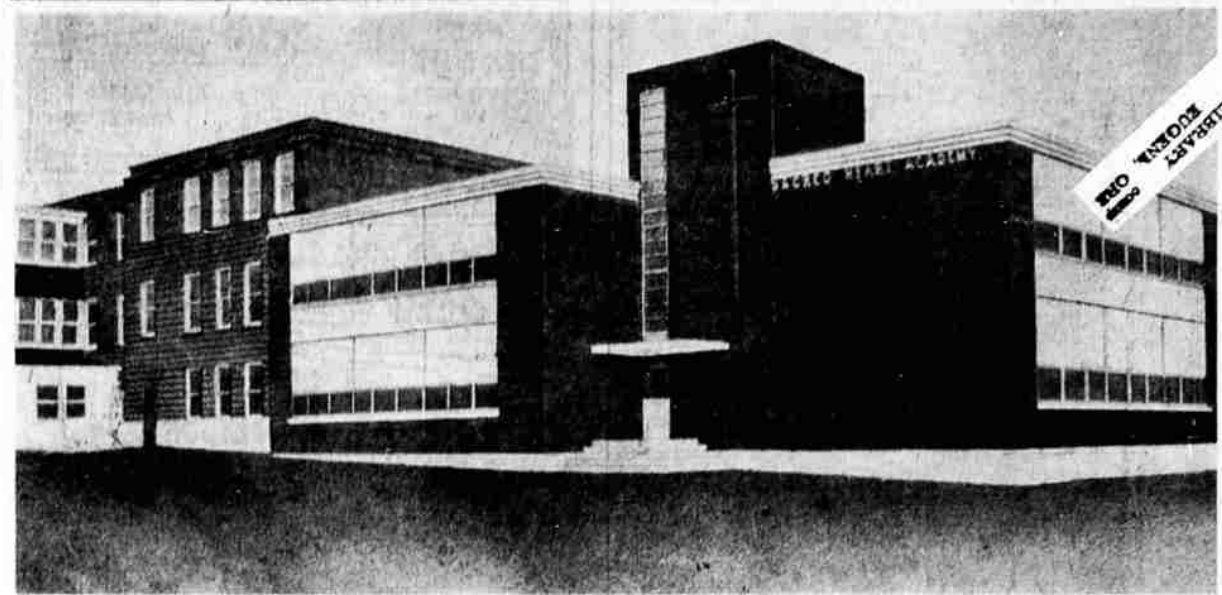


WAGE, PRICE CONTROLS CONTINUE

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NEW ADDITION TO BE BUILT at Sacred Heart school is shown in this architect's drawing prepared by the Howard R. Perrin office. The structure is to have six classrooms and joins the south end of the present school. Construction bids are called for 2 p.m. Wednesday; April 2, at Perrin's office. The walls are to be of cavity construction which may not have been used previously in Oregon.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Faintly ominous note in the news:

Federal taxes hit the American buyer so hard last week (the modern IDEAS OF MARCH), the United States chamber of commerce reported today, that retailers in almost every line of business are reporting sharply dropping sales.

In five days last week (March 17 to 21, inclusive), the United States treasury took in \$5,300,000,000 (FIVE BILLION, three hundred million dollars).

"That," says Dr. George Cline Smith, director of the U.S. chamber of commerce, "was MORE THAN ALL THE TAXES COLLECTED DURING 1940."

"Never has there been such a drain on the American economy."

Why does that affect retail sales? Shucks! You can see the smartest economist in the country. After you've paid your federal taxes in these modern days you haven't got much left to buy with.

Another statistic: Last year (1951) net income of 808 leading U.S. corporations dropped 12.5 per cent. The approximate net profit of these 808 corporations in 1950 was \$3 billion dollars. In 1951 it was 7.7 billions. How come?

Here's how come: Their sales increased but their taxes INCREASED MORE.

"But," you will say, if you are a shallow thinker, "what do I care about these big corporations? The harder Uncle socks them the better it will suit me."

