

# 2 CITY BOND PROPOSALS CALL FOR \$415,000

## WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



**BURDETTE LEAS**, foreman at Farm & Industrial Equipment company in Riverside, stands beside a huge Allis-Chalmers tractor displayed in his company's showroom.

Burdette has been with this firm for two-and-a-half years. Prior to that time he had been foreman at the county shops on the Dixonville road for 12 years. He and his family live at 1235 West First street.—(Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

## Needs Of Fire Department, Lumber Shippers' Handicaps Topics At Chamber's forum

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce held its weekly forum luncheon program at the Umpqua hotel Monday noon, with reports by chamber committee heads substituting for the previously scheduled program.

In line with this week's observance of National Fire Prevention Week, Harold Schmeer, civic affairs committee chairman, cited five improvements which must be made in Roseburg before fire insurance rates may be lowered.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**D**ISPATCHES on the day this is written give us this quick summary of the industrial situation in our country:

"There was nothing to indicate an early settlement of the nation's major labor trouble—strikes by some 850,000 steel and coal workers.

"There were threats of a nationwide railroad strike and a walkout by some 20,000 aluminum workers in eight states.

"The continuing strike by John L. Lewis' 380,000 mine workers—now three weeks old—prompted Cyrus Ching, federal conciliation director, to warn:

"EACH DAY BRINGS THE NATION CLOSER TO A CRISIS."

**A**LL this is happening at a time when the prospect of a shooting war throughout the world is

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### Three-Year Prison For Office Larceny Imposed

Robert D. Nelson, 21, North Bend, was sentenced to serve three years in the state penitentiary when he appeared in circuit court Monday before Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Nelson had been adjudged guilty of larceny in an office when the jury viewed his case last week.

## Renewal Of Forums Over Air, Annual Neewollah Parade Planned By Junior Chamber

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce will again launch a new series of radio forum broadcasts, after a summer-long holiday. The broadcasts, scheduled to start Tuesday, Oct. 25, will be headed by Warren Ward, KRNR account executive.

His permanent staff will include Lowell Rhoden, speaker procurer, and Hank Henry, moderator.

The second series of forum broadcasts will start with a discussion of garbage rate price adjustment. The John brothers, owners of the Roseburg Garbage Disposal company, will be interviewed by members of the Jaycee.

The topic will be aired over station KRNR, starting at 7:30, according to Ward, who announced the new forum broadcasts series at a dinner meeting of Roseburg Jaycees last night.

**Neewollah Also Planned**

Also announced were plans for the fourth annual Neewollah parade, to be held here the night of October 31.

Chairman Keith Custer said youngsters from over the county are invited to participate in the annual Halloween affair. Prizes, to be donated by Roseburg merchants, will be awarded to per-

### The Weather

Mostly cloudy with a few showers today and Wednesday.

Sunset today 5:38 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 6:23 a. m.

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## Clean Bill Given State Hospital

### Investigator Ryan Finds Charges False

No Brutality Or Murder Discovered, Food Good, Warm Beds Provided

**SALEM, Oct. 11**—(AP)—The State Board of Control declared untrue today charges made last week of murder and brutality at the Oregon State hospital.

The charges, made by the Citizens Action committee of Portland, dealt with incidents which occurred more than five years ago, the board said.

The board also denied charges of insufficient food, and that patients get cold at night.

The investigation, made by William C. Ryan, supervisor of institutions, dealt with these incidents:

1. That Jim Butler, a patient, was murdered in June, 1942, by an attendant who kicked him in the stomach.

Ryan said Butler was attacked by an attendant, but recovered. Ryan said Butler died of a heart attack six years later. The attendant was fired immediately after the attack.

2. That three patients died in March, 1940, from electric shock treatment.

Ryan said these patients were strangled in their sleep by another patient. A coroner's jury made this finding.

3. That Irwin Wakefield, a patient, was beaten to death by an attendant on April 11, 1944.

Ryan said three criminally insane patients attacked three attendants. Wakefield attacked an attendant with an iron bar. In the death struggle, the attendant killed Wakefield. A coroner's jury exonerated the attendants.

