers, nearer the retirement age of 60 have to pay a greater percentage into the fund than younger employees.

Some pay as much as 10 per cent, and the minimum is about 5 per cent. The plan is supposed to build up a fund for each employee so that upon retirement he or she can draw from the fund an amount approximately half salary.

The employing agency — in this case, Klamath County — matches 70 per cent of the employee's contribution.

Social Security payroll deductions, however, at present are only 1 1/2 per cent from the employee's salary, up to \$3,600 a year, considerably less than the cost of the state plan, and the benefits in the long run may be as great or greater.

By law, employees of Klamath County now under the state retire-

ment plan can withdraw, if 75 per cent of them sign a petition to do so. The County has around 150 regular employees covered by the plan.

If 75 per cent of them sign the petitions, permission to withdraw may be given by the Public Employees Retirement Board, but those not signing the petition, those wanting to remain under the state plan, may stay in and the deductions

will still be made from their pay. Some County employees feel it would be more to their advantage to stay under the state plan, particularly those with a good many years of public employment behind them and the retirement age not far ahead.

Employees withdrawing would be allowed to take out the net amount of money they have contributed to the fund, but not the matching

amount put in by the employing agency.



WSB Keeps Up Pay Approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Wage Stabilization Board has decided to continue its policy of giving automatic approval to pay boosts based on union-management cost-of-living contracts.

March 1 had been set as the cut-off date for automatic approvals, but the board announced Tuesday night it is continuing the policy indefinitely.

About four million union members are covered by contracts calling for upward or downward revision of pay based on the government's cost-of-living index.

The board's action means there will be no delay in putting into effect a pay boost of three cents an hour for more than a million members of the CIO-United Auto Workers in the automobile, farm machinery and aircraft industries.

The union's contract calls for a quarterly adjustment of pay based on two yardsticks for measuring the cost of living. This index advanced two-tenths of one per cent between mid-December and mid-January — just enough to assure a three-cent raise.

The department's newer index stood still during the month after climbing sharply since August. The difference in the two indexes is in the consumer items used.

Rogue Basin Water Study To Be Made

MEDFORD (AP) — The Secretary of Interior is asking the Bureau of Reclamation to begin engineering studies at once on proposed irrigation and power developments in the Rogue River basin.

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A Bomb Error Said Danger

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Demo Leader To Be KF Speaker

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Brokers said the Newcastle wool sales Wednesday were fully firm on Tuesday's rates. There was keen competition from the United Kingdom, the Continent and Japan.

The Panama Canal Zone was surveyed by two Englishmen.

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Banker Gives Up To FBI

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. (AP) — Twenty-five years of starvation wages were blamed Wednesday by a banker accused of a \$36,000 shortage in his books.

Samuel E. Swiger, 56-year old married man with two children, poured out his story in a jail cell "because I don't want other men to get into the same profession."

He gave himself up Monday night at Clarksburg, W. Va., after the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been searching for him 10 days, Swiger said he spent most of the time in Chicago hotels.

Until his disappearance, Swiger was vice president and cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank at Cairo, W. Va.

The FBI has said Swiger admitted embezzling at least \$50,000 in bank funds during the past seven years. Authorities said Swiger disappeared when a routine examination of the books showed a \$36,000 shortage.

Mail Goes OK In Korea

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — The Allied postmaster of Panmunjom Wednesday delivered to the Communists the 43rd pack of mail for U.S. prisoners of war held by the Reds.

Since the first delivery Dec. 29, an estimated 30,000 letters have been sent to Allied prisoners in Red camps.

The mailman, Lt. Harold T. Bratchell, Washington, D. C., told newsmen the Reds have delivered about 10,000 letters from prisoners for Allied families.

In addition, 3,000 letters have been delivered to the Communists from the families of Red POWs in U.N. camps.

Wednesday's mail pouch contained 528 letters for Red-held POWs.

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Evelyn Weil and Shirley Mason modeling from our stock.

Advertisement for Arden Ice Cream featuring a box of 'Flavor Fresh' Vanilla Bulk Style ice cream and a bowl of ice cream. Text includes: 'For sheer enjoyment of a truly fine ice cream, serve Arden "Flavor-Fresh". Its smooth texture and rich delicious flavor present a new taste thrill... a treat to those who know and appreciate the best ice creams. Serve it often... it's the perfect dessert for every occasion. Wherever the best is served'

Advertisement for LaPointe's clothing featuring two women modeling dresses. Text includes: 'NEW! CUTE! PRACTICAL! "THE SHOPPER" THE HOUSECOAT THAT DOUBLES AS A DRESS 8.95 It's a housecoat... it's a dress... it's revolutionary. You'll wear it while you do your chores, wear it while you do your errands. It's so easy to keep... so pretty you'll live in it and love it. LEFT: Glamorous gold dusted crinkle cotton, gold buttons and belt, mandarin collar in old rose, turquoise, and green. RIGHT: Cotton cloque in pastels with contrast piping and belt. In white, aqua, green. Duster styles, 3.98 and 5.95 Gold mesh slippers, 3.98 FREE EASY PARKING LaPointe's IT'S A WONDERFUL STORE'