

Local News

In Hospital—Mrs. Lillian Compton of Roseburg has been admitted to Mercy hospital to receive medical treatment.

Sell Home—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nehring have sold their home at 1426 East Douglas street to Mr. and Mrs. Baldrige and will move to 1430 N. Ball street.

Spending Several Days Here—Mrs. Jessie Vinsonbrough Wallace of Idley is spending several days in Roseburg at the home of Mrs. Jessie Vinson, while receiving medical treatment.

D. of U. V. To Meet—Florence Nightingale tent No. 15, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will meet at potluck supper Monday night at the home of Mrs. Ruth Plumer, 1162 Military street. A grab-bag will be held. The next regular meeting of the group has been planned for Sept. 22, at 7:30 p. m. in the K. of P. hall.

Step Here—Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bartleman of Sacramento and who are on their honeymoon, stopped in Roseburg this week for a short visit with Mrs. Eugene Little or South Stephens street en route to points in Washington. They plan to return to Sacramento via the coast highway route.

Called to Vancouver—Mrs. George Dimmick, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Nannie Thompson, left Tuesday morning for Vancouver, Wash., where they were called by the death of Mrs. Dimmick's sister-in-law.

Oklahoma Tornado Hurts 5 Persons; Damage High

SASAKWA, Okla.—Five persons were injured by a tornado three miles north of there late Friday but no one was hurt, or killed, as the twister tore a path through the town.

The town, of 1,000 population, is 75 airline miles southeast of Oklahoma City.

No estimate of damage has been made. More than a dozen houses, a school bus garage and two business buildings were leveled or damaged.

Youth Injured As Car Runs Off Highway 99

George D. Cox, 18, of Roseburg, suffered head injuries about 1:30 Saturday morning when the car he was driving ran off the highway about two miles south of Roseburg state police reported.

He was traveling alone and apparently fell asleep, police said. The car rolled over and was badly damaged. Cox was taken to Roseburg hospital for observation.

DAR Meeting—A business meeting of the DAR will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Douglas Waite, 410 W. Douglas St.

PTA To Meet—Glide PTA will meet at 1:30 o'clock Monday, Sept. 18, at the Grange hall.

Leaves for Kansas—Miss Pearl Getz has left for her home in Newton, Kas., following a few weeks in Roseburg visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hand, and with her nephew, Wallace Hand, and family.

Here on Business—Mr. and Mrs. B. A. McPhillips of McMinville have been spending the last few days in Roseburg attending to business.

Harvest Ball—South Deer Creek Grange has invited the public to attend its annual harvest ball tonight, Sept. 16, at 9 o'clock at the hall. Refreshments will be on sale during the evening.

Unit To Meet—Melrose Home Extension unit has announced a get-acquainted meeting for Thursday night, Sept. 21, at 8 o'clock at the Melrose Grange hall. All persons interested are invited to attend.

Grange to Meet—Melrose Grange will meet Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock at the Grange hall.

Go to Los Angeles—Mrs. Roy Johnson (Jean Geddes) and two daughters, Sandra and Karen Dell, left Thursday for their new home in Los Angeles, following a week here with relatives and friends. Mrs. Johnson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Geddes. She and her children were taken to Eugene by her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harrie W. Booth. The Johnsons formerly resided in Seattle.

Returns Here—Mrs. Minerva Smith returned to Roseburg Friday, following a week in Eugene visiting her niece, Mrs. Laura Herring.

TO ENTER PLEA

Charles Bock, Roseburg, arrested on a drunk driving charge by city police last night will enter a plea in municipal court Tuesday morning, according to Judge I. B. Riddle.

His wife, Murial J. Bock, charged with being drunk on a public street, will also enter a plea Tuesday.

Jet Fighter Crashes, 2 Others Land Safely

WENATCHEE, Wash.—(AP)—An F-86 jet fighter plane which had engine failure at 18,000 feet crashed-landed and burned here last night, injuring the pilot.

Two other jets followed the crippled ship down. One missed the runway and was badly damaged. The other made an uneventful landing.

