



ROBERT B. GREY, SINCE 1921 a resident of Klamath Falls officially retired this week after 35 years service as a conductor with the Southern Pacific Railroad between Klamath Falls and Dunsmuir. He has been in railroad work for 55 years working for several lines.

Just now he and Mrs. Grey are taking a vacation at Elk Lake for a bit of fishing. They plan to do some traveling also. He has been in only one serious wreck since he started railroading, that one here in 1940 when a conductor was killed. Mr. and Mrs. Grey have two daughters, Mrs. Howard (Robert) Dewey, Merrill and Mrs. R. E. (Helen) Jeschke, Klamath Falls and one son, Norman L. Grey, Klamath Falls, also employed by the Southern Pacific.

### Truman Asks Soldier Vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman prodded Congress Thursday with a statement that "close to a million members of our armed services" may be unable to vote this year unless special legislation is passed before Congress adjourns.

The President wrote Vice President Barkley and House Speaker Rayburn urging that Congress "give early and favorable attention" to soldier vote legislation now pending in both houses.

He referred to bills introduced by Sen. Green (D-R.I.) and Rep. McCormack (D-Mass.).

### Baby Girl Born In Car

SALEM (AP) — A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bassett of Mill City Wednesday in the automobile in which they were speeding to the hospital. Bassett delivered the child after stopping the car at the Aumsville school, 9 miles east of here. The 7 pound, 3 ounce girl and the mother were then driven to the Salem Memorial Hospital.

#### Taft to Talk

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio will reply Thursday night at 8 p.m. (EST) to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Abilene, Kan., speech by television and radio. The half-hour program will be broadcast by the NBC network.

## City Briefs

Staff Regional—Conference will be held in Bend, Friday, June 20, for the purpose of discussing the effect of a reciprocal agreement between states for forcing support from parents who have deserted their children. Those attending the conference from here are Mrs. Karl Urquhart, Mrs. Esther Alexander, Mrs. Joan Foulson, Mrs. Erma Barker, and Mary Vandenberg.

Representative—Mrs. Daniel O'Leary, eighth grade teacher at Fairhaven, will represent the Oregon Educational Association at the national convention in Detroit, Mich. The convention will be held from June 29 until July 7.

Motion Pictures—Swanson Evangelical party, currently conducting special services at Klamath Temple, 1607 Pine St., nightly at 8 p.m., will show technicolor motion pictures of Paris, France and also a portion of their travels through Sweden. The public is invited.

Meeting—Road Lodge, No. 39, Sons of Norway will hold regular meeting at the City Library, Friday, June 20 at 8 p.m. All members are urged to be present. Mrs. Roy Taylor will report on the Everett District Convention.

Home—Russell Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith, Geary Ranch

and George Stevenson, son of Mr. G. E. Stevenson, Lakeview Highway, have returned home from college.

Ex-Klamathites—Mrs. John Orr, whose husband was Circuit Judge in Klamath Falls many years ago, and her daughter, Mrs. Elmo Underwood have returned here to look after their property on South 6th.

Back to School—Mill Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Thompson, 1234 Pacific Terrace returned to Oregon State today. He is working on the Masters Degree in Chemistry.

Dessert Luncheon—Mayflower Club of Congregational Church will meet Friday, June 20, at 1 p.m. for a dessert lunch at the home of Mrs. A. A. Myers, 2012 Applegate. Mrs. Glen Stiver will be hostess. New officers will be installed.

Regular Meeting—of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Immanuel Baptist Church will meet for their monthly business meeting and study group at the home of Mrs. L. P. Bensen, 1135 Pine Street, Thursday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. All women of the church are cordially invited to be present.

Monthly Get-Together—Regular monthly potluck dinner of the Klamath Falls Camp of Gideons International will be held in the basement of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Sunday, June 22, at 12:30 p.m. There will be reports on the annual birthday rally and other activities of the local camp. All Gideons, their families and friends are urgently requested to be present.

### Columnist In Fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles Patrick Clark, who tossed a straight left at Columnist Drew Pearson in the Mayflower Hotel lobby, pleaded innocent to charges of assault Thursday.

Clark, an attorney, was released in police court on personal bond for a hearing July 3.

Pearson was not in court. He was represented by his counsel. Clark, \$75,000 a year lobbyist, has freely admitted to reporters that he threw the punch Wednesday.

"I felt I'd be unfaithful to my Irish forebears," Clark told reporters, "if I didn't do something." The one-blow encounter between the columnist-commentator and his critic—who, in turn, had been raked over the coals twice in Pearson's column—occurred after lunch in the lobby of the fashionable hotel.

Pearson, 54, weighs 175 pounds. Clark is 44, weighs around 180.

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### Strike Fund Plan Fails

CLEVELAND (AP) — Disagreeing mainly on how it should be established, the Communications Workers of America (CWA) have turned down a plan for a 12 million dollar strike fund.

As submitted in a committee report, the plan was to raise from \$1.50 to \$2.00 the amount per member paid by each local union to the international union each month. This would have continued until the strike fund contained \$50 for each member. When the fund dipped to \$40 a member, the levy would have been renewed.

Debate on the question turned almost entirely on the method of creating the fund. Little objection was heard to the idea of raising money.

President Joseph A. Beirne described the strike fund as the main issue of the convention's business.

#### NEW SCHOOL

EUGENE (AP) — Voters here have approved a \$500,000 bond issue for construction of a new junior high school and the first unit of a new River Road grade school.

### Financial Pinch Being Felt in Steel Strike

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Philip Murray's striking CIO United Steelworkers are beginning to show signs of financial hardship as the 18-day-old walkout bites ever deeper into the national defense program.

Walter Kils, president of a big steelworkers' local at Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. in Pittsburgh, says several requests for financial assistance have been received from steelworkers' families.

The powerful union does not provide strike benefits. However, most of its locals are reported in healthy financial condition and ready to aid any hardship cases.

The USW was offered a loan of 10 million dollars by President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

Murray has not commented publicly on the offer but some kind of answer is expected soon. In the 1940 steel strike, Lewis made a somewhat similar offer which Murray did not accept.

Referring to his members, Kils said: "They're just running out of money. So far we have referred them to state and county welfare groups but we plan to set up our own welfare organization this week."

In addition to the 650,000 striking steelworkers, more than 100,000 in allied industries have been laid off as a direct result of the strike. Most of the 100,000 are employed by railroads and coal mines, but the crippling strike is also being felt in other fields.

One of the hardest hit sections is Alabama where more than 25,000 steelworkers and coal and iron miners now are idle. The steel-

workers union says there are "hardly any" hardship cases among strikers.

### July Fifth Is Legal Holiday

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Douglas McKay Wednesday declared Saturday, July 5, as a legal holiday in Oregon. That gives county employees a three-day holiday on the Fourth of July week end.

The governor directed that all state and county offices be closed July 5. However, state offices are closed Saturdays anyway.

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