**Improvements Listed**

Ryan told the board that feeding standards have been improved 50 percent in the past three years. He said a typical noon

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### Sheriff Elliott Sues To Prevent Recall Election

**PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 11**—(AP)—Sheriff Elliott filed suit Monday asking circuit court to halt the recall election against him scheduled for Oct. 21.

The sheriff argued that the reasons cited for his recall are "untrue and malicious," and that even had they been true—they would not be sufficient grounds for a recall.

He asked an injunction preventing County Registrar of Elections James W. Gleason from holding the election.

The recall petitions stated, as reasons for the move, that the sheriff "misrepresented his qualifications to the voting public to secure his election" and that his conduct since shows "he lacks the qualifications essential to properly occupy and conduct an office of trust and confidence."

In his suit, Elliott said that the voters had already passed on his qualifications, and that his experience as a deputy sheriff and his high ranking in civil service examinations prove he had the proper background for the job.

**U. P. Engineer Killed In Fall From His Cab**

**PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 11**—(AP)—The engineer of the west-bound Portland Rose fell from his cab while the train was on a sliding west of Pendleton early today and was killed.

Union Pacific railroad officials here said the engineer was Otto Hinkle, 39, The Dalles. They said the accident, as reported to them by telephone, occurred after the train had stopped to go on a siding to let the east-bound Portland Rose pass on the main line.

Hinkle climbed down to throw the switch and apparently lost his grip on the hand rail either in going down or climbing back up.

**Railroad Man Killed After Saving Co-Worker**

**PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 11**—(AP)—A railroad yard worker was run down and killed by a bumped coach yesterday after pushing a co-worker to safety.

The victim was Joseph Bratton, 48, Portland. Shoved to safety was David Markham, Portland.

Investigators said a train from Seattle was pulling into the Union Station on track six, hit a partially opened switch and suddenly shunted onto track five, bumping the private car of a Southern Pacific official. The car rolled, killing Bratton who had been standing on the track.

### Endurance Fliers Set New Record

**YUMA, Ariz., Oct. 11**—(AP)—The new world's champion endurance fliers, Woody Jongeward and Bob Woodhouse, are resting at their homes today.

The wartime Navy pilots brought their four-place plane, "The City of Yuma," to a landing at the Yuma county airport yesterday afternoon at 3:33 p.m. (MST) after 1,124 hours and 18 minutes of continuous flying.

"Never again," the two said, when asked if they'll make another endurance try.

Since Aug. 2 when they took off, they had flown 85,000 miles, the equivalent of three times around the world.

Decision to terminate the flight—most of which was spent over Yuma to show the world this city's fine flying weather—came Sunday night when one of their two magnetos burned out.

### Teachers Will Open Sessions Here Tomorrow

**DOUGLAS COUNTY** elementary teachers will descend upon Roseburg Wednesday for the opening series of a two-day workshop, to be followed on Friday by an all-county institute.

The workshop, on the general topic of reading, will be conducted under the county school superintendent's auspices, in cooperation with the Oregon general extension division and Southern Oregon college.

Approximately 315 elementary teachers will attend the workshop to be held at Rose school. The Friday institute, with 500 attending, will be at the Junior high school, said County Superintendent Kenneth Karmelung.

The workshop staff will include Howard Akers, administrative assistant, department of state-wide services, Eugene; Victor N. Phelps, assistant professor of education, general extension division, Portland; and Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president, Southern Oregon college, Ashland.

The special instructors staff will include: Evelyn Masten, topic, "Phonics and Word Analysis"; Florence Allen, "Diagnosing reading disability"; Edith Bork, "Teaching Children's Literature"; Jean McAllister, "Improving the Teaching of Spelling"; Dorothy Bushnell, "Helping Pupils to Attain Reading Readiness"; all from Southern Oregon college; Victor N. Phelps, Portland; "Evaluating Achievement in Reading," and Delpha Hulbert, professor of education, Pacific university, Forest Grove; "Developing Study Skills," Wednesday's program will open at 9 a.m. with introductions. At 9:10 will be an explanation of the workshop and manner of registering for the course, Ed. 478, "Improving Instruction in Reading."

