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SGT. CHARLES A. HOWARD

Sergeant Charles Howard Selected To Head Force

A veteran of 15 years with the Klamath Falls Police Department, Sgt. Charles A. Howard was appointed acting chief of police Tuesday by Mayor Lawrence Slater to replace Orville Hamilton who resigned that position Monday evening.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Interplanetary travel sidlight: Congressman Frank Bow of Ohio tells his constituents in his weekly newsletter that he's apprehensive about what space travel will do to foreign aid spending. He adds: "I sincerely hope other planets are inhabited by races more prosperous than the United States. If not, I fear that backers of foreign aid will discover a responsibility for the welfare of the universe."

He concludes: "I want to go on record right now as opposing ANY space aid program or spending taxpayers' money to promote better understanding of America in the Milky Way."

Lawmaker Bow has his tongue in his cheek, of course. But, by indirectness, he's talking some sense, at that.

Americans are extraordinarily fortunate. Without inviting brickbats by boasting that we are BETTER OFF than any other people on earth, we can say with truth that we wouldn't change places with ANYBODY.

That being the case, we should feed the starving, wherever they may be. We should care for the sick who are unable to care for themselves. We should bind up the helpless wounded.

But—

We should be very careful indeed about posing throughout the world as Lady Bountiful. If we do that, EVERYBODY will crave our bounty, but NOBODY will be grateful for it.

Modern living note:

Assemblyman Carl Britschgi of Redwood City has introduced a bill in the legislature requiring station wagon owners to pay an extra dollar a year for the privilege of hauling merchandise in their business. Under present law, station wagons are taxed like sedans.

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U.S. Jobless Figure Hits Five Million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported Tuesday that unemployment jumped in February to 5,173,000 — the highest level in 16 years.

An increase of 679,000 was recorded for the month. February is a month in which unemployment normally does not rise or fall.

"Continued layoffs in durable goods manufacturing and unusually bad weather in some areas which affected construction and other outdoor activities accounted for a major part of the rise," said a joint statement by Secretary of Commerce Weeks and Secretary of Labor Mitchell.

In advance of the routine monthly report, Mitchell had disclosed the figures in round numbers in an address to an AFL-CIO economic conference.

The figures meant that 6.7 per cent of the civilian working force was jobless, compared with 5.8 per cent in January and with a range of 4 to 4½ per cent during most of the previous two years.

"The rate is now higher than at the peak of the 1954 business downturn — then around 6 per cent — but about the same as in the later stages of the 1949 recession," the announcement said.

Continued heavy layoffs by factories, particularly in such durable goods as metals, machinery and automobiles, contributed heavily to the spurt of unemployment. Joblessness in the manufacturing industries was estimated at 10 per cent.

Total employment, at 61,988,000 in February, was down 250,000 from the previous month. The change was less than half as much as the rise in unemployment because a number of young persons newly entering the labor market were able to find jobs. These new additions, the report said, partly offset statistically job losses by about 400,000 older workers.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Variable cloudiness with considerable sunshine through Wednesday. Low Tuesday night 25-30; high Wednesday 40-48.

High yesterday 33
Low last night 26
Precip. last 24 hours Tr.
Since Oct. 1 13.25
Same period last year 9.97
Normal for period 8.80

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday 30
Low last night 6
8 a.m. today 9
No new snow
Snow depth 159
Last year 96

No chains are required for travel in Crater Lake National Park. Roads are open to the rim and through the park and in good condition. Weather in the park was beautiful today, the rangers said.

ENTIRE FORCE ENGAGED

BEHAVEN, N.C. (UP) — Half of Behaven's police force engaged the other half in a brief fight Saturday. Witnesses said patrolman Bill Dodd tangled with off-duty officer Russell Williams at the scene of a fire. Dodd and Williams are the entire Behaven police force.

City Teachers Win Boosts In Salaries

By JOHN GUERNSEY

The city school board put the lid on a four-hour meeting Monday evening by granting teacher salary increases ranging between \$300 for the experienced teachers and \$500 for the lower experience brackets.

