

## Welfare Act Legality Hit

PORTLAND (AP) — Fred M. Blaisdell, Bend, and Ben Blaisdell, Portland, attacked the legality of Oregon's relatives' responsibility law in a suit filed in circuit court here Thursday.

Defendants are the State Public Welfare Commission and the Multnomah County sheriff, clerk and commissioners.

The law requires children who are financially able to contribute to support of parents receiving public assistance.

Thomas R. Mahoney, the Blaisdells' attorney, contends one section of the law is unconstitutional because it permits the welfare commission to issue a warrant without a court order and also does not provide a specific method of selling seized property.

The 1949 Legislature passed the law and the 1953 Legislature increased the amounts relatives are required to pay. Mahoney was a state senator in 1949 but was not a member of the 1953 Legislature.

## Alert Issued On Bad Checks

Police departments, sheriffs' offices, grocers, associations, chain stores and other merchants are alerted to be on the lookout for persons endeavoring to cash counterfeit Southern Pacific Co. refund draft forms.

According to H. C. MacQueen, Special SP Agent at Dunsmuir, eight of the alleged counterfeit drafts have reached their office to date. There reportedly were 30 such drafts cashed in the Los Angeles area within the past few days.

The alleged passer is described as a white woman, about 38 or 40 years old, five feet four inches tall, weighing about 130 pounds, blue eyes, wearing glasses at times, with brown hair turning grey.

So far, MacQueen stated, all the drafts were prepared on a typewriter and drawn in favor of Mrs. Belle Forrester. They carry the signature, L. C. Luce Jr., and says MacQueen, there is no such person authorized to sign genuine refund drafts.

## Believing Mother 'Kills Insects' With Firecracker

CHERRY GROVE BEACH, S.C. (AP)—Two small boys, forbidden by their mother to buy firecrackers, were caught with the goods when they returned from the grocery store.

But they evaded a trip to the woods by telling their mother that their cherry bomb really was a smoke bomb for getting rid of mosquitoes. She was satisfied and put the bomb on a kitchen shelf.

That night while cooking supper she noticed some mosquitoes. She put the smoke bomb on the table. It lit and casually walked away.

Results—A loud wham, shattered nerves, one ruined table cloth, some broken dishes, a box of salt dropped into a pot of peas, and two padded posteriors.

## Boy Mistakes Plug for Whistle

HICKORY, N. C. (AP)—There'll be no more whistles for little Jimmy Preslar—not for a while.

Jimmy saw a whistle on the floor of Zion Lutheran Church. Well, he thought it was a whistle.

The 4-year-old, idle while his parents cleaned the church rugs, picked up the whistle and placed it in his mouth.

His father glanced around to find Jimmy down on his knees, his face buried in the carpet.

The child was pinned fast by 120 volts of electricity from the plug of a vacuum cleaner extension cord which he had jerked in his mouth. Fred Preslar jerked the cord from the socket, freeing his son.

Jimmy wound up in Hickory Memorial Hospital with severe burns of the mouth—and no whistle.

## Pear, Peach Prices Dropped

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The California Canning Pear Assn. with an extra large ripening crop almost on hand, has reset prices for this year's canning crop at \$68-\$77.50 a ton—\$7 less than last year.

The price cut followed an identical slash by Cling peach growers.

An association spokesman said the reason for the drop in prices is a combination of a larger crop and a desire to speed rapidly ripening fruit to canneries.



**OPENING OF THE NEW Boys' and Young Men's Shop at Drew's Monstore is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, during regular business hours, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The new department will handle famous, nationally known brands of clothing for boys 6-years-old to young men of 20 years. Lloyd Drew (left) will manage the department while Greer will remain in charge of the main floor department which caters to fastidious men. Visitors during the day will receive unexpected prizes and there will be orchids for the ladies.**

## Scene of Chiloquin Wreck, Killing One, Cleaned Up

CHILOQUIN—Life around the Southern Pacific Depot is finally back to normal. The new automatic switch was scheduled to be in service Thursday and large section crews have the main line repairs completed. The crews have worked every day since the disastrous train wreck July 24 which claimed the life of the engineer and derailed seven cars.

