

# NORTH ROSEBURG VOTES FOR SEWER BONDS



**YOUNG INSPECTORS**—These bite-sized plant inspectors completed a whirlwind tour of the News-Review facilities Tuesday, under the leadership of Marlen Yoder, Y. M. C. A. general secretary. Here they pause long enough to fire questions at Charles Fingerling, attempting to explain the workings of the newspaper mill. The 13 boys were making the tour as a part of their twice-weekly "Day Camp," sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. (Staff Photo)

**The Weather**  
Fair and continued warm today, tonight and Thursday.  
Sunset today 7:02 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:29 a. m.

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# Axe Poised Over Defense Jobs

## 135,000 Civil Employees To Be Discharged

### Secy. Johnson's Move To Reduce Costs Draws Protests And Approval

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson announced today the armed services will chop off 135,000 civilian jobs in his drive to slash military spending.

Anguished cries came quickly from congressmen whose home districts were hit by the proposed cutbacks. There were suggestions that the armed forces instead, weed out "soft snaps, flunky positions and baby sitters."

Johnson told a gathering of the lawmakers at the Pentagon that the economy program is aimed at getting "a dollar's worth of defense for every dollar Congress gives."

"It goes back to my conviction not to tolerate a defense WPA," Johnson declared.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla) agreed there shouldn't be a defense WPA but he said he doesn't "want to see a WPA elsewhere." He told Johnson that not only are 135,000 breadwinners losing their jobs "but the grocery store on the corner, the landlords and merchants will be affected too."

Cutbacks at individual installations drew sharp protests from Republican Senator Knowland.

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## Mill Saved In Repair Shop Fire At Canyonville

### Prompt Action by Canyonville's Volunteer Fire Department Saved Spreading of a Fire in the Repair Shop to the Large Alcan Lumber Company Mill in That Town About 11:15 p. m. Tuesday.

The shop was destroyed at an estimated loss of \$1,500. The blaze, of unknown origin, threatened the mill, and it was fought for more than an hour before completely extinguished.

Myrtle Creek and the South Douglas branch of the Douglas Forest Protective association both sent trucks, which stood by, but were not needed, and Roseburg sent a truck to stand by at Myrtle Creek.

Following the blaze, all firemen were treated to a feed by the company at a Canyonville cafe. The mill, operating on two eight-hour shifts, resumed work without delay.

## Forest Fires Unchecked In Three States

### More Than 40,000 Acres Of Timber Razed; Loss In Wildlife "Tremendous"

(By the Associated Press)

Fast-moving fires whiplashed new areas of the nation's forests today.

Flames were reported out of control in at least three states. In other areas fires were still burning but had been checked.

Fire has blackened more than 40,000 acres of national forest lands in Idaho, California and Montana alone so far this month. The fire conditions are considered the most critical in the past decade.

In Idaho's national forests, an aerial survey showed fires had gained 2,000 acres in the last two days. The flames have blackened 17,000 acres in the state.

Winds up to 40 miles an hour sent a forest fire in the Black hills of South Dakota out of control. The flames swept out of the hills into the plains country.

All available men and equipment were massed between the fire front and the town of Tilden, S. D.

**Border Areas Ablaze**

While western states struggled to halt the flames, forest fires also flared in northeastern United States and Canada.

Maine's fire hazard was rated class A—very dangerous—by State Forestry Commissioner Albert D. Hutting.

More than 200 fires were scattered through the Canadian provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

In California, the biggest of 118 weekend fires flared out of control on three sides late yesterday in Stanislaus National forest. Wind whipped the flames across fire lines. The acreage already

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## FAIR TO BE ATTRACTIVE

### Pavilion Takes On Color Communities, Groups And Business Firms Exhibiting

Colored signal flags, hanging from the high ceilings of the main pavilion, add a splash of color to preparations being made today for the opening of the first county fair in 37 years.

The colored flags were donated by the Naval Reserve for use entering displays, concession booths, and educational exhibits.

Gates to the fairgrounds will open at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and remain open until 10 p. m. These will be the hours for the fair all three days—Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Admission to the county fair will be 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. This is exclusive of the horse racing, for which a separate admission is being charged.

**Communities Exhibit**

Paul Abeel, manager, said the following communities will be represented with exhibits: Evergreen, Myrtle Creek, Melrose, Riversdale, Lookingglass, Elsie, Deer Creek, and Kellogg. These are all Granges.