Members of the board pointed out that the purpose is to increase the beginning salaries so that new teachers can be attracted to the system, and to provide upper level modifications so that the experienced teachers will also receive some form of increase to offset the rising cost of living of the future and over the past two years.

The overall cost to the school districts, including the normal increments which would advance the salaries, has been approximated at \$53,000.

In essence the boards effected the following changes in the salary schedules:

1. Three year teachers — Increased the beginning salaries from \$3,430 per year to \$3,900, and increased the maximum salary for this category from \$4,830 to \$5,000 after 10 years of experience.
2. Bachelor teachers — Increased the beginning salary from \$3,700 annually to \$4,200, and increased the maximum pay from \$5,400 to \$5,700 in the 13th experience step.
3. Five year teachers — Increased

the beginning salary from \$3,970 to \$4,470, and upped the maximum pay from \$5,770 to \$6,070 in the maximum 14th experience step.

4. Master teachers — Increased the beginning salary from \$4,100 to \$4,600, and hiked the maximum attainable salary from \$6,000 in the 15th experience step to \$6,300.

In addition the new salary schedule modifies the annual increments which during the current school year consist of \$200 annual advancements through the first four years of experience, with the increments being \$100 annually throughout the rest of the schedule.

The new salary schedule calls for \$100 increments during the first three experience steps, \$200 during the fourth and fifth experience steps, and \$100 increments throughout the remainder of the schedule. The amounts eventually agreed on were considerably less than the teachers had sought, and considerably more than the budget members had considered when viewing a plan introduced by budget member Frank Drew.

The teachers had sought a \$3,900-\$5,500 bracket for three year teachers, a \$4,200-\$6,200 bracket for bachelor teachers, a \$4,500-\$6,600 spread for fifth year teachers, and a \$4,800-\$6,800 salary span for master teachers. In addition, the teachers asked for \$200 annual increments through the first eight experience steps.

The plan presented by Drew would have provided \$500 raises at the beginning rates, would have reduced the number of \$200 increments to two, and would have provided \$100 increases for the teachers with maximum experience.

Several compromise plans were voted on and rejected prior to the final selection. Also rejected by a 16-2 vote was the proposal by Jack Linman that the teacher proposals be accepted as introduced.

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Mitchell Says Tax Cut Next

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Labor Mitchell reported Tuesday that unemployment reached 5,200,000 in mid-February, up about 700,000 from January. He said a tax cut is "the next big step" toward halting the recession.

Mitchell announced the February jobs figure, prepared jointly by the Labor and Commerce Departments, in a speech to an "emergency" AFL-CIO economic conference.

He called for government action to buoy the sagging economy, but cautioned against "ill-advised action."

Mitchell said it was too easy to recommend "broad and far-reaching money spending" that would not provide jobs needed right now.

"The program must fit the need, and must be devised with the need clearly in mind," he said.

He said that in event the business downturn proves more stubborn than anticipated, an administration recommendation for a tax cut will be made.

He said it would be "a major and substantial cut in personal and business taxes."

"This action I can assure you," Mitchell said, "is being fully considered and its details worked out. It is ready for immediate use as an additional stimulus to the economy, and it will be used if necessary."

"Certainly this is the next big step, and is far preferable to massive new public works spending because it puts money in the hands of consumers and investors."

Mitchell echoed comments made Monday by Vice President Nixon on preferring a tax reduction to massive public works spending.

Hunters Fail To Find Cat

RHODODENDRON, Ore. (AP) — Two efforts Monday to locate a cougar which a Gresham boy reported knocked him from a mountain trail, were fruitless.

Dean McWilliams, 17, said that Sunday an animal, which he took to be a cougar, leaped upon him south of here and the two were tumbling down a steep slope before the animal ran away.