Wait a minute. One of our largest corporations (AT&T) now has more than a million stockholders. (Its stockholders outnumber its employees.) If you are an average American in modest circumstances, following an investment program of investment and saving, you probably own some of its shares. If not, you'll almost certainly own shares of some of the 808 U.S. corporations whose net income dropped last year because of sharply higher taxes.

In that event, YOUR income will suffer. This is the point: Stock ownership of America's larger business corporations is now so widely spread among Americans of ALL income brackets that whatever reduces the profits of these corporations reduces the incomes of Americans of ALL KINDS—not just the filthy rich.

Here's another one for you to chew on: If the United States government were to CONFISCATE all taxable income earned by individuals in excess of \$10,000 a year, the additional tax revenue would amount to only 3.1 billion dollars. This would be enough to run the federal government for ONLY TWO WEEKS under the proposed Truman 85.4 billion dollar budget. So, you see, it's absurd for anybody to think that in these days of fantastic spending the government can be financed by soaking the rich.

If we're to pay our bills, EVERYBODY has to be soaked. In these fatal days of late March, 1952, I think we'll all agree that everybody IS being soaked.

Maybe I'd better explain that crack about the Ideas of March. Let's quote Plutarch on it: Furthermore, there was a certain income tax which had given Caesar warning long time before to take heed of the day of the Ideas of March (which is the 15th of the month), for on that day he should be in great danger. That day being come, Caesar went into the senate-house and speaking merrily unto the soothsayer told him: "The Ideas of March be come." "So they be," softly answered the soothsayer, "but yet are they not passed."

The soothsayer's warning concerned the stabbing to death of

This One Is A Tough Decision

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The defense that Mrs. George Martin Jr. made in Edward S. Underwood's suit for \$135 damage to his automobile, is out of the ordinary, to say the least. The court took the case under advisement after hearing this story:

She said she was driving on a grade and saw "unusual activity" ahead, but when she stopped a policeman waved her on. She wound up right in the thick of a gunfight.

A policeman in a squad car fired across her path and there were bursts of answering fire from the other side of the street.

Mrs. Martin decided to leave the vicinity, pronto. She backed up—and into Underwood's car.

It turned out that all the shooting was by actors in a movie scene.

Square Dance Meet Tonight

The weekly square dancing sessions are planned for tonight at Fremont school as previously scheduled with beginners and advanced dancers participating in separate floors.

Earlier announcements of the discontinuance of another square dance class had been confused with this one, according to Recreation Director Bob Bonney.

Dancing starts at 8, with B.M. Antle and Otto Ellis calling.

White Sidewalls Get Green Light

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Wednesday lifted its ban on white sidewall tires and increased the amount of natural rubber that may be used in passenger car tires.

The National Production Authority also announced that tire and rubber companies may use 110,000 long tons of natural rubber in each quarter after April 1, instead of 105,000 tons.

The announcement was coupled with a promise of further easing of rubber controls "in the near future."



CAROL LARSON (center above) has been named Klamath Falls' outstanding Camp Fire Girl for 1951. Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Larson, 1615 Oregon, is an Eighth Grader at Fremont school. On Carol's right is Twila Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Greene, 840 Rose; right, is Susan Derby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Derby, 1966 Huron.

French Crack Down On Tunisia; Premier Arrest Leads To Martial Ruling

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — France cracked down with a heavy fist on Tunisia's independence-seeking Nationalists Wednesday, arresting Premier Mohammed Chenik and three of his cabinet.

Martial law and press censorship also were ordered.

The drastic steps were taken after the Tunisian government and the French Protectorate's nominal ruler, the 70-year-old Bey of Tunis, had balked at what was described as a French ultimatum that Chenik must be fired.

The French action climaxed three months of Nationalist rioting and sabotage in this North African trouble spot and World War II battleground. In the violence nearly 100 lives have been lost. Hundreds have been arrested and put behind barbed wire.