The Curtin community, through its 4-H club, will enter a model village showing each home where 4-H members live and their projects in miniature. This will be an enlargement of the Curtin exhibit at last year's North Douglas County fair at Drain.

Other organizations entering

## L. A. Vigilantes Launch War On Gangster Cohen

### LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Mickey (The Mouse) Cohen will have more than the cops to contend with soon.

A new vigilantes committee yesterday charged:

"Mickey Cohen is merely a 'Mickey Mouse' front man for the real vice overlords. We are determined to find out who these vice lords are and name them publicly."

It announced it would immediately open an investigation bureau to sift information from private citizens on crime and vice conditions in Los Angeles, and turn the facts over to state and federal authorities.

The vigilantes, organized recently by a veterans group, called a mass meeting for tonight and invited local, state and federal law enforcement officers to attend.

Cohen, who has been willing enough in the past to talk with newsmen, yesterday declined to talk with District Attorney William Simpson. Simpson had said he wanted to ask the little gambler about reports that Cohen had paid \$20,000 for a copy of the transcript of a police, using hidden microphones, made of conversations in his home.

The man who hung the "Mickey Mouse" tag on Cohen is attorney Caryl Warner, chairman of the vigilantes committee. Warner said he has received numerous calls from "angry citizens who have legitimate information to give but don't know whom to give it because they have lost confidence in constituted authority."

## Attempted Fraud Charge Follows Fire At Wilbur

Ruth McPherson Tuesday was bound over to the grand jury, on order of Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes, following a preliminary hearing in his court Monday afternoon.

She is charged with obtaining money by false pretense, by attempting to defraud an insurance company in connection with the burning of Ruth's El Rancho south of Wilbur the afternoon of June 13.

Justice Geddes ruled that sufficient evidence was presented to cause his court to believe a crime has been committed. Her bail, originally set at \$5,000, was continued. She has already posted it.

Witnesses called by the state include Louis Bjerkvig, Alice Smith, State Police Capt. H. W. Howard and Police Lt. Thomas J. Sheridan. Witnesses called by the defense were William McPherson, Claudia McDaniels and Ben C. Lalebel. The hearing was held Monday, but Geddes deferred his decision until the following day.

## Identical Bills Call For VA Hospital At Medford

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Identical bills have been introduced in the House and Senate calling for the Veterans' administration to establish and operate general hospitals of at least 100 beds at Clinton, Iowa, and Medford, Ore.

The Oregon facility is at the Camp White naval installation. Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) introduced the Senate bill.

## Former Preacher Bids For Top Post In Ku Klux Klan

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 24.—(AP)—A fiery-tongued, silver-haired former Baptist minister reached out today for new power as the nation's imperial emperor of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Lycurgus Spinks, who recently described himself as the "rightmost buck private in the rear ranks of the Klan," has been enthroned to lead an ambitious new union of the robed order. The group has invited other Klans throughout the nation to join their organization.

Spinks, 64, was selected by Ku Kluxers from six states to head their combined order.

Robed and masked, about 60 Klan leaders from Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Louisiana met yesterday in private in a Montgomery hotel room. Only Spinks was bareheaded.

They met within a few blocks of the state capitol, where legislators recently enacted a law banning masks or hoods in public.

Spinks says the new organization has 265,000 members.

Meanwhile, William H. Hugh Morris, chief of the Alabama Klans who is now in jail in Birmingham for refusing to reveal Klan membership to a grand jury, denounced the new organization as being "the idea of one or two men."

Morris said he did not think it would last long.

A spokesman in Atlanta said the Association of Georgia Klans could take no steps toward affiliation with Spinks' outfit until a new leader is chosen to take the place of the late Dr. Samuel Green, imperial wizard of the Georgia Ku Kluxers.

## Opening Of Bids Set On N. Umpqua Highway Stretch

The Douglas county court has received information that bids will be opened Sept. 19 by the state highway department for construction of the Marks ranch-Lone Rock section of the North Umpqua highway.

This strip, about five miles in length, will start at the end of the present paving east of Roseburg, and continue through Glide to the Lone Rock bridge. A new bridge was built at Glide a year ago.