Albert Elton of The Dalles, using two dogs he said were veteran cougar hunters, reported no trace of the animal. He said he made a four-mile sweep, through good tracking snow, and found a human's tracks, some of deer and rabbits, but none of a cougar.

State Policeman Jim Petrie and Cliff Rolison, the latter a federal predator control officer, said they found no cougar tracks or scent. They said if they were in the right place they were sure no cougar was there.

Chester Kebbe of the Oregon Game Commission had said earlier he doubted that a cougar would have jumped on the youth unless too old to hunt wild game. And in that case, Kebbe said, the cougar would not have fled. He suggested a smaller animal such as a bobcat.

Tavern Owners Air Protest On Report At Council Meet

Two delegations filled the chambers of city hall last night to capacity as they presented arguments and objections to both the off-street parking district and the recently released police department evaluation report by Berkeley, California's Inspector Richard Young.

A group of tavern owners appeared to voice their exception to the portion of the police department report which listed numerous incidents of drunkenness involving seven taverns within a short area of the downtown district.

Charles Schuss led off the delegation by stating that he took "violent exception to the report regarding our business." Schuss reported, "We were put on the spot with some very bad publicity regarding the number of arrests in our establishments. I think it pertinent to point out that Klamath Falls is a little backward. It has no street reporting system for the police. When an officer picks up a man, whether it be in an alley or on the street near an establishment, he has to come into one of our places to use the phone and call for the paddy wagon."

"The reports," Schuss continued, "are very inaccurate and very unjust. If the report is not more accurate on other matters, then you throw away \$3,000. You have given the public the wrong impression. It lists us (Klamath Billiards) with

some 140 calls, but at least 110 of these calls were made for disturbances on the street or in the alley in our vicinity."

"Bear in mind," Schuss concluded, "that in all seven places listed in the report, the officer has no call box, and has to come into one of the places to make a call."

Henry Sweetman of the Waldorf agreed with Schuss and said during his six years as manager at the Waldorf there have been very few instances where arrests were made on the premises.

Skeets O'Connell, proprietor of Skeets Tavern, reported that in the four years he has run his place only six persons have had to be taken in by police. "Of these six," Skeets said, "two were for bad checks, one a drunk and the other three something else."

"The charge of collusion," Skeets said, "made in the report made me mad. No one has ever been in collusion with the department on this thing."

Councilman Walter Fleet, chairman of the police commission, pointed out that the officers had been instructed to be more exact when they make reports in the future of any arrests or disturbances.

On the question of formation of the off-street parking district, a large variety of representatives addressed the council.

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Ike Delays Any Action On Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican congressional leaders said Tuesday President Eisenhower has decided to wait at least a month before determining whether to recommend any anti-recession tax cut.

Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, House GOP leader, said Republicans attending a White House meeting with Eisenhower voiced no opposition to that decision.

The congressional group met with Eisenhower to discuss means of bolstering the nation's economy as Secretary of Labor Mitchell was announcing that unemployment climbed to around 5,200,000 in mid-February — an increase of about 700,000 over January.

Mitchell, addressing an AFL-CIO conference, said tax reduction would be "the next big step" if business does not pick up.

Senate Democratic leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas, however, told reporters at the Capitol that as of now he is "not prepared to embrace a tax cut."

The White House meeting was held against the background of Vice President Nixon's assertion Monday that he would prefer an across-the-board tax cut to any new program of massive spending for public works.

Martin said he and the other Republican leaders who met with Eisenhower feel there should be a month's wait before deciding about taxes. In the meantime, he said, they would find out whether other steps recommended by the President will solve the problem.

Martin said there was detailed discussion of the seven-point anti-recession strategy Eisenhower outlined over the weekend. This calls for a speedup in housing construction and public works projects, plus an extension of unemployment insurance benefits.

Martin noted that some parts of the program already have been put into effect. Other phases await presidential messages to Congress.

Nixon had said a tax cut would be in order if business indices fail to go up in the next few weeks.

