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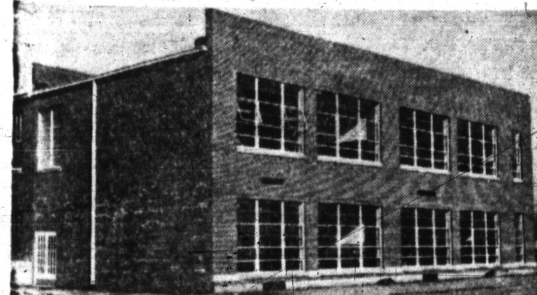
SHARON ANN CHAMBERLIN — Homework but no books. What is that stuff "jografee" anyway?



SECOND SHIFT — These first graders are the afternoon "second shift" and they're sleepy. Teacher Jane Cones is tired too.



"WE'RE FED UP!" — That's what this group of mothers who fear their children are "losing out" said at an "indignation meeting."



THE BIG PROBLEM — Under construction since 1946, this building is the root of all trouble. When will it be finished?

Communists Throw Ring Kidd Denies Announcing Around Chinese City

SHANGHAI, Jan. 7 (UP)—Communist troops have thrown a semi-circle around Tsingtao, North China port and American naval base, threatening inhabitants with starvation and freezing, reports from the city said today.

Nearly 300,000 refugees have fled into the city, which has a normal population of 800,000, the reports said. The situation was reported "most serious."

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m.	27	10 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	27	11 a. m.	33
8 a. m.	29	12 (Noon)	37
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Street Employee Loses Week's Pay

A City Street Department employee was given a week's layoff without pay, today as Street Commissioner Tony Maio continued his crackdown on "inefficiencies in the department."

Mr. Maio said disciplinary action was taken against the employee, Roy England, 1215 Hiawatha St., a truck driver, because he took an extended lunch period yesterday forenoon.

The action followed yesterday's dismissal of two employees in the street department because they had hauled ashes to a driveway of a private residence on the East Side.

The street commissioner said Mr. England left a street job at 324 St. and Schofield Ave. at 10 a. m. yesterday to drive to Manual High School for a load of cinders.

Stopped for Lunch

Mr. Maio said that at 10:30 a. m. he and John Minardo, a supervisor, found Mr. England's truck parked in the 800 block, Indiana Ave. The driver and two assistants were found in the vicinity.

According to the street commissioner, the men had not picked up the load of cinders at Manual High School.

The men told him they had stopped to eat lunch.

Mr. Maio said the regular lunch period was from 11 a. m. until noon and that Mr. England and his two helpers had not been given permission to take their lunch hour when they left the job to get the load of cinders.

The two helpers, who were not named by Mr. Maio, have been given a one-day layoff without pay.

Officer Faces Routs

Mr. Maio said the men were disciplined because they could not account for the 50 minutes they spent between the job location and the 800 block, Indiana Ave.

Meanwhile, Chief of Police Edward R. Rouls said he was planning disciplinary action against Patrolman Leroy Bartlett, 3632 English Ave., owner of the drive to which street employees said they hauled ashes yesterday.

Patrolman Bartlett was to appear at the chief's office today for a hearing.

Mr. Maio fired the two street employees after he learned they had made an emergency run to haul two loads of ashes to the police officer's drive.

The employees, Guy Dean, 909 Buchanan St., dispatcher at the Shelby Street Garage, and William Minnick, 1039 1/2 Prospect St., truck driver, told Mr. Maio "it has been done before and we thought it was to continue."

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Mrs. Feeney 'Improved'

Mrs. Mary Feeney, mother of Mayor Al Feeney, who received a fractured hip in a fall at her home Christmas night, was reported "greatly improved" at St. Vincent's Hospital today.

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Truman Asks to Free 10 Million From Tax, Raise Business Levy

\$40 Cost-of-Living Credit Urged for All

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—President Truman asked Congress today to free 10 million or more low pay individuals from income taxes. He also asked Congress to impose new levies on corporations to offset an estimated revenue loss of \$3,200,000,000.

Specifically, he recommended a \$40 cost-of-living tax credit for each individual taxpayer with an additional \$40 credit for each dependent, effective on income received in this calendar year.

Mr. Truman revealed his election year tax relief program in his annual message to the state of the Union. He delivered it in person before a joint session of the Republican-controlled Congress.