The work will include almost complete relocation of the highway over this area, and the road will be rocked, resurfaced and oiled at an estimated cost of \$350,000. All right-of-way has been secured, according to members of the court.

Travel up the Umpqua will not be greatly hampered during construction, since all but about a quarter of a mile will be complete relocation.

Work is already under way on sections of the highway in the vicinity west of the forest service boundary, and another strip is being readied for early letting of contract which will carry past the boundary line.

## Vicious Hurricane Rages Off N. Carolina Coast

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 24.—(AP)—A small but vicious tropical hurricane raged off the coast of North Carolina today as a new storm gathered strength north of Puerto Rico, a thousand miles away.

Hurricane warning flags flapped along a 45-mile stretch of the desolate upper Carolina capes from Manteo to Cape Lookout.

## Did Roseburg Have Quake? Moot Question

Local folks are speculating over whether or not an earthquake was felt in Roseburg last night.

Several reports have reached The News-Review office that some funny things were happening about 1:30 a. m. Two persons reported unusual creaking noises at their homes. One front window at Roy's Men's store parted a quarter inch from its frame, but this, it is said, could have been from normal settling of the building.

The police department had no reports, nor could other verification be learned.

## Fair-Goers Invited To Use Park's Picnic Grounds

An invitation to county fairgoers to use the picnic grounds at Umpqua park, was issued today by the Roseburg city park commission.

Umpqua park is situated in a large grove on the banks of the South Umpqua river, directly south of the main pavilion at the fairgrounds. There is a direct entrance between the park and fair buildings.

City Manager M. W. Slankard said the Park commission wished to extend the invitation to persons throughout the county who planned to stay all day at the fair, to use the picnic grounds.

## Cottage Grove Wins At Coos; Roseburg Next For

Cottage Grove, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Cottage Grove disposed of Coos Bay 11 to 1 here last night in a district softball elimination.

The title game, between Cottage Grove and Roseburg, will be played here Friday night.

## Racing Sets New High For Bettors

Returns to bettors reached a new high last night at the county fairgrounds horse races with the addition of daily doubling wagering and with a 22-to-1 shot.

Returns on quinnella tickets and daily doubles will be large for the rest of the meeting, with the use of the eight-horse gate and full fields. Tuesday night was the first night of the meeting that eight horse fields had entered, and there were three full races.

The Roseburg Marathon, a mile and a half grind for the thoroughbreds, will be held tonight in the final race. The fifth race will be the Sheriff Bud Carter purse race, a mixed affair between quarter horses and thoroughbreds over a three-eighths of a mile course. Also scheduled is a double A quarter horse race, the best possible.

Jockey Bob Strauss booted home another winner to maintain his lead as the meet's leading jockey, with nine wins to his credit. Next is Cal Hewes with six.

## Bus Strike Peace Bid Slated For Union Vote

OLYMPIA, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Representatives of the Motor Coach Employees union (AFL) agreed today to submit a "best and final" company offer for settlement of the North Coast Greyhound bus strike to its members.

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Terms of the proposed settlement were not revealed.

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## DIXIECRATS PUNISHED

### Ousted By Democratic National Committee For Bolt At Last Election

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Democratic National committee today ousted states rights members from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

As expected, William M. Boyle Jr. was elected national chairman, succeeding Senator J. Howard McGrath (D-R. I.)

The committee, involved in a hot, long-standing family row over the desertion last year of states righters, shouted its approval of recommendations for punishment handed down by a credentials committee.

The party purge was executed by voice vote.

The committee decided, also by voice vote, to retain Wright Morrow as Texas national committeeman. The credentials committee proposed unseating him.

The national committee went along with only half of a South Carolina compromise. It made sure in the process that the name of Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, the states rights presidential candidate, came off its membership rolls.

Senator Burnet Maybank was approved in his place. The compromise worked out in South Carolina had called for retention of Mrs. Anne A. Agnew as national committeewoman.

Mrs. Agnew says she voted for the democratic ticket in 1948 although she was inactive in the party.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

### OVER-the-weekend Tito note:

Russia sends a sternly worded warning to Belgrade (capital of Yugoslavia) threatening to take "effective measures" to PROTECT SOVIET CITIZENS in Yugoslavia.

British newspapers, experienced observers of international events, note the similarity between the stern tone of the Soviet note and the language used by Hitler before he sent the Germany army into action ten years ago.