The pilot of the plane destroyed by fire, Lt. John Greene Jr., was not seriously hurt. Lt. David B. Freeland, at the controls of the damaged fighter, and Lt. Col. William Edwards, flight leader who brought his ship in safely, were unscathed.

Col. Gladwyn E. Pinkston, commanding officer of the 1st fighter interceptor wing at Larson air force base, Moses Lake, Wash., said the trio was returning from a training flight to Utah when Greene's ship "cooked out."

19-Year-Old Given 18-Month Sentence

William John Tucker, 19, of Roseburg was sentenced to serve 18 months in the Oregon state penitentiary and placed on probation in the circuit court Friday. Tucker pleaded guilty to District Attorney Robert Davis' information which charged him with robbery by force, not being armed with a dangerous weapon.

According to the information, Tucker violently robbed Clyde Dixon Vickers of \$1.90, a billfold and various articles of clothing.

PLAINTIFF FAWARDED MONEY

A default judgment in favor of James M. McGinty has been issued by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly against Rolland Charles Dorsey for \$75. The money is allegedly due for payment of damages incurred in an auto accident. Plaintiff was also granted \$16.35 court costs.

SCOUTS TO MEET

Plans to increase the trained leadership will be discussed Monday at the Riverside school when the Douglas district Boy Scouts of the Oregon Trail council holds its first district meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30.

Male birds of paradise perform a "courtship dance" in mating season.

Six Destroyers Drew Fire To Insure Marine Landing

By RELMAN MORIN
ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP OF JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN, OFF INCHON, KOREA — (AP)—The landing at Inchon in a large part is the story of six brave little ships and a wonderful blunder.

The North Koreans made the blunder. The little ships, the big ones, the planes and finally a marine assault force capitalized on it. A chain of events started by those six ships led directly to the victory of Inchon.

In the eagerness to Inchon harbor, and commanding approaches to it, is the island of Wolmi. It is a wooded island shaped like a n oyster shell. From the beaches, the ground rises 300 feet to a rounded top. A stone causeway connects the island to the Inchon waterfront.

Wolmi was the key to the entire operation. Before the main attack on Inchon could begin, Wolmi had to be taken. In an order issued before the battle, Rear-Adm. James H. Doyle, commander of task force 90, said:

"This mission (Wolmi) must be successfully completed at any cost. Failure will seriously jeopardize or even prevent the major amphibious assault on Inchon. Therefore, press the assault with the utmost vigor despite loss or difficulty."

A big question loomed — what did the North Koreans have on Wolmi to defend it? How many guns? How big? Where?

Six brave little ships — six destroyers — were sent to find out. Vice-Adm. Arthur D. Struble, commander of joint task force seven, ordered a "reconnaissance in force."

The mission frankly was to draw fire from Wolmi — the more fire the better.

A destroyer's armor is three-eighths of an inch thick. Practically anything stronger than a slingshot will pierce it.

On the morning of Sept. 13, "D day minus two," the six brave little ships, moving in column, and slowly, sailed into the narrowing channel leading past Wolmi to Inchon.

One anchored off the southern face of the island. Three passed through the neck of the channel to the other side. Two remained in the channel.

None was more than a mile from the beaches and some were 1,000 yards — two-thirds of a mile. They were "sitting ducks."

That's what they were meant to be juicy targets for the concealed guns on the shore.

From all over the elbow of the channel farther down, thousands of binoculars were trained on them from the American and British cruisers and the other ships. The silence was like a blanket. It was a brilliantly sunny day and you could see even without binoculars.

Suddenly there was a single sharp white flash. Seconds later the muffled crack of the gun came back. "The 730 reports she spotted a battery moving on shore," a report to the bridge of the flagship said.

A few more tense, breathless, incredible seconds of waiting passed. Still silence. Wolmi island looked like a picnicer's paradise, green-wooded and serene.

Then the North Koreans made the fateful and wonderful blunder. Suddenly a necklace of gun flashes sparkled around the waist of the island. The flashes were a reddish gold and they came so fast that soon the entire slope was sparkling with pinpoints of fire.

The destroyers were quick to answer. Lightning flashes leaped from their guns. They hit back, shell for shell, firing faster and faster until the whole channel was a tunnel of rumbling thunder.