Muslims in Tunis went on strike in protest against the French action, which included a curfew from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. and transfer of all police powers to the military.

Tunisia wants more self-rule and has asked the United Nations for help.

Asian, Arab and some African members of the U. N. are planning to push the Nationalist appeal before the Security Council, much to the annoyance of France.

The Protectorate's real ruler, French Resident General Jean De Hauteclocque, in a broadcast to the Tunisian people charged that the Premier encouraged, if he wasn't an accomplice to, the Nationalist demonstrations, attacks and sabotage.

De Hauteclocque said France was ready to institute reforms that would satisfy the "legitimate aspirations of Tunisians" and would lend Tunisia to internal autonomy.

But that before these could be made, the present Tunisian cabinet would have to go.

McCarthy To Sue Benton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) Wednesday filed a two million dollar suit against Sen. Benton (D-Conn.), accusing him of "libel, slander and conspiracy" to seek the ouster of McCarthy from the Senate.

The suit is based on Benton's assertions last September that McCarthy committed perjury, fraud and calculated deceit of the American people in pressing his charges that Communists have infiltrated the government.

Benton last week offered to waive the Congressional immunity from suit.

A section of the constitution provides that members of Congress are immune from suit for remarks they make in Congress.

McCarthy said he was accepting Benton's offer to waive immunity.

Barbers Vote On Five Day Week

Members of Barbers Union Local 841 are to vote Thursday night on whether to institute a five-day week of barber shops in the Klamath area for a three-month trial.

If the five-day week proposal is approved, shops probably will be closed on Monday, starting next month.

A majority of shop owners and journeymen are reported to have signed a petition favoring the closure and circulated by the union.

Arrest Of Youth Clears Up Long Chain Of Thefts; Youthful Gang Captured

Series of burglary cases—dating to last September—was cleared up yesterday by Police and Juvenile Officer Francis Mathews.

Two weeks of investigation culminated early Tuesday afternoon in arrest of Jerry Oscar Madden, 22, Gettys St., 19-year-old junior at Klamath high school.

The District Attorney's office this morning filed a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property charge against Madden.

Police and juvenile authorities say statements made to them by two 14-year-old boys implicate Madden from at least four stores in the downtown area.

According to one 14-year-old boy who has been in and out of juvenile difficulties since 1948, Madden last September first offered to sell goods he could steal.

Since that time this one boy, along with six others ranging in age from 10 to 14 years, have actively participated in about 30 known cases of shoplifting and burglary.

The case was broken open March 18 when four boys were caught after a .22 calibre rifle was stolen from Ol' River Exchange, 2835 S. 6th St.

A statement given by one of the 14-year-olds involved gave this summary of misdeeds:

PENS STOLEN
In September he stole four pens from Shaw's Stationery, four pen and pencil sets from Peavey Drug Store and a case of candy bars from Pelican theatre.

In November he and another boy stole a woman's purse at Montgomery Ward, and got \$20.

Then followed "the Mormon church" four times, with nothing being taken.

In January a pellet gun was lifted from the Gun Store. The boy took it to high school, put it in a locker, and it was later stolen from there by another youth. Another pellet gun was taken from "the Army Store" three days later.

Other jobs in January, the boy stated, included the stealing of Lee Hendrick's drugstore, 22 shells from Montgomery Ward, a plastic slot machine from the Corner Store and a wrist watch from Castleberry's Drugs.

BREAK-INS
On Feb. 16, the boy said, he and another youth broke into Economy Wracking Yard, 1946 S. (they got nothing) and The Laundrette, 1415 Owens St. (they got 68 cents).

On Feb. 21 they broke into Fremont school and on March 17 entered Western Wholesale Distributors, where they stole a case of beer and 2 kerosene lamps.

Also during March there were minor thefts of food from four grocery stores.

During some of this time, the boy said, he and others had stolen batteries from Sears Roebuck and sold them elsewhere for \$2 each.