Dr. Stevenson will address the session at 9:30 on the subject, "Education in Roseburg in 1960." After intermission, group meetings with demonstrations, will begin at 10:30. These will resume at 1 p.m. following lunch in the cafeteria, with dismissal at 4 p.m.

**Flames Hit Fire Truck During Demonstration**

**PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 11**—(AP)—Ladder company 10 will be a long time living in the city.

On a practice run to Wayland Square to stage a demonstration in connection with fire prevention week, a battery cable short circuit set the truck on fire.

A spectator pulled an alarm and three hose companies and a ladder truck responded while ladder 10 put out its own fire.

# The News-Review



**DERAILMENT AT SUTHERLIN**—This is what happened when loaded freight cars got out of hand while being moved in the Southern Pacific yards at Sutherlin Monday morning. S.P. officials blamed a broken connection for the accident which damaged three freight cars and their cargo and several hundred yards of track. These pictures, taken from the depot platform, show the damage before a railroad wrecker crew came down from Eugene to clear the tracks. Service was restored after a seven-hour delay.—(Pictures by Paul Jenkins.)

### Norway Election Hands Setback To Communists

**OSLO, Oct. 11**—(AP)—Norway's labor movement emerged today with an apparent 10-seat majority in parliament gained at the expense of the communists in yesterday's election.

The anti-Communist leadership of Prime Minister Gerhardsen quickly interpreted the results, which are subject to a final count, as endorsement of Norway's signing of the Atlantic pact. The communists had bitterly assailed this step.

Labor appears from preliminary surveys to have taken 80 seats in the 150-member Storting (parliament). This compares with its 76 seats in the old parliament.

The communists dropped seven seats, moving down from their previous 11 to four.

Gerhardsen, in a post-election statement today, said that "since the communist party was the only one that made Norway's adherence to the Atlantic pact an election issue, we may safely say that the voters have given their approval to the government's foreign policy."

Gerhardsen added that "our victory will not result in a stronger tendency towards socialization."

He said the labor party would carry out its platform, "but beyond that we shall not go, before the people have been asked to state its opinion in a new election."

Plans to socialize banks and insurance companies will be prepared in the coming parliamentary term, he said, but they will not be put into effect until after election is held.

### Surgeons Probe For Whistle, Find Nickel

**ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 11**—(AP)—A whistle in his mouth, two-year-old Hamilton Connell stumbled on the run and fell.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Connell of Cameron, Mo., picked him up. They couldn't find the whistle. They surmised he might have swallowed it.

After waiting a week in vain for the whistle to appear, the parents brought Hamilton to the hospital here.

A surgeon operated yesterday and removed a nickel.

The Connells are still looking for the whistle.

### Electricity Kills Man Loading Wet Planks

**ST. HELENS, Ore., Oct. 11**—(AP)—A truck driver was killed by electric shock here yesterday while loading wet planks on a truck.

Police said a large crane already loaded on the truck touched a power line just as George Martin Johansen, 39, Portland, lifted the wet plank onto the truck. The crane operator had swung the crane arm to line it up with the truck bed.

The crane operator was not seeing the damage.

S. P. personnel in the depot made hurried exits out the front and back doors as the freight cars came thundering toward the building. The front car stopped rolling after it hit stored lumber.

According to witnesses, the cars apparently stood on end as they jammed to a halt after rolling past the station platform.

**Democratic Committee Fight Elliott Recall**

**PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 11**—(AP)—Multnomah county Democratic Chairman Nicholas Granet reported last night that party precinct workers were prepared to campaign against recall of Sheriff M. L. Elliott.

Granet said the party central committee laid plans last night to fight recall of the young Democratic official with a postcard mailing a part of the campaign.