They say the Russian note sounds like the worst threat of war since 1939.

INCIDENTALLY, the Yugoslav communist newspaper Borba says these Soviet citizens "prosecuting" are SPIES sent into Yugoslavia by the Kremlin.

MEANWHILE—GERMAN Communists who hate Russia form a new "splinter" party and send Tito a message of support. One of the leaders of the

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## EQUAL REPRESENTATION

### Reapportionment Plan For Legislature Told By Rep. French At Kiwanis

The plan is an integral part of the state, and as such should have full legislative representation.

This statement summarizes the talk of Rep. Giles C. French, publisher of the Sherman County Journal of Moro, who spoke at the Roseburg Kiwanis club meeting Tuesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua.

French stated he plans soon to start circulation of petitions which would bring about reapportionment of the legislature on a basis of one senator for each county and representatives to be elected on a basis of population.

Such a change would be contrary to the Oregon constitution, so could be made possible only by a constitutional amendment voted by the people.

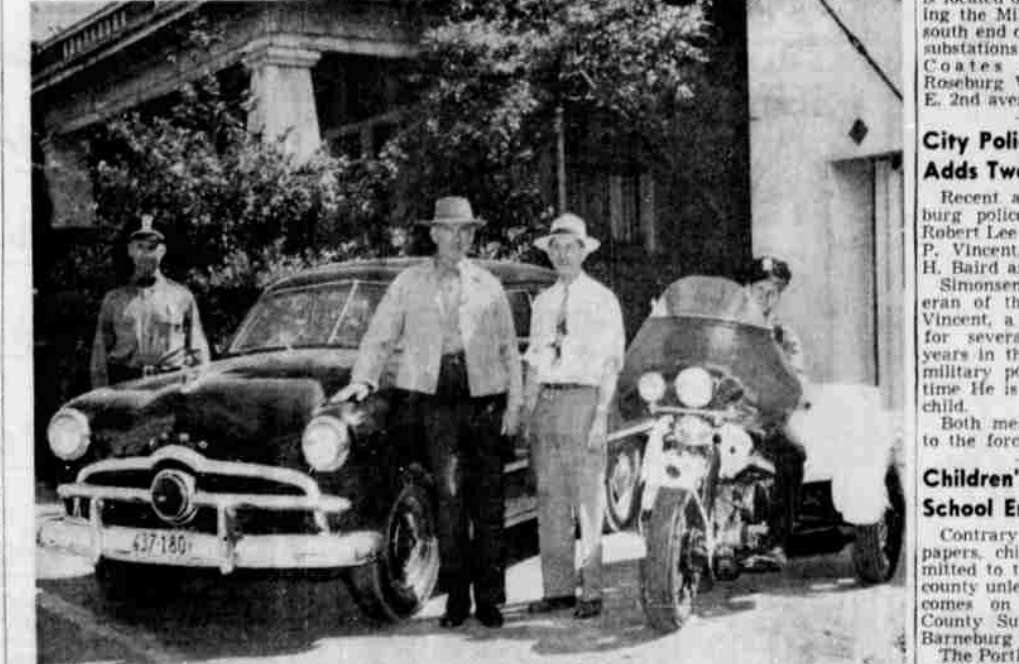
The constitution, he stated, specifies that a reapportionment be made every ten years based on

new census figures. However, there has been no change in Oregon since 1931 and some states with similar provisions have not changed since 1900.

The AF of L has been joined by the CIO, Oregon State Grange and Farmer's union in demanding a reapportionment in 1951, following the next census.

However, French claimed, the

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**NEW MOUNTS FOR CITY POLICE**—These two brand new vehicles became the property of the Roseburg police department Monday and two of the city police commissioners are on hand to celebrate the event. Chief Calvin H. Baird stands proudly behind the new patrol car as Commissioners Frank Ashley and Jack Hart pause during their inspection. Patrolman Ray Lorraine sits astride the new servicycle, three-wheel conveyance. (Staff Photo)

## Only 2 Ballots Cast Against \$225,000 Issue

### Treatment Plant Near Vets Hospital Bridge Rests On Federal Nod

By an almost unanimous vote, residents of the North Roseburg Sanitary district approved a proposed \$225,000 bond issue to be used for construction of sewers and a treatment plant, in a special election Tuesday.