One of the boys—now in the juvenile home—said he had been stealing money regularly from Grigg's Grocery and another time took \$10 from the till at Carter's.

The boy who confessed all these burglaries and shopliftings said he had never gotten any money in return from anyone for the stolen goods he had given him to sell.

Police said Madden under questioning yesterday admitted taking stolen property from the boy, but denied telling him of places that he could burglarize.

The district attorney's office this morning said additional charges might be brought against Madden. The police officer who arrested

Bend Golfers Facing Fresh Spring Hazard

BEND (AP) — Golfers who took advantage of greens and fairways reappearing through the melting snow, reported 28 deer browsing on the Bend Golf Club course last week.

It isn't uncommon to see a deer in the underbrush near the course, but 28 at one time is thought a record.

Rents To Be Controlled For Year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Banking Committee voted unanimously Wednesday to extend wage, price and other controls for one year.

The authority to impose controls is contained in the Defense Production Act. This is due to expire June 30.

The Banking Committee action would extend the controls to June 30, 1953.

President Truman has asked a two-year extension of the act, which covers wages, prices, rents and materials.

SOME KINKS
A few kinks must be ironed out of the legislation at another closed session Wednesday afternoon before the committee reports the measure to the Senate.

Early action is expected there. A House Committee also is studying the controls measure. It has not yet completed hearings.

Before adopting the two-year extension proposal, offered by Chairman Maybank (D-S. C.), the committee beat down S. 4, a move by Sen. Capahart (R-Ind.), for an extension of only nine months.

MOVE DEFERRED
It deferred, too, a proposal by Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.), to abolish rent controls in all but critical defense areas.

The Dirksen proposal lost by one vote, 7 to 6.

Rents would be controlled for another year, much as they are now, under the adopted legislation.

The committee compromised one administration request to repeal the present "fats and oils" provision that, under certain conditions, bans imports of most cheese, butter and similar products.

BAN OUT
It knocked out the present ban but substituted a second provision which was used during the last war.

Chairman Maybank (D-S. C.), said this was more liberal than the present ban and should be acceptable to President Truman and the State Department.

Maybank offered the one-year extension proposal. He said it was accepted by a voice vote.

No Clues In Huge Robbery

DANVERS, Mass. (AP) — Stymied in their quest for clues to the bold \$681,000 robbery of an armored truck here, police and FBI agents pushed search Wednesday for an eyewitness to the huge theft.

Danvers Police Chief Raymond Kirwin said law officers "can't find a soul" who saw the money taken Tuesday from the truck as it stood unguarded outside a drug store. Its crew was having coffee.

Three bandits, in a quick and obviously well-planned job, parked a stolen 1950 Buick sedan alongside the truck, entered it without apparent difficulty and made off in a burst of speed down Danvers' main street.

"The FBI has combed both sides of the street," said Chief Kirwin, "checking people who were in stores, but no one was found who saw it."

The possibility was not ruled out that some eyewitness hesitated to come forth with information in fear of reprisals—like the killing in Brooklyn of Arnold Schuster after he "fingered" Willie Sutton, now on trial for bank robbery.

BIBLE BEST SELLER
SINGAPORE (AP) — The Bible was the best-selling book in Malaysia last year.

Bible societies sold a record 11,000 Protestant Bibles in English and the vernacular languages, the secretary of the society said.

Solon Boosts Gruenther

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman Richards (D-S. C.), of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said Wednesday Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther would be a "good man" to head the European Command, if Gen. Eisenhower returns home.

He said he was not ruling out the possible appointment of Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, U.S. Commander in Korea.

But Richards said Gruenther, as Eisenhower's chief of staff, has a better "grasp of the actual mechanics" of running the European headquarters "than anyone else."

Richards' comment followed a secret committee session in which Gruenther described military details of the European buildup.

He was testifying on the new \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, meantime, heard William L. Batt, American representative on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense Production Board.

This also was in closed session but the group released a statement by Batt which argued strongly for \$60 million dollars of economic aid for Britain. Batt called it "fully justified."