Granet said the committee also voted, 62 to 8, against decontrol of Portland rents. The resolution, to be sent the city council and rental control authorities, said low priced and low rental housing had not been provided here to meet the rapid boost in population.

**Introduces His 2 Wives Then Poisons Himself**

**FORT WORTH, Texas, Oct. 11**—(AP)—Police said today a man with two wives introduced the attractive women last night and then killed himself with poison.

He was Norman R. Lowellen, a cafe manager.

The first wife, whom he married eight months ago, is an expectant mother. The second, Mrs. Beatrice Thurman, produced a marriage license saying she and Lowellen were married last week in Terre Haute, Ind. Both are 27.

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## \$200,000 Asked For Airport's Modernizing

**\$215,000 Required For New Municipal Building; Vote Stated In December**

A special city election to vote on two bond issues, totaling \$415,000, will be held in Roseburg sometime in December.

Roseburg voters will be asked to approve a \$200,000 bond issue for the modernizing of the municipal airport and a \$215,000 bond issue for the construction of a municipal building, to house city administration offices, fire department, police department and public library.

The sum needed for the projects and the tentative election date were set at a special city council meeting last night at the city hall.

Passage of the council's proposals would increase the present 15.6 millage tax rate by an estimated five mills. At the present time Roseburg's rate is considered one of the lowest in the state.

After the amounts were determined by the council members, City Attorney Paul Geddes was instructed to prepare an ordinance to be submitted to the voters.

**Needs Are Pointed Out**

The amount designated for the airport will finance the minimum requirements for commercial airline service as set forth by the Civil Aeronautics authority. Details of the proposed new municipal building will be submitted by City Manager M. W. Slankard at a later date.

Need for the municipal building and library has reached an acute stage, members of the council pointed out. The present city hall has been long condemned, while facilities at the present library site are not considered adequate for books housed there. It was brought out. Some of the books were termed "irreplaceable."

**Revised Plans Submitted**

Prior to resolving the amounts needed for the two projects, Ben

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## Sentences Given Four Prisoners Who Broke Jail

Sentences ranging from one to five years were meted to four of the six prisoners who broke out of the county jail recently, in Circuit court Monday morning.

Judge Carl E. Wimberly sentenced Willie Walton Hughes and his son, Carroll Hughes, to serve five years in the Oregon state penitentiary. Quentin Cecil Wilbur received a three-year sentence and Leroy Martin Burnham was sentenced for one year.

All four were convicted on auto theft charges.

Ordinarily, a person sentenced to serve five years is eligible for parole after serving two years. Hold orders demand the prisoners be retained at the state penitentiary until the sentence is served. Following expiration of the sentence, other charges will be preferred, Davis said, if the court deems them advisable.

**Grandmother Kills Three Descendants And Herself**

**FORT WORTH, Oct. 11**—(AP)—The gunshot deaths of the entire family of a much-decorated Airline pilot yesterday were ruled "murder and suicide."

Justice of the Peace Whit Boyd issued the inquest verdict pinning the four fatal shootings on Mrs. Edith S. Walker, a grandmother about 60.

Bodies of Mrs. Walker, her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Finch, 33, Penelope Finch, 8, and Richard Allan Finch, 7, were found in their beds in the Finches' modest suburban home yesterday.

The grief-stricken husband and father, American Airlines pilot Richard Gordon Finch, arrived today from Ann Arbor, Mich., where he had been visiting his parents. He and his wife were estranged.

**Father Killed By Son In Hunting Accident**

**SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 11**—(AP)—Earl Schwartz, 63, of Tacoma was fatally injured Monday in a hunting accident in the Smith creek area six miles north of Raymond, the Pacific county sheriff's office reported.

Sheriff Tom Coyle said Schwartz was struck in the back of the head by the accidental discharge of a gun carried by his son, Marion, 31, also of Tacoma.

**Levity Fact Rant**

By L. F. Reizenstein

From Russia comes a dispatch that one of its inhabitants has reached the age of 140. Probably untrue, but perhaps the individual referred to feels he has lived that long under communist rule.