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In The News

By FRANK JENKINS
Here are some startling figures: In the 18 years ending last June 30—that is to say, from 1933 to 1951—the federal government collected in Oregon a total of \$2,721,465,204.01 (approximately two and three quarters BILLIONS of dollars.)

In the same period, the federal government RETURNED TO OREGON—in its various programs including veterans benefits, social security benefits, various federal aid projects and, in the depression years, funds disbursed by WPA and other agencies (bonding)—the sum of \$704,381,966 (approximately 704 1/2 MILLION dollars.)

In other words: In these 18 New Deal and Fair Deal years, the federal government took roughly FOUR DOLLARS out of the state of Oregon for each ONE DOLLAR that it returned to the state of Oregon.

Question: If we felt that we wanted, needed and had to have all these things, wouldn't we have been FAR better off if we had PROVIDED THEM FOR OURSELVES right here in Oregon and had paid for them with our own Oregon money?

As it was, we sent four dollars to Washington and got one dollar back. Why did all this happen? Here's what I think: It happened because we permitted TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE STATE HOUSES, THE COURT HOUSES AND THE CITY HALLS AND TAKEN TO WASHINGTON.

Things like that always happen when the people permit government to get too big and too far away. The big job that lies ahead of us, as I see it, is to bring more of our government back to the state houses, the court houses and the city halls. The federal government's job, BASICALLY, is the conduct of foreign relations and national defense. That can be handled ONLY by the federal government.

There are, of course, other things that can be handled better by the federal government than by the states, the counties or the cities, such things as radio, television, long distance communications, air and land transport—all of which cross state lines from one end of the country to the other. This is a big nation, and as such it has certain problems that can obviously be handled more efficiently by the national government than by local governments.

But in the 18 years covered by the figures, the tendency has been to take too much LOCAL government away from the states, the counties and the cities and move it to Washington. That is a DANGEROUS tendency. Its dangers are admirably illustrated by Oregon's experience during these 18 years.

Among all the candidates for President in this campaign year 1952, Senator Russell, Democrat of Georgia, has publicly recognized this danger that faces us and has demanded that more of our government be brought back to Washington and lodged again in the states, the counties and the cities.

I wish more of our candidates would join with Senator Russell in his demand for MORE local government and LESS big national government. I feel strongly that in these 18 years we have permitted too much of our local government to be taken away from us. Therein lies the root of a lot of our troubles.

Two Nabbed In Big Robbery

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Two more persons were arrested Saturday in the 1 1/2 million dollar Redfield burglary, including the mystery woman whose attempt to gamble a stolen \$1,000 note led to the first break in the case. The FBI and Police Chief L. R. Greeson of Reno identified the pair as Leona Mae Giordano, 37, former Reno waitress arrested in Los Angeles, and Louis Gaglioli, 44, arrested in Reno.

Signal Pole Contract, Only War Business Here to Date, Being Finished by F Aircraft

By HALE SCARBROUGH
Work on what probably has been Klamath Falls' only industrial war contract thus far in the Korean conflict will be finished up next week, but there may be more coming.

The contract was for 32,000 telephone poles, about 100,000 worth. The poles are little ones, two inches in diameter and 14 feet long tapered, made of fir with a cast metal tip, and are to be used by the Signal Corps for stringing communication lines.

They are being made by Fircraft, Inc. in work space rented from Swan Moulding Company. The work came to Klamath Falls because the poles involved one, because the poles originally were to be made by the Ferrocraft Inc., a wood products firm located at Rockaway, N.Y.

Hans L. Levi, president of Ferrocraft, looked around for materials and was able to obtain the lumber from Don Weidner of Chicago, who is a partner and sales representative of the Palmerton Lumber Company of Klamath Falls.

Since the order called for eventual shipment of the poles or most of them, to Sacramento, Levi decided it would be foolish to ship the lumber from Klamath Falls to New York and then ship the manufactured poles back to Sacramento, Klamath Falls, he figured, would be the logical place to do the work.