The pace increased. On Wolmi, still more gun positions opened up. The red necklace spread and widened. And they were hitting the destroyers now. They could hardly miss at that range.

Then a report came down to the bridge and your blood ran cold. "It looks as though the 733 is dead."

Committee Sends Report On Hauling

PORTLAND — (AP)—A legislative interim highway committee prepared today to send its report to the printer after hearing a final request for a reduction of fees paid by commercial haulers.

Log haulers, draymen and warehousemen made the request at a hearing yesterday.

They told the committee, headed by Ralph T. Moore, Cops Bay, that taxes on commercial haulers have reached a saturation point. The group called for a cut in public utility commission plate costs from 90 to 50 cents a hundredweight.

Earl White, a draymen and warehousemen representative, said "commercial haulers in 1948 paid all the cost of maintenance on the Portland-Medford highway."

A log hauler representative, E. T. Clark, asked for clarification of a statute that he said originally was intended to permit tolerance in log truck weights.

An increase in the gas tax allocation to counties was asked by a grange representative who also opposed a move to discontinue refunds for gasoline purchased for non-highway use.

Valuable Gas, Tritium, Found In Plain Water

PHILADELPHIA — (AP)—Two scientists have discovered in ordinary water the colorless gas known as tritium — key explosive for hydrogen bombs.

A little tritium already has been made in American atomic reactors and more is to be produced for H-bombs in reactors still to be built.

The new water extraction method of making tritium shows promise of two very practical uses — but is not expected to replace the reactor system of tritium manufacture.

The principal reason for this is that although reactor Tritium today is said to cost a half billion dollars a pound — the water extraction appears to be both less productive and more expensive.

The first anticipated use of the new water tritium is to discover the secret manufacture of H-bombs.

In such work a very small amount of tritium spilled in water will spread widely and as a result of the newly announced discovery may be detected easily.

A single gram — one 27th of an ounce — dropped into the mighty Amazon river could be traced anywhere downstream and even far out in the Atlantic ocean.

The second practical use of the detection method would come in tracing ocean currents right down to the bottom of the sea. Surface waters are known to contain more tritium than very deep water.

The tritium discoveries — announced Thursday at the Temple university research institute — were the work of W. F. Libby of the institute of nuclear studies, University of Chicago, and A. V. Groves, of the Temple institute.

Tritium has been suspected in ordinary water for more than 20 years and has been partly identified by means of the spectroscopy. The Libby-Groves discovery was made by using a radioactive counter.

Tritium presently costs nearly half a billion — \$500,000,000 — per pound as it is made with atomic reactors.

\$1 Million Suit Faced By ITU

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — (AP)—The AFL International Typographical union is a defendant in a \$1,000,000 suit by the former general manager of its newspaper here.

Reid Jorgensen alleged in his suit filed yesterday that the ITU violated an agreement with him by selling the paper, the Las Vegas Free-Press, to Herman Greenspun. The latter has since changed the paper's name to the Morning Sun.

Jorgensen named Woodruff Randolph, Indianapolis, international president, as co-defendant, and said Randolph had hired him to take over the union paper so the ITU could get out of the publishing business. The ITU had started the venture after its printers left the Review-Journal on strike September, 1949.

Tokete School Expects Increase In Registration

A throng of approximately 60 children are expected to register at the Tokete school on opening day, Sept. 18.

This is according to calculations furnished Superintendent John Orr by a PTA committee from the Tokete area. The expected registration for the two-teacher school would be 50 percent more than last year.

Negotiations are now under way with the California-Oregon Power company to construct an additional room on the structure, which is now one-room. It is scheduled for completion in October. At present, the State Department of Education has approved the school's operation on two shifts.

FINED FOR SPEEDING

Claren B. Hooper, 18 Winston was fined \$30 Saturday in municipal court after pleading guilty to driving 50 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone, reported Judge I. B. Riddle.

He was arrested at 2:30 a. m. Saturday morning on South Stevens street.

