

By FRANK JENKINS  
Interesting educational note:  
Mathematics plays a much bigger role in Portland public schools than it does in the country as a whole. In fact, speakers at a meeting of the Portland school board last night submitted figures showing that Portland high school students get nearly twice as much math as the national average. Seventy-four per cent of them get one full year of algebra and 71 per cent take two years or more of high school mathematics.

Why is that interesting?  
Well, our world is changing. There was a time when simple arithmetic—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division—was enough for the average person. If one ran a store, or a little factory, simple arithmetic enabled him to know how much his customers owed him, how much he owed his creditors, what his inventory amounted to at the end of the year, how much he took in, how much it cost him to do business, and how much he made—or lost—over a given period of time.

That was a time when we were a nation of small shopkeepers and small manufacturers.  
That day is past. We're now up to our ears in big business. Science—including research—and engineering are big factors in modern progress. Pure science and the practical application of pure science by trained engineers call for higher mathematics in a big way.

It isn't just an individual question of making a better living. Our national future is at stake. It takes scientists and engineers to keep up with the modern world. There are disturbing stories to the effect that Russia is training more of them than we are.

The reason that is disturbing is that Russia trains more and better scientists and engineers than we do. Russia will eventually PULL OUT AHEAD OF US. That is why the statement that in the Portland public schools mathematics is playing a bigger role than in the country generally is interesting. If it is true, Portland is to be congratulated.

Now (shudder!!!) back to politics.  
By a vote of 93 to two, the once diffident senate of the United States passes a patchwork election-year farm bill put together by political farmers intent on raising a big crop of votes in the farm states.

It couldn't have been meant seriously as a sincere effort (however misguided) to improve the long-term economic status of the farmer, because if something slips and it becomes a law its effect will be to build up even more staggering surpluses at a time when our agricultural surpluses are already huge and unwieldy.

As long as these vast surpluses hang over the markets of the future American agriculture will be in a precarious position.  
I suppose the strategy is to bat up a bill that the voters will vote for. The political farmers will then shrug their shoulders and say: "We tried to do our duty for the farmer, but the President just wouldn't let us. So let him and Benson stew in their own juice."

I can't help wondering if the political farmers haven't misjudged the caliber of the American farmer. In that connection I'd like to quote a Minneapolis business man with whom I was talking a while back. I asked him how Minnesota farmers feel about Secretary Benson. He answered: "I think anyone will have to admit that as long as high support subsidies are provided and paid the grain farmers in the Minneapolis area—which includes Minnesota and the Dakotas—will take them and go on growing all the grain they can under the acreage restrictions."

"But there is much admiration for Benson among intelligent farmers in our area. They think he is an honest man who is doing his best to rescue agriculture from the mess in which it finds itself as a result of continuing high subsidies for the so-called basic farm crops long after the war emergency that made them necessary had passed."

## Police Officer Commits Suicide

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—William F. Porter, 37, a police sergeant shot himself to death in the men's room of the Hall of Justice yesterday shortly before he was to testify at a bookmaking trial.  
Homicide Inspector Al Neider said there was no doubt that the death was suicide, but fellow officers said they knew of no motive. Porter had been head of the bookmaking detail until he was transferred recently to Richmond Station. He was to testify yesterday morning at the trial of Berry Lewis, whom he helped arrest on bookmaking charges last October.

## Clerics Return To Red Capital

MOSCOW (UP)—A delegation of American Protestant churchmen returned to Moscow Tuesday after a one-day visit to Leningrad and talks with religious leaders there. They were told their visit was contributing much to the following of a course of peace and justice. Their sightseeing in Leningrad was limited because some of the top attractions were closed for repairs.

The Americans also visited the residence of Metropolitan Elia, they said and received a welcome from him at a luncheon reception. The Metropolitan told the visitors their tour of the Soviet Union "opens possibilities for forging ties for further intercourse."  
The churchmen left for Moscow after attending opening day Lenten services and touring the Lenin-grad Theological Academy. They leave Russia for home Wednesday returning by way of Warsaw and Prague.

# SENATE PASSES FARM BILL

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## Northeast Storm Kills 153 Persons

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The blizzard-battered Northeast fought to dig out from under a crippling mass of snow today on the first day of spring.  
A blizzard born in West Virginia Sunday petered out on the New England coast Tuesday, with the last snowfall along southern Maine.

The New York area lay smothered under more than a foot of snow after the storm moved on. The storm followed in the tracks of another blizzard that swept the Northeast Friday night. The double assault hit a 14-state area and caused at least 153 deaths, most in traffic accidents from overexertion in shoveling snow.

The state-by-state death toll in both storms: New York 31, New Jersey 30, Connecticut 13, Rhode Island 12, Massachusetts 13, New Hampshire 1, Maine 6, Pennsylvania 7, Delaware 1, Maryland 3, Virginia 4 and Ohio 12.

Up to 20 inches of new snow tumbled down on parts of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine had less than 10 inches. Thousands of commuters were stranded, whole communities were isolated and coastal lowlands flooded by high tides.