Levi came here several months ago and formed an Oregon corporation, Fircraft, Inc. The name was chosen in New York with the name of his New York company. Jack Evans, on loan from Palmerton Lumber Company, became manager of Fircraft and a particular woodworking machine used in tapering the poles from one diameter at the butt to another at the tip was shipped here from the East.

The machinery was set up in space at Swan Lake Moulding, the telephone pole order sub-contracted to Fircraft and a new local industry was in business. Fourteen or 15 men have been employed at the plant.

The operation, Levi said, has been so successful and he is so sold on the potentialities of Klamath Falls as a site for this type of work, he is getting after more work. He is looking for a plant to be able to get a bigger and permanent operation going here. He figures he'll have another military contract by June.

Steel Strike Palaver Set

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The CIO United Steelworkers Union Saturday called a meeting of its executive board and 70-man wage policy committee for next Thursday at Hotel Roosevelt in Washington. The union is set to strike at midnight Sunday, March 23, to support contract demands.

Union headquarters here announced the call for the meeting but would not elaborate. Union president Philip Murray, also head of the CIO, is in Washington. A headquarters spokesman said any further information must come from Murray.

The steelworkers already have sent out instructions to 650,000 members in the basic steel producing companies for "an orderly walkout" strike in event of a walkout. The nationwide strike may be averted if the Wage Stabilization Board recommends a contract settlement acceptable to both sides. The union is asking an 18 1/2 cent hourly wage increase. Workers now average between \$1.90 and \$1.95. The industry has rejected a pay increase without a price boost.

Two servicemen, enroute to California stopping off at least temporarily in Klamath County Jail. Robert S. Dwinell, 21, a sailor, and Buddy J. Quarry, 19, in the Air Force, were arrested by State police at a service station near Williamson River on U. S. Highway 97 about 11 p. m. Friday on charges of petit larceny. Officers reported the pair bought \$20 worth of gas and took off, but later became afraid of being caught and returned to the station. Air Force and Navy officers here today were checking to see if the two were AWOL. Quarry is stationed at March Field, Calif., and Dwinell at New London, Conn.

Gas Theft Case Probed

Charges of burglary, not in a dwelling, face two men returned here last evening by the Sheriff's Office from Phoenix, Ariz. William E. Wilder, 18, and Charles P. Poitra, 24, both from Merrill, are accused in the theft of 51 sacks of potatoes from a Great Northern freight car at Adams Point late in November. They were arrested in Phoenix last week on a warrant from Klamath County.

Two other persons were also implicated in the spud theft. One of them, Kenneth Mac Anderson, is serving a two-year term in prison and the fourth, Raymond William Dawley, 18, Merrill, is free under \$1,000 bail for grand jury investigation.

Suspects In Theft Here

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MUSIC HONOR—Nine members of the Klamath Union High School orchestra have been selected to play with a 150-piece all-state orchestra to gather in Portland March 16, 17 and 18. Five of the nine KU students shown above are (l to r) Kay Jensen, Jewel Shannon and Florence Lampropoulos (seated), Wayne Angel and John Durand (standing). Students selected for the trip and not in the picture are Harold Berry, George Vlahos, Charles Rice and Shirley Long. The students were chosen by John E. Drysdale, KU orchestra director, who will accompany the group to Portland. The 150-piece all-star orchestra is to play for the Oregon Teachers Association convention in Portland Tuesday with Don Bushell, director of the Seattle Philharmonic Symphony, conducting. The group is also to attend a rehearsal and concert of the Portland Symphony.

Guns Thunder And Powder Smoke Drifts Over Scene As Cat Killer Carries On

VICTORIA, B. C. (AP) — Cats unlimited still faced Inspector Ben Maggs Saturday—third day of his all-out effort to exterminate an originally estimated 82 cats on a nearby estate overlooking Georgia Strait. The inspector, visibly tiring, said he had shot 117 cats up to the hour his shotgun quit firing Friday night, he said. First estimates of the cat population on the secluded estate of Mrs. W. F. B. Berger, whose funeral was held Wednesday, now have been upped to 200 by the inspector, who said he had killed 117 cats on a nearby estate overlooking Georgia Strait.