Court Eyes Theater Tax

SALEM (AP) — The right of cities to tax theaters and other amusement places was considered Wednesday by the State Supreme Court.

The court heard arguments in the attempt by two Eugene theatre companies to have Eugene's four-year-old amusement tax of three per cent thrown out.

Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth of Eugene ruled the tax is valid, and the Eugene Theatre Co. and Western Amusement Co. appeals.

They contend the tax is unconstitutional on grounds it takes property without due process of law; that the \$30,000 in annual revenue produced by the tax is grossly in excess of what is needed; that the tax discriminates against theatres, and that it is oppressive.

The high court upheld a Multnomah County Circuit Court judgment granting \$8,830 damages to I. L. Nicholson in his suit against O. H. Jones for recovery of the sale price of timber.

The opinion was written by Justice Hall S. Lusk, and upheld Circuit Judge Martin W. Hawkins of Portland.

Footprinters Slate Banquet

Klamath Falls chapter of International Footprinters will hold a dinner meeting at 7:30 p. m. at the Pelican Grill in honor of Grand Chapter President Rolly Morrison from Tacoma, Wednesday.

L. G. Bergmann, secretary of the local chapter of Footprinters, said Morrison is scheduled to address the group on progress of the organization's Boyville home to be built in California.

Bureau Sells Oregon Logs

PORTLAND (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management this month sold 30,289,000 board feet of Oregon and California timber for \$709,590. Roscoe Bell, regional administrator, said Wednesday.

Successful bidders included Hult Lumber Company, Junction City, Teague Bros. Mill Company, Creswell; Consumers Cooperative Association Swathmore; E. K. Wood Lumber Company, Oakland, Calif.; Yoncalla Lumber Company, Yoncalla; Nordin Lumber Company, Myrtle Creek; Bob O. Bishop, Eagle Point; Timber Products Company, Medford; Bate Lumber Company, Grants Pass; Spalding & Son, Inc., Grants Pass; Brown Bros. Lumber Company, Brown Pass.

Bell said five tracts of timber on public domain lands would be sold in April. One tract of 7,940,000 board feet will be offered at oral auction at Bend April 15. On the same date sealed bids will be opened in Portland for 52,000 board feet of Western Washington timber.

Three tracts totaling 13,421,000 board feet will be offered at Meedford April 16. Two will be sold by sealed bids and the other by oral auction.

Differential Set For Spuds

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A minimum differential of 75 cents per hundred pounds has been set by the Office of Price Stabilization between the Idaho Potato Ceilings of shippers and growers.

With the shippers' March ceiling for U. S. No. 1 set at \$4.25, the ruling makes the ceiling for growers \$3.50 per hundred pounds this month.

The 75 cent figure was reached by the Seattle regional office on the basis of costs submitted by district offices.

The OPS figured costs to potato shippers included: grading and sizing, 30 cents; hauling, 2 cents; loading and inspection, 4 cents; packing, 23 cents, and selling charges, 10 cents.

Army Defends Dam Project

PORTLAND (AP) — The Army engineers have taken another look and still say Hells Canyon is the place to put a dam on the Snake River.

But, noting opposition, it reports that for some reason Hells Canyon dam is blocked there should be a new investigation before naming another site.

The engineers made the current report in complying with a Senate resolution adopted last Oct. 5.

Col. William H. Mills, acting division engineer, said the earlier report recommending Hells Canyon from an engineering standpoint, would stand.

He said that the matter had been reviewed "with particular reference to a dam at Mountain Sheep site . . . and no major revisions are recommended."

That stand-pat report has been sent to Washington to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

Col. Mills pointed out that anyone interested could present their views to that board.



TO SCHOOL — Two Sacred Heart students make today's special. They are (l to r): Gerard LaMarche, son of Mr. and Mrs. August LaMarche, 3226 Homedale; Ebby Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lane, 2869 Wiard.

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