Drifting snow and stalled automobiles blocked roads throughout southern New England. Rail transportation was limited. Standstill, Boston's Logan Airport was shut down at least until this afternoon.

New Jersey's rural counties and eastern Long Island were buried under huge drifts. A state of emergency was declared in some communities.

In Massachusetts, Cape Cod suffered the full force of both storms. More than 100 persons were evacuated at Barnstable because of high tides. The islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket were cut off from transportation to the mainland.

Reporting to Parliament on the three Westerners' visit, the Prime Minister made no mention of Soviet policies except to reiterate that he thought the recent Moscow Communist Party Congress represented a new realistic Soviet policy.

When Soviet Premier Bulganin and Com. Minister Party boss Khrushchev visited here, Nehru signed a joint communique with them. There were no such joint statements by the Indian leader and the three Western ministers.

Nehru in his report to Parliament accused the SEATO powers of taking sides with Pakistan against India in the Kashmir dispute. He asserted the Western-sponsored Baghdad Pact "is partly responsible for a good deal of the present trouble plaguing West Asia" and charged it "has rent asunder Arab unity."

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Sheriff Murray Britton said he received a report from Great Northern officials that all freight cars which left Klamath Falls on March 1 have been located and searched.

Reports that 10-year-old Alvin Decker, missing from his Klamath Falls home since March 1, had been found frozen to death in a boxcar in New York were denied Tuesday by city police.

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SAFE DRIVING FOR TEENS was the subject of a talk by Judge Frances Cook, Beaverton, at a Monday morning combined assembly in Klamath Union High School. A Safe Teen Club was chartered in KUHS Monday morning at the assembly. Left to right, Jim English, Barton Brown, John Moffitt and Ronald Short, all from Henley High School, and Stan Cook, Judge Cook's son, look on as Judge Cook points out the bumper strips, which are put on cars belonging to members of the club. Terry Hannon, KUHS student body president, kneels at far right. Delegations from Henley and Merrill high schools were at the assembly to get information on forming Safe Teens clubs in their schools. The Klamath County Insurance Agents Association is underwriting the cost of the bumper strips and other identification used by the clubs which are dedicated to safe driving.

## Requiem Mass Read For Allen

NEW YORK (UP)—The groans, the has-beens and those who never were said solemn farewell today to the man who was known as the sharpest wit and the softest touch on Broadway.

He was born John Florence Sullivan. He died as Fred Allen.

More than 600 persons, among them celebrities and the curious, heard a high requiem mass read for the sad-eyed comedian at St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church where Allen married—Portland Hoffa in 1927.

Among them were such friends as TV stars Steve Allen, Herb Shriner and Robert G. Lewis. Also in attendance were John Daly and Bennett Cerf, Allen's fellow performers on CBS-TV's "What's My Line."

Herman Wouk, best selling novelist who once worked as a gag writer for Allen, attended with his wife. So did Peter Donald and Kenny Delmar, the "Ajax Cassidy" and "Senator Claghorn" of Allen's old radio show.

Allen died last Saturday night while walking his dog. His widow was day-dried and composed throughout the service. She arrived with comedian Jack Haley, an old friend and fellow vaudeville actor.

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Wednesday. Highs 45-55, Lows Tuesday night 25-33.

High yesterday 54  
Low last night 23  
Precip. last 24 hours 0  
Precip. since Oct. 1 17.87  
Same period last year 4.02  
Normal for period 9.45

## Planes Search For Lost Pilot

VICTORIA, Tex. (UP)—Airs-see rescue planes searched over the Gulf of Mexico today for the pilot of a plane which sank in the Gulf 20 miles south of Matagorda yesterday.

The pilot, Capt. Everett B. Bogert Jr., 39, was seen to parachute to the water during gunnery practice. However, planes which searched most of the night could find no trace of him.

A spokesman at Foster Air Force Base, Capt. Bogert's home field, said he did not radio the field to say why he was ditching the plane, a T33 trainer.

Pilots of a B29 and an F100 radioed that they saw Bogert's parachute open and saw him hit the water. They lost contact at dusk before the arrival of rescue planes.

Capt. Bogert entered the service from Tucson, Ariz.

## Troops Patrol Algiers Area

ALGERS, Algeria (UP)—Algiers bristled with martial defenses today like a city under siege. French President Robert Lacoste, with his first big hurdle taken in stride, was marshaling his forces to stamp out 16 months of rebellion.

Heavily armed troops patrolled the city in armored cars, jeeps and trucks, escort destroyers wheeled in the harbor. Fresh troops debarked from passenger liners.

Military vehicles lined the docks. Riot police manned machine guns behind sandbag barriers, guarding the port.

## Wool Warning Given Growers

PORTLAND (UP)—Sheepmen have until March 31 to shear and sell their wool if they want to get an early start this season and still come under the 1955 wool program.

E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee for the state, explained Tuesday that the marketing year ends March 31.

Those coming under the 1955 marketing year will get their incentive payments in the coming summer. Those who wait to market their wool later this year will get their payments in the summer of 1957.