Looking Ahead with DON FORBES

Most of us are reluctant to face unpleasant truths. That sensitive spot on our solar is probably just a temporary irritation; that twinge of pain in the region of the heart will no doubt go away if we give it time. Too many of us put off seeing our dentist or consulting our physician for a periodic check-up. Similarly, possibility of early death is an unpleasant fact that we try hard not to think about. Yet only two categories of people can afford to disregard such a contingency — those who have no dependents and those who have made, through life assurance, sufficient provision for their loved ones against the chance of untimely death. If you cannot consistently claim to be in either of these categories drop me a line — or telephone.

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CLUB PLANNED

A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Kruse of Melrose Wednesday evening to form a club of high school girls to be known as the Horizon Club.

Those attending were Mrs. Betty Striking, Dorothy Finn, Donna Dillon, Jeanne Conn and Darlene Kruse.

Community Mulls Problem Of House For Hurt Pastor

Residents of Camas Valley who are trying to get a parsonage for their pastor the Rev. Westley Durland, who was seriously hurt in a logging truck accident two months ago, are in need of a circulating heater and chairs or a divan.

The Rev. Mr. Durland, who had been pastor of the Camas Valley Community church for only three weeks before the accident, will be released from a Portland hospital in about two more months, his wife said.

It had been the hope of the Camas Valley people to have a new parsonage built in time for Rev. Durland's return. But they now feel it will be spring before it can be completed. In the meantime they are preparing two rooms in the Community church for living quarters for the Durland family, which includes a three-month-old baby.

Through "thrift sales," held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid, money is being raised to furnish the temporary parsonage. However, no way has yet been found to provide a circulating heater, and it is hoped one will be offered before long.

Luxembourg celebrates the birthday of its grand duchess with fireworks.

22 Firemen Hurt In Portland Fire

PORTLAND — (AP)—Twenty-two firemen were hospitalized last night as they fought for six hours to quell flames in a downtown building.

An elderly watchman was rescued from the roof of the six-story Manchester building at 311 S. W. Fifth avenue.

Fire Investigator Ralph Curtis said loss was \$80,000 to \$100,000. The cause was undetermined.

The hospitalized firemen, most of them overcome by smoke, were reported not in serious condition. Only five were held overnight.

Photographic supplies sent up dense clouds of acid smoke from the quarter-block structure. Firemen waded waist deep in water, flooded into the basement through holes cut in the first floor.

The E. J. Chapman & Co. stationery and office supply firm and Shannon & Co. engineering and art supply store on the ground floor were burned out. Smoke and water damaged thousands of ready-to-wear garments in three wholesale fashion shops on the upper floors.

Thirty pieces of equipment fought the blaze. Some 150 off-duty firemen were called.

VETERAN 106

BUFFALO, N. Y. — (AP)—James A. Willis, who danced a little jig a year ago, stayed in bed today — his 106th birthday.

Willis, a Civil war veteran and a native of Paisley, Scotland, has been recuperating from the effects of a fall last May.

His birthday wish, he said yesterday, is "to regain my health — and keep my faith in God."

Fireworks are displayed in Holland on the Queen's birthday night.

College Professor Helps DA Get Gaming Evidence

Media, Pa. — (AP)—A 40-year college professor fashioned his own course in organized gambling and came up with results which enabled Delaware county to pass out 15 warrants.

District Attorney C. William Kraft Jr., said Thursday his undercover man in the county's five-month investigation of horse race book-makers, numbers men and gamblers was Harry W. Allison who teaches at the Penn State extension college in Swarthmore.

Kraft said Allison took the job during the summer vacation and his work resulted in the issuance of 15 warrants and the holding of eight men for grand jury action. Those arrested were held in bail ranging up to \$5,000 on charges of gambling.

The district attorney said Allison answered an advertisement in Philadelphia papers for a part time criminal investigator. He was hired because gamblers in the county too easily recognized police officers, Kraft said.

County Defense Director To Speak At Noon Forum

Speaker at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce's second fall noon forum luncheon Monday will be Brig. Gen. J. T. Pierce, USMC (Ret.).

Brig. Gen. Pierce, Douglas county civilian defense director, will explain the workings of the recently-inaugurated program. The luncheon will be held in the Hotel Umpqua Civic room and will begin at 12 noon. It is open to the public, as well as to members of the chamber of commerce.

The principal export of Tibet is wool.

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