Tax rates on larger corporations would have to be jumped from 38 to 50 per cent to raise approximately \$3,200,000,000 of additional revenue.

Mr. Truman's tax cut would be about the equivalent of an increase of personal exemptions from the present \$500 to \$700. It was an across-the-board proposal applying to rich and poor alike. But the President observed that it would mostly benefit the low income group.

For example: The income tax of a man with wife and two children would be reduced \$160 a year.

Revision of the entire tax structure for the more substantial relief of higher income groups must be delayed, Mr. Truman said, until the danger of inflation has passed.

The President's message was a wide-swinging document in the New Deal tradition of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was aimed at the many millions whom Henry A. Wallace designates as the common man.

In large part it repeated recommendations of previous Truman messages which have been consistently ignored by Congress—including a hike in minimum wages, this time from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

The President set up five major goals for Congress to help him attain or approach in this presidential election year:

ONE: Secure the essential human rights of all citizens.

TWO: Protect and develop our human resources.

THREE: Conserve natural resources.

FOUR: Lift living standards.

FIVE: Achieve world peace based on principles of freedom, justice and equality for all nations.

The President again expressed disapproval of the Taft-Hartley Labor Control Act, but said he would enforce it so long as it remained on the books.

In addition to his new request for a higher minimum wage, Mr. Truman appealed again for limited rationing and price-wage controls to fight inflation, universal training for American youth, a long-range housing program, and a national health insurance program.

The kicker, saved until last in the long message, was income tax reduction for all and complete exemption for

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Boast Traps Man Into \$15,000 Bail

Seized as a 'Drunk' In Police Cleanup

A boastful attitude by one of 51 men arrested last night in the police drive-to-clean-up-the-city handed him a Marion County Jail under \$15,000 bond.

Arrested shortly after midnight at Park Ave. and Washington St. with a companion in what police described as a drunken condition, Roy P. O'Neal, 34, of 628 Lexington Ave., boasted he was on the streets under "high bond."

Detectives Thomas Naumsek and Herschel Plummer checked his record and after Municipal Court Judge Joseph Howard placed him under \$1000 bond and continued the intoxication charge hearing until Friday, they escorted O'Neal to Criminal Court.

Seized in Auto Theft

A check of Criminal Court records revealed that O'Neal had been arrested Nov. 9, 1946, on a charge of second degree burglary and auto banditry.

Although a companion arrested at the same time is now serving a two-to-25-year term on the charge, O'Neal was free under \$3500 bond pending a jury trial he had requested.

The records showed O'Neal arrested again Feb. 25, 1947, on a charge of drunken driving and perjury (false statements to obtain a license).

Hundreds Flee Floods In Western Oregon

Floods raged through western Oregon today in the wake of heavy rains along the coastal regions and the Columbia River valley.

Hundreds of families were forced to flee from their homes and highways communications were cut by the rampaging Oregon rivers.

Ice-O-Rama Net Proceeds To Be Given to Polio Fund

Early Registrations Indicate '48 Cast Will Exceed 400; Low, Popular Prices Maintained

By ART WRIGHT

Net proceeds from the annual Times Ice-O-Rama show Feb. 19 in the Fair Grounds Coliseum will be contributed to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. The Times announced today.

Money raised in the all-amateur extravaganza last year also went to the Polio drive. The capacity crowd which jammed the Coliseum for the one-night performance made it possible for The Times to add \$2933.66 to the Polio Fund.

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Fans Still Can Get Choice Seats for 'Gloves' Opener

Boxing fans still can get choice ringside and reserved seats in advance for Friday night's Golden Gloves opener — and all other nights of the five-week tournament.

Tickets are on sale at Calahan Sporting Goods Co., 128 E. Washington St., and the Sportsman's Store, Inc., 126 N. Pennsylvania St.

Prices are: Ringside and first row balcony, \$2; downstairs reserved, \$1.50. Prices include tax. General admission tickets will go on sale fight nights at the N. Pennsylvania St. Armory. Adult general admission is \$1 and children 12 years and under will be admitted for 50 cents the first three nights.

Airliner Crashes; 15 Reported Killed

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 7 (UP)—A chartered DC-3 airliner, reported to be carrying a passenger load of Puerto Ricans to Miami, crashed and burned in a desolate swamp near the mouth of the Savannah River today.