Ike Labeled "Ace In Deck"

SEATTLE (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is the ace in the Republican deck, says Rep. Judd (R-Minn.), whereas other GOP presidential aspirants are "kings, queens and jacks" who would have to be "fished" into the White House. Judd spoke at an Eisenhower rally Friday night before a turnout of 750. "In the trick which decides the game—the life and death trick for our country—I want to have and play the ace," he said. "The Minnesota congressman said flatly that Eisenhower is available for the presidential race, and his chief of staff is being groomed to succeed him as supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe. Supporters of the former chief of state declared no Republican nominee can win without the support of millions of independent voters and Democrats, and Eisenhower is best capable of attracting this segment of the populace."

Sabres Score Major Victory

SEOUL Korea (AP) — American Sabre jets destroyed at least 15 Russian-built MIG-15 jets this week with the loss of only one swept-wing fighter in air combat, the Fifth Air Force announced Saturday. Seven United Nations planes were lost during the week to ground fire and other causes. In its regular weekly summary the Fifth Air Force said 15 MIGs were destroyed, one probably destroyed, and ten damaged. It said one American Sabre jet was lost in air combat, four Allied planes lost to Red ground fire, and three lost from unknown causes, possibly mechanical failure. Some of the U.N. pilots were picked up and returned to Allied lines.

Kefauver In Florida Race

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Accused a challenger from Gov. Fuller Warren, Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee made his formal entry Friday in Florida's May 6 Democratic presidential preference primary. Supporters of the former chief of state declared no Republican nominee can win without the support of millions of independent voters and Democrats, and Eisenhower is best capable of attracting this segment of the populace.

Mistake Killer May Face Charge

SEATTLE (AP) — A country club dishwasher who killed a sheriff's deputy and wounded two others when he mistook them for sabre-crackers pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge Friday. The plea was entered by Ralph H. Bishop, 62, after the prosecutor's office announced it would recommend a deferred sentence for Bishop on condition he never again possess or use firearms. The shooting occurred March 7 at Inglewood Country Club.

Raging Storm Lashes North California Area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rotary snow plows bucked a five-foot blanket of snow Saturday trying to open a Sierra road to two buses loaded with Marines from the Pickle Meadow Winter Training Camp in Eastern California. The buses, which normally carry 30 passengers each, were the last of a Marine convoy headed south to Camp Pendleton. The others bogged down temporarily but later reached towns in the snow covered area. The snowplows were reported equipped with Arctic gear.

The State Division of Highways at Bishop said the buses are stuck in a 23-mile stretch between Bridgeport and Sonora Junction, high on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada on U. S. Highway 395. The unseasonable storm belted Northern California and mountain areas Friday and drove into the southern part of the state Saturday. Los Angeles and San Diego braced for roaring gales, heavy rain and snow by putting Civil Defense and Red Cross workers on the alert in both cities. From two to four inches of rain and snow down to the 3,000 foot level was predicted.

The late winter storm, moving into California from Oregon, closed two major highways and raised snow levels to new highs. U. S. Highway 40 and 50 across the Sierra to Nevada were closed by winds up to 50 miles an hour. The Southern Pacific Railroad said four rotary snowplows were keeping its tracks clear across 7,200 foot Donner summit where the streamliner City of San Francisco was stuck for about a week last January. Fourteen inches of new snow blanketed Reno, Nev., and more was expected.

South from the snow country, the rain and wind caused damage throughout Northern and Central California. Three military air transport planes which took off for Hawaii from Travis Air Force Base, north of San Francisco, turned back because of ice on the wings and high winds.

