

Weather and Tides
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LIGHT Editorial Comment on Events That Make Today's Headlines

SOLUTION has been reached in the controversy involving Harold Shidler, high school athletic coach, and the school board. Mr. Shidler's contract will be renewed upon his agreement to modify...

In making a direct appeal last night, the school board did its best to write "finis" to an unhappy situation which arose when news of its intention to discharge Mr. Shidler was made public. Because public opinion definitely is opposed to release of Mr. Shidler, the board is properly representing the people of this community by altering its previous decision.

The state government is embarking on a program of strict retrenchment. Last week, Governor Martin ordered Welfare Director Charles Evans to eliminate all blue-blooded men from relief rolls, declaring enough WPA work was available to care for them, supplemented by an upturn in seasonal employment of various types.

Yesterday, the governor announced the monthly \$100,000 paid to poorer school districts of the state "equalization" money will not be made available this month, because the state cannot afford it. At the same time, it has been revealed that payrolls of some state departments have been slashed.

Failure to pay the equalization money to the schools is going to work a hardship on districts throughout the state. Assured last fall that they would receive this money, directors of the various districts budgeted it for expenditure. They planned to use it for teachers' salaries, supplies, equipment, etc.

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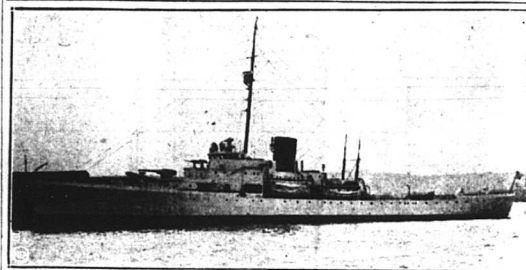
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Dedicated to the Interests of Bremerton, Kitsap County, the Puget Sound Navy Yard and its Personnel

Shidler Contract To Be Renewed

New Cutter Puts in for Overhaul Here



Shown above is the U. S. coast guard cutter Samuel D. Ingham, newest and largest of its type, which was to arrive at the navy yard this afternoon for a two-month overhaul period. The 327-foot vessel is based at Port Angeles.

The coast guard cutter Samuel D. Ingham, assigned to the Port Angeles base, arrived shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon at Puget Sound navy yard for routine alterations and repairs. The cutter will remain approximately two months.

Commander W. K. Thompson is commanding officer of the vessel, and Lt. Comdr. Lee H. Baker is executive officer. The cutter, built in Philadelphia navy yard and assigned to take up her first duty here last year, brought with her a new athletic trophy symbol of the whaleboat racing championship of the coast guard on the Pacific.

A total of 47 new employees will have been added to the yard in the past five days as a result of today's call for workers. Late last week a call was placed for 44 machinists, six machinist helpers, six sheetmetal workers, four sheetmetal helpers, one drifter and 10 public works employes.

Report 30,000 German Troops Sent to Spain

LONDON, March 14.—(UP)—Thirty thousand German storm troops are en route to Spain to deal a death blow to the loyalist government, the Spanish embassy here charged tonight.

Simultaneously, reliable diplomatic sources in close contact with the Spanish situation said reported indicated the position of the Spanish government had become most critical in the past three days.

Although no confirmation that the Spanish loyalist government has capitulated was forthcoming, diplomatic sources understand that Generalissimo Francisco Franco recently received substantial numbers of airplanes, heavy artillery and machine guns.

The Spanish embassy here said that the foreign office in Barcelona is working to bring about a settlement of the situation. Assured last fall that they would receive this money, directors of the various districts budgeted it for expenditure. They planned to use it for teachers' salaries, supplies, equipment, etc.

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16 ADDITIONAL CALLS ISSUED

Welders and Helper Boilermakers to Get Work

Call for 16 additional employees for Puget Sound navy yard was placed today. The call was for six electric welders for 30 days and six boiler makers, with no stipulation on the length of the call for the latter group.

Those who reported for work yesterday on the recent calls were: Theodore H. LaPage, Miller; Harvey, Andrew J.; Miller, Walter H.; Forster, Elmer W.; Hooper, Charles H.; Clark, and John H. Newman, Alfred C. Anderson, Ralph Homenan, Calvin Carter, Thomas H. Lewis, Arthur M. Carter and Edward Scannell, helper machinists; Harold F. Rogers and Theodore R. Litchfield, sheetmetal workers; Wendell J. Hawson, Harold G. Baker and Marvin J. Spiegleberg, helper sheetmetal workers.

FERRY CLEARED

Black Ball Ship Pulled Off Beach at Indianola

Hard ground for several hours, the ferry Kolkheben of the Black Ball Line was back in regular service today, undamaged after it had been blown onto the beach at Indianola.

Two tugs from Seattle were able to free the craft at high tide last night. The ferry was swung around by the heavy tug as passengers were being ashore at 6 o'clock last night.

REPORTS CHIMNEY FIRE Firemen were summoned this morning to the home of John B. Forster, 2014 11th st., to extinguish a chimney fire. No damage resulted.

'Average' Health Status of Children Subject of Survey

What is the health status of the average well-cared-for child of the state of Washington? That is a question the state health department is endeavoring to answer with a survey of some 150 children between the ages of one and 15 years in Kitsap county, selected by the health department as the scene of the study—believers it to be the first of its kind in history.

SETTLES HIS DIFFERENCES WITH BOARD

'Apology' Signed by Coach to Clarify Entire Case

A public apology to the Bremerton school board by Football Coach Harold Shidler today served to iron out the differences between him and the board, and a new contract will be tendered the veteran coach.

Meeting with the members of the board at a closed session last night, Shidler, who was to have been invited to his position over an asserted subordinate attitude in a dispute over a football playing field, affixed his name to the following statement:

"This statement is being made with the idea of clarifying the situation which has placed the school board in an unfavorable and embarrassing position, the press and before the public.