The 1955 wool clip may be carried over beyond March 31, he said, and still be eligible for the payment although there will be the year's delay in getting the incentive money.

The payment is part of the national program to stimulate the wool industry which has been declining. Payments in general are intended to bring the grower's return to 110 per cent of parity, although this varies somewhat.

Applications for payments under the 1955 program have to be mailed before May 1.

## Senate Approves Lake County School Site

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate Monday approved a bill to sell 16 acres of public land to school district No. 24 in Lake County, Ore., for a school building and playground.

The measure was sent to President Eisenhower.

## Minnesota Primary Voting Said 'Brisk'

MINNEAPOLIS (UP)—Election officials reported "fair to brisk" early voting Tuesday in Minnesota's primary.

Spot checks established no definite early trend for voting volume in either city or rural areas.

## Bill Knowland Says Plan To Be Vetoed

WASHINGTON (UP)—Senate Republican leader Knowland said Tuesday Secretary of Agriculture Benson argued the Senate approved farm bill as "unworkable."

The California senator predicted Benson will recommend a presidential veto unless the measure is modified.

Knowland talked to White House newsmen after he and other GOP congressional leaders concluded their regular weekly conference with President Eisenhower. Benson also sat in at the session.

AMENDMENTS  
The Senate passed the omnibus farm bill Monday night after loading it with amendments the administration had opposed. Sen.

Alben Barkley said it contains features that would warrant "three or four vetoes."  
The bill now goes to a Senate-House conference committee for reconciliation of the many differences in separate bills passed by the two branches of Congress.

Knowland said it is "the hope of everyone, including the President, that the conferees may modify the bill, which we believe is unworkable in many respects in its present form."

In reply to a question, Knowland said Benson himself concurred in the view that the bill as it passed the Senate is unworkable.

Asked whether Eisenhower also feels that way about the measure, Knowland replied he would not attempt to speak for the President.

COMPROMISE SEEN  
At the capitol, Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas said he expects a Senate-House compromise that will boost farm incomes.

"The Senate ignored the threats of a veto and the intimidation of Benson and voted to give the farmer more income. I believe the conference can improve the bill as it was passed by the Senate," Johnson said he hopes an agreed farm bill can be sent to Eisenhower before Congress begins an Easter recess from March 29 to April 9.

The vote on passage was 93-2. That was no measure of the angry criticism raised against the election year measure. No one in the Senate seemed fully happy with the bill, much of it pieced together on the Senate floor.

Democrats, pointing to a five-year decline in farm prices, have already emphasized the farm issue as a major one in the 1956 campaign.

SOIL BANK AUTHORITY  
The Senate bill contains authority for a soil bank, the major 1955 recommendation of the Eisenhower administration. But several provisions of the program are designed to take land out of production and thus reduce surpluses, were subjected to major revision.

And while the bill nominally retains the administration's flexible price support system, that system was supplemented by a two-price plan for rice, a similar optional one for wheat, and hedged in by "set asides" which would have the effect of boosting sharply the price supports for wheat, corn and cotton.

Final action on the bill was taken last night following eight straight days of voting, during which debate was limited, and 11 days of unrestricted debate before that.

Senators Bush (R-Conn) and Flanders (R-Vt) cast the only "no" votes. Sen. Flanders (R-Vt) said by aides to have suffered a stomach upset earlier, was the only senator who did not vote.

## Strike Peace Plan Offered

WASHINGTON (UP)—James B. Carey apparently was having trouble today in trying to sell a Westinghouse strike settlement plan to the negotiating committee of his International Union of Electrical Workers.

Carey, the IUE's president, wrangled with the committee in a marathon closed door session that began yesterday morning and continued, with only brief breaks, until shortly after 2 a.m.

Apparently still in disagreement Carey and the negotiating group arranged to resume their discussions later this afternoon.

The snag was reported to be a compromise plan for handling the cases of 34 workers fired for alleged strike violence.

Carey met with the IUE's negotiating committee yesterday, hoping for quick approval of a new compromise peace plan worked out over the weekend by Carey and John D. Blasier, a vice president of the strikebound Westinghouse Electric Corp.

It had been Carey's intention to take the peace proposal almost at once to the IUE's 75-man Westinghouse Conference Board—a panel that represents the 30 striking locals and has final say on a settlement. But he ran into unexpected objections from his negotiating committee.

The conference board meeting, at first planned for last night, was scheduled tentatively for 2 p.m., depending on whether the negotiating group can reach a decision at its resumed talks.

## Show Goes On Without Cast

NEW YORK (UP)—The show went on—but the cast was missing.

Heavy snow prevented comedian Sid Caesar from getting from his Long Island home to Manhattan Monday night for his NBC television show.

Various other cast members and crewmen similarly were marooned.

The studio solved the problem by running a kinescope of excerpts from previous Caesar shows. The original show planned for Monday night will go on in a week.

## EXPECTATIONS

TOKYO (UP)—The Japanese Defense Board expects to receive some units of Nike—the United States' powerful anti-aircraft guided missile, Kyodo news agency reported Tuesday.