There were 189 valid ballots cast, and only two votes against the proposed issue.

Clarence Landis, district chairman, said the election gives the go-ahead signal to the engineers to start their detailed surveying and planning for the sewerage system and treatment plant.

It is expected that a bid call will be made in December, and the contract for construction let in January. A summer deadline will be set for completion of the project.

Landis said that the bonds probably will not be sold until the engineering work is completed and an estimate of cost is obtained. The estimate will determine the amount of bonds to be issued.

## Vets Hospital Link Planned

Landis said he will contact Dr. John L. Haskins, manager of the Roseburg Veterans hospital, relative to the outcome of the election. Dr. Haskins has recommended to Veterans administration officials in Washington, D. C., that the sewage treatment plant be located on the hospital grounds.

The tentative site would be on the South Umpqua river, a few hundred yards below the hospital bridge. Final approval has been delayed, pending result of the election.

The site would be leased to the North Roseburg Sanitary district by the government for a nominal fee. The hospital in turn would pay its proportionate cost of maintaining and operating the plant.

## W. Roseburg May Tie In

Representatives of the proposed West Roseburg Sanitary district have also considered a plan to use the plant when it is completed. If the district is formed and does use the plant,

## Quake Area Feels More Temblors

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Queen Charlotte islands rocked "quite distinctly" under new shocks felt yesterday afternoon, a resident of Graham Island reported.

Mrs. Stewart Burton of Masset, in the north of the chain, said the periodical earthquakes which began Sunday night are making farm animals unruly.

"Horses and cows are acting nervously," she reported.

The latest shock, registered yesterday, shook dishes from kitchen shelves.

At Craig, Alaska, Mayor John Somerville and Councilman Cliff Anderson reported Sunday's earthquake caused damage estimated from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

(A number of chimneys fell, roofs were damaged, dishes, glassware and mirrors were broken in nearly every home, and the postoffice shifted several inches, they said.)

(The southeast Alaska fishing village felt four additional tremors Monday and another yesterday morning.)

## Copco Increases Its Transformers

Additional transformer capacity of 33,000 kilowatts is being added by the California-Oregon Power company in the Roseburg area this autumn.

H. C. Wells, manager, said installations are being made at Days Creek, Sutherland, Roseburg and at Camp, the latter substitution being on the Glangery road near Green.

Three 5,000-kilowatt transformers are being added to the Days Creek substation. The Ramp substation east of Roseburg, and the Sutherland substation are each receiving three 2,500-kilowatt transformers. The Carnes substation is getting three 1,000-kilowatt transformers.

In addition, this summer, a number of smaller transformer installations have been made in Roseburg.

A new 1,500 kilowatt substation is located on S. Main street, serving the Miller's addition and the south end of the city. Other local substations are located at the Coates addition (Nebovista), Roseburg Veterans hospital, and E. 2nd avenue S.

## Cabin Cruiser Burns In Narrows Bridge "Jinx"

TACOMA, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Narrows bridge "jinx" struck again early today as fire destroyed a 36-foot cabin cruiser, the Marlene, rented to the state toll bridge authority for use at the Narrows site construction.

Two crew members—Chuck Brooks and William Hyatt—were taken to a hospital suffering from burns when they jumped overboard and swam several hundred yards to shore after 1 o'clock this morning. It was caused by a carburetor backfire.

The vessel was valued at about \$5,000.

The fire was another in the series of mishaps that have followed the bridge construction since the original span collapsed in a windstorm.

## House Votes Vacation To Last 25 Days

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The House voted today to take a 25-day holiday, starting Friday and ending Sept. 21.

The resolution now goes to the Senate, which must approve it before the House can officially start its vacation.

Senate approval was expected promptly, even though that chamber has no plans for a recess and the resolution applies only to the House.

## Children's Age For School Entry Is Cited

Contrary to reports in upstate papers, children will not be admitted to the schools of Douglas county unless their sixth birthday comes on or before Nov. 15, County Superintendent Kenneth Barneburg announced.

The Portland paper made reference to Portland schools only, which admit children if their sixth birthdays occur before Dec. 31. The Portland school system does not come under the state law requirement on this matter, said Barneburg.

## Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

If nobody else can swim the English channel, why not send a Roseburg group over to show 'em how easy it's done?