First reports said 15 persons were killed and nine injured.

A harbor craft was bringing the injured into Savannah where ambulances, doctors and nurses awaited at the waterfront.

The CAA at Raleigh, N. C. reported the passengers were about 25 Puerto Ricans.

HINT 5-G's CAPTURED

TSINGTAO, China, Jan. 7 (UP)—An official Marine Corps announcement today confirmed that four and possibly five U. S. Marines missing on a Christmas hunting trip are believed to have been captured by Chinese Communists.

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Major Proposals In Truman's Message

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (UP)—The major recommendations in President Truman's State of the Union message:

INDIVIDUAL TAX REDUCTION: A cut of \$40 for every individual taxpayer plus a further \$40 tax cut for each dependent. This would be effective on 1948 income, not on 1947 taxes that must be settled between now and March 15. It would have the effect of exonerating about 10 million people from paying any federal income tax. It would be about the same as increasing personal exemptions from the present \$500 to \$700. The President said he wanted to do this because "the low income group is being pressed very hard." The result, he said, would be "a saving that could be used to buy the necessities of life."

CORPORATION TAX INCREASE—The cost of the \$40-per-taxpayer credit would be \$3,200,000,000 to the government. The President proposed that this loss be made up by "increasing the tax on corporate profits... with appropriate adjustment for small corporations." He gave no details, but it would increase the present 38 per cent corporate tax to about 50 per cent.

RENTS: "We must extend and strengthen rent control" pending a decided relief in the housing shortage.

HOUSING: Public housing for low income families, "vigorous development of techniques to lower the cost of building," and a generalized plan "to yield more housing at lower prices."

WAGES: Increase the national minimum wage from the present, "inadequate and obsolete" level of 40 cents an hour to 75 cents.

INFLATION: "Inflation" holds the threat of another depression, a problem which the President said affected the fulfillment of his other national goals. He recalled his 10-point anti-inflation program submitted to the special session of Congress and asked the House and Senate again to provide "within the shortest possible time" the weapons he feels are "desperately needed" in the battle against rising prices.

AGRICULTURE: Permanent farm prosperity and agricultural abundance, "with the farmer reaping a good profit from 'full employment of the nation's wage-earners.'" The President asked for continuation of federal price supports for major farm commodities as "a basis which will afford reasonable protection against fluctuations in the levels of production and demand." He also called for expansion of crop insurance and encouraged the development of co-operatives which improve the farm-to-market process.

LABOR: He repeated his previous criticism of the Taft-Hartley bill, but promised that "as long as it remains the law of the land" he had no constitutional choice except to administer it. He advocated strongly the use of collective bargaining "to set wage scales." And he recommended that gains in national income should be made first on the lower level where the "need is greatest."

BUSINESS: He said the nation could increase its current output one-third, lifting the standard of living to double what it was 30 years ago. He called for "vigorous private enterprise" and said free competition is the key to industrial development. He advocated that industry spend \$50 billions "over the next few years" to "improve and expand our productive facilities." He asked for "sufficient funds" to enforce the anti-trust laws "properly."

PEACE: "A healthy world economy is essential to world peace." Stating that this country is "vigorously following policies designed to achieve a peaceful and prosperous world," the President pledged "full support to the United Nations" and expressed confidence in its ultimate success.

MARSHALL PLAN: He recommended the four-year European Recovery Program with a down payment for the first 15 months of \$4,800,000,000 as a matter of "the highest importance." He urged the Congress to act promptly "on this vital measure of our foreign policy—on this decisive contribution to world peace."

UNIVERSAL TRAINING: Mr. Truman attached "world importance" to "a favorable decision by the Congress at an early date." He said he was convinced that adoption of a universal training program is "vital to the security of this nation and to the maintenance of its leadership."

VETERANS: He hailed the current veterans program as successful, basing his claim on the statement that "all but a very few" had successfully bridged the gap from military to civilian life. "The nation is proud," he said.

CIVIL RIGHTS: He denounced that lack of equal protection under our laws against discrimination as "utterly contrary to American ideals of democracy" and called for federal corrective action. He promised a special message on this subject.

STATEHOOD: "I believe the time has come for Alaska and Hawaii to be admitted to the Union as states."

SOCIAL SECURITY: Extension of unemployment compensation, old age benefits, and survivors benefits "to millions who are not now

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