Johnson did not draw a line against eventual tax reduction by the Democratic-controlled Congress. But he said it would be up to Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex) and other House leaders to signal when they believe action is needed in this field.

"I'm like a lot of other folks," Johnson said, "I am not ready as of today to embrace a tax cut. I haven't talked to many people who are."

Reporting on the White House discussion while the session still was going on, Sens. Martin of Pennsylvania and Francis Case of South Dakota made it clear the idea of a tax cut was meeting with some opposition.

Martin, ranking Republican on the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, said flatly he is opposed to tax cuts at this time. He added he prefers spending on public works projects in a move to cut unemployment and spurt the economic generally.

NOT NEGOTIABLE

CHICAGO (UP) — H. Alan Long, district director of internal revenue, turned down a tax payment Monday. He said a taxpayer tried to pay part of the tax due with trading stamps.



ORVILLE HAMILTON

Orville Hamilton Quits Post After 14 Years Of Service

Orville Hamilton, chief of the Klamath Falls Police Department since 1944, handed in his resignation at Monday night's council meeting.

The resignation was accepted by the council with no comment, beyond Councilman Walter Fleet's suggestion that a letter of thanks for his long tenure as chief be dispatched to Hamilton.

Hamilton's resignation followed by a week the publication of the results of an evaluation of the police department conducted by Inspector Richard Young of the Berkeley, California, Police Department.

In his letter of resignation, Hamilton said, "The report of Inspector Young devotes much of its contents to criticism of the Klamath Falls Police Department and myself as chief of police. Some of this criticism is unjust and not well founded. Knowing this to be the case, I take this opportunity to deny many of the criticisms of the department and myself made by Inspector Young in his report."

"The report creates a false impression with the public which places me in a position where every official act of mine from here on will be criticized; favorably by my friends and adversely by other people. That situation is not good for the department or the city and I prefer not to be your chief of police while that situation exists. I hereby tender my resignation as chief of the police department of Klamath Falls, Oregon, effective immediately."

Hamilton became chief in 1944 when Earl Heuvel resigned that post. He has been a member of the Klamath Falls Police Department since early 1937. Whether Hamilton will remain with the department and in what category if he does has not been answered by Mayor Lawrence Slater.

In his report, Inspector Young also recommended that the post of assistant chief in the department be abolished. No action has been taken by the council on this item, but indications were that the inspector's recommendation would probably be put into effect in any new shuffle at the top-drawer level of the department.

Polio Clinic Schedule

All adults who care to take the Salk polio vaccine shots under the Klamath County PTA sponsored program at \$1 per shot may do so at the following clinics this week:

Tuesday, March 11, Mills School, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, Keno School, 7 p.m. for Keno, Worden and Fairhaven districts.

Thursday, March 13, OTI student lounge, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 14, Pelican School 7 p.m. for Pelican and Conger districts.

Saturday, March 15, Altamont Junior High School, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. for Altamont and Peterson districts.

PRODUCTION PLANS FOILED

TUPELO, Miss. (UP) — Dairy farmer Robert Eary planned to switch production to a more stimulating beverage. However, police frustrated his ambitions by discovering a shiny new moonshine still in Eary's barn before he could get it into operation.



ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL is former mayor Paul Landry who was speaking on behalf of the proposed off-street parking district. The plan for formation of such a district was discussed by this capacity audience at the Monday night council session. Following the 90 minute discussion of the project, the council decided to take steps to have a survey made of the off-street parking needs of the city before proceeding further, and the meeting was adjourned until June 16.

— Photo by Kettler



MEDFORD'S ED BRANCHFIELD, far right, receives a certificate of merit for having served 10 years as chairman of the state advisory board of Oregon Technical Institute. Branchfield served as chairman between 1947-57, and received the commendation from Portland's A. S. Teller, the chairman who succeeded Branchfield last year. At far left is OTI Director Winston Purvine. The group met with members of the State Board of Education on the OTI campus Tuesday. (Story on Page Four).

— Photo by Kettler