Red Cross Drive Lags

Business and rural divisions were stumbling behind the parade as Red Cross fund drive reports came in today. Bad roads reportedly were holding up solicitors in the rural area, which counted \$350 of its quota this morning. The business division had turned in only \$287 of its \$8500 quota. In the other hand, was turning in wholeheartedly. Exec. Secy. Virginia Dixon said that group had surpassed the 60 per cent mark by contributing \$2878 of \$4500 quota Saturday through July 26, 1951, and thus could not cover costs of a new wage boost.

Either management or labor can refuse to go along with the WSB's eventual recommendations. Rejection by either side probably would lead to a strike. Wages a walkout was threatened last January. President Truman said the country's defense program commitments would not permit a strike.

Libel Threat Seen In Book

SEATTLE (AP) — An attorney for Labor Leader Dave Beck said Saturday bookstores in several states are being threatened with libel suits if they sell the book "U.S.A. Confidential." The attorney, Samuel B. Bassett, said warning letters are being sent on behalf of Beck to booksellers in Oregon, California, Washington, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and Utah. Bassett said the matter is being handled in each state by local attorneys. He added the same thing will be done later in other states. Bassett warned Seattle booksellers last week that Beck, vice president of the AFL-Teamsters Union, objected to remarks about him in the book by Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer of New York.

Brazil Joins US In Defense Pact

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil and the United States Saturday signed an agreement to help each other in defense of the Western Hemisphere and the free world. A bilateral military assistance pact was signed at the foreign office by U.S. Ambassador Herschel V. Johnson and Brazilian Foreign Minister Joao Neves da Fontoura. In recent weeks, the United States has reached similar agreements with Peru, Ecuador and Cuba.

Versatile Vera, City's New Sweeper, Doubles In Brass For Most Local Jobs

By DAVE UNDERHILL
There was a time (BSO)—before the snow came—when alleys were dry and city streets needed a daily bath. There will probably come a time again when such will be the case, and an orange-colored monster, bristling with various size valves and sprinkler heads will be ready to settle the dust. Klamath Falls City Street Flusher No. 4 came into being at the City Garage near 2nd and Klamath Sts. during slack winter hours. It is a 2 1/2-ton Ford, cab over engine chassis, fitted with a 1250 gallon tank, with sprinkler heads fore and aft, port and starboard. A novel feature of this new machine, according to street department employees, is the installation of three sizes of outlets for hose attachments of 1 inch, 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 inch size hoses.

Thus the truck can be brought into use when the fire department is in dire need of another pumper at a big fire. The truck can supply 125 pounds pressure at the nozzle. There are three of these varied size outlets on each side of the truck just behind the cab. But even in the winter months Flusher No. 4 is not exactly a useless creature. It need be No. 4 can shrug out of its sprinkler heads, slip into a snow plow and battle the winter drifts along city streets. And if the winter really gets tough, the sprinkler-turned-gallon plow can be used as a moving fuel depot to bring fuel to snow removal equipment while out on the job. Whatever the occasion the new flusher should be worth its cost, which by the way, hasn't yet been totaled up.

Rock Fight Flares Into Riot As ROK Recruits Taunt POW's; 12 Die In Melee

KOJE ISLAND, Korea (AP) — A U. S. Army captain said Saturday that he tried frantically Thursday to stop South Korean security soldiers from firing on Communist war prisoners. Twelve North Korean prisoners were killed and 20 wounded in that fresh outbreak of violence. The shooting lasted several minutes at compound 92—one of Koje's toughest camps—after a rock-throwing fight between fanatic Red prisoners and a working party of other North Korean prisoners passing along a nearby road. The workers, who had renounced Communism a few days previously, sparked the disorder by taunting the Red die-hards and waving Republic of Korea flags. They also were singing a ROK marching song. Stones hit an American captain and knocked him down when he rushed forward to quell the outbreak. He was the only American injured. He is Capt. Walter E. Leahy of Newton, Mass. Against his orders, he said, ROK soldiers and guards opened fire on the men in the stockade. Jumping up, the captain—with blood streaming down his face—ran along the road knocking down the rifles and shouting: "Chung jil!"—"Stop it!" He said one guard was kneeling with his gun aimed "point-blank through the fence."