"When a misunderstanding arose between the school board and myself, that misunderstanding was written up by an over-zealous and biased newspaper which magnified the situation out of all proportion.

"I appreciate their consideration of my feelings in not publicizing their side of the controversy, and am deeply grateful that the press has exposed them to the criticism of the public.

"HAROLD SHIDLER. The statement was typewritten under the letterhead of the school board.

A little more than a week ago the board voted, four to one, not to renew Coach Shidler's contract. Last Monday a crowd of some 750 of his friends attended the open hearing on the matter and praised the coach for his part in building the school's fine reputation on the football gridiron.

Members of the board, secretary of the school board, said today that the football coach will be mailed his contract for next year at the same time other teachers' contracts are posted.

Vote Confidence

Members of the Central Trades and Labor Council last night gave their confidence to the Bremerton school board in the current discussions over the dismissal of Football Coach Harold Shidler.

The resolution voted by the Council in support of the school board was made on the Shidler case by the board.

The funeral of the late Dave L. Crossen, first department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and the last member of Bremerton's Spanish-American War Veterans' burial service will be followed.

LARCENY - NOT NAVY SPY PLOT

NEWPORT, R. I., March 14.—(UP)—Severing of a telephone cable between the naval torpedo station and the mainland, month ago was a simple case of larceny and not a "spy plot," it developed today.

Watch Fleet Games



Perhaps the two men most interested in outcome of the annual fleet maneuvers, which get under way today, are Admiral Claude C. Block, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Navy, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison. The above photo was made of the pair during Edison's recent visit to San Pedro. The accompanying article is a character sketch of the fleet's new "census."

Fleet Commander Renowned For Quick-Thinking Ability

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(UP)—Admiral Claude Charles Block, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Fleet, will be the hearer again in the annual spring war games in the Pacific, which were being won today.

The son of an immigrant from the former German Bohemia (now Czechoslovakia), Block is 59 and reputed to be one of the hardest workers and quickest thinkers in the navy.

INJURED IN FALL

Boy of Five Tumbles Over 40-Foot Embankment

Five-year-old Grant Dix apparently didn't realize the dangers which confronted him when he peered over the edge of a 40-foot embankment at the end of Warren street.

He had been playing in the neighborhood with two other youngsters, and one of them had accidentally buried one of their toys over the bank.

Intent upon retrieving it, young Dix walked to the edge of the bank and peered over the edge. Perhaps he even started to climb down before he fell.

In the fall, the boy suffered a broken right arm and severe bruises. Police Officer Art Morhen, who responded to the call, carried him to the hospital.

Crying bitterly, young Dix picked himself up and walked along the beach in a court-about manner, because he couldn't climb back—to his home at 919 13th st.

Grant Dix is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dix, 919 13th st.

Income Tax Filings Will Close Tonight

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CERTIFICATE IS GRANTED, BUT APPEAL LIKELY

Case Again Expected to Be Taken Before Higher Court

State attorneys won the first round of the legal battle-royal raging over the pending state condemnation of the Manette toll span yesterday in Kitsap superior court when Judge E. D. Hodge of Tacoma "reluctantly" granted the state's petition that the bridge be closed for the public use and necessity.

The way was thus momentarily cleared for the granting of the actual condemnation proceedings, scheduled to get underway March 21 in the Port Orchard court before a special jury.

Following a full afternoon of testimony on the granting of the petition, Judge Hodge said, "I grant the petition reluctantly, because it is doubtful in my mind if the state supreme court will hold in favor of the public use and necessity."

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FLEET STARTS ITS EXERCISES

Six-Week Drills Will Test Theories of Navy Officials

SAN PEDRO, Calif., March 15.—(UP)—The United States battle fleet moved out to sea early today for the 1938 war games, which will give the Pacific coastline defenses their most rigorous test of ability to repel a naval attack from a foreign power.

The sailings began shortly after midnight on the granting of the actual condemnation proceedings, scheduled to get underway March 21 in the Port Orchard court before a special jury.

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STATE RESTS IN 'BATHTUB TRIAL'

SEATTLE, March 15.—(UP)—The state today rested its case against the Puget coast anchor, accused of the first degree bathtub murder of Richardson's wife, the former Clara Compton.

A picture of the woman, taken after her death and showing to the jury, was introduced by the state over strenuous objections of the defense.

Defense Attorney John Gatz made fruitless attempts to have stricken from the records testimony of several prostitutes which, he said, have no bearing on the case.

Whether the Richardson was testify in their own defense remained a question as the defense prepared to start its case.

Slate of Demo Candidates Okehed at Mass Meeting

Approximately 100 voters in North Kitsap county assembled last Thursday in a mass meeting at the Bredahl hall, approved a tentative slate of five Democratic candidates to seek election to county offices next fall, it was learned today.

The meeting was called by the Washington Commonwealth Federation for the purpose of considering candidates for the various county offices, however, the session attracted so many "outsiders" it was declared a public mass meeting.

The slate of candidates was presented by a Silverdale group, with W. H. Hutchings as spokesman. Although a number of persons present insisted the meeting had no right to recommend candidates for office, nevertheless, the slate was approved by a decisive majority.

The slate includes: For county treasurer, C. G. Cook, Bremerton; for recorder-clerk, Arthur Brine, Port Orchard; for notary public, Superintendent of Schools, E. C. Webster; for commissioner of district No. 1, Frank Compton, Port Angeles; for assessor, Henry A. Brown of Shillbuck. No candidate for sheriff or coronator was named. The state superintendent of schools, W. H. Hutchings, was invited to attend the meeting but declined to do so.