If you want to know how it feels and sounds to have a train traveling 45 miles an hour upset almost in your lap, ask Mr. and Mrs. George Brautlach or Mrs. Willis Prophet. Mrs. Prophet miraculously was not hurt. Photos taken just after the accident show that the front of the engine was less than 40 feet from the outfit car where she was bathing her two young children. Mrs. Brautlach was sitting on her front porch and was probably the only person who saw the entire accident occur.

The two jackknifed cars were on the bank just below her front fence. If the train had derailed on the left hand side of the line, rather than the right, George Brautlach and three others might have been killed. They were in a metal shed beside the track.

"There were three others between me and the door but I think I got out first," Brautlach said. The wife of one of the brakemen was driving to Crescent Lake to pick up her husband, who would be off duty. She was listening to the radio near Chemult and heard a flash about the wreck and one death. She drove all the way back to Chiloquin before she could know for sure that her husband was not injured. Only a locked Pullman door which kept him in the rear of the train and which took the conductor back to investigate, kept them both from being in the car immediately behind the engine.

Tremendous crowds of people came into town on both Saturday and Sunday while the wreckers were busy. Hundreds of pic-

tures were taken by every type of camera.

One large crane was sent north from Dunsmuir, another smaller one came south from Crescent. The two worked more than 24 hours getting the cars and engine back on the rails. When the tender was lifted, the weight was so extreme, the smaller crane was itself derailed and the same thing nearly happened while lifting the engine. One crew worked all day Sunday getting the cables fastened on the engine and removing broken pieces from it. Finally at 7:30 p.m. it was rolled upright and still had to be put on the rails.

One of the results of the wreck was the breaking of the water line to all the SP houses. Service was finally restored at 2:30 a.m. Monday. At least one housewife had left the taps open and had to get up to keep the house from flooding.

No accurate cost of repair work could be obtained in Chiloquin but a railroad official estimated the day after the wreck that it would run over \$100,000.

## BASIN BRIEFS

**On Leave**—A-2-c Wesley K. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Robinson, 1160 Crescent, is home on a 30-day leave from Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Tex., where he is doing radio work and is in the information office.

He has been in the armed forces almost a year and at the end of his leave will return to Laughlin AFB.

## Indian Hearing Set for Eugene

PORTLAND (AP) — Rep. Harris Ellsworth announced Thursday a public hearing will be held in Eugene Sept. 24 by a congressional committee investigating the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A resolution was introduced last spring by Ellsworth calling for the probe to decide what legislation is necessary to withdraw various Indian tribes from federal guardianship. It also called for a study of Indian Bureau land sales.

Three men recently received federal prison sentences for fraud in Oregon Indian land transactions.

**RED-INDIA PACT** — Food Minister R. A. Kidwai announced today the Soviet Union has agreed to a three-year barter pact exchanging Russian wheat for Indian products.

**Chiloquin** — Bill Lorenz, West Chiloquin Republican committeeman, will spend this weekend at Portland where he will attend the reception for Leonard Hall. He will also have a conference with Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay regarding Chiloquin Park.

**Enlists** — Maurice N. Mecham, son of Mrs. Elmo Crasper, Rte. 1, enlisted in the navy in July and is now in San Diego for boot training.



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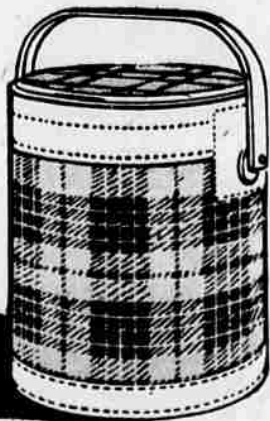
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**Returned** — Clessen H. Mecham YN-2, son of Mrs. Elmo Crasper, has returned to Vallejo, Calif., after being graduated from advanced yeoman school at Newport, R.I. He is stationed at Mare Island Naval Base. Another son, Dayton R. Mecham, recently discharged from the army after spending a year in Korea, spent the last two weeks with his parents and friends. Also at the Crasper home was Janette Job of Venita, Ore.

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