

WEST ROSEBURG AREA PAVING REQUESTED

Council Refers Petitions To City Manager For Check; Airport Building Plan OK'd

West Roseburg residents want their streets paved. Last night, at the city council meeting, petitions were submitted asking for plans and specifications for the paving of most of the streets in and around Fairhaven Market, including Coates Addition.

The streets involved include Brown between Military and Nebo; Nebo between Brown and the south end of the street; Catherine and Ann streets between Nebo and Fairhaven; Myrtle between Military and Nebo; Ridgeview between Myrtle and the end of the street; Fairhaven between Myrtle and Harvard; Spring between Myrtle and the end of the street; Union between Myrtle and Harvard; Wharton between Myrtle and Harvard; Balf between Military and Harvard and Harrison between Harvard and Brown.

The petitions ask for the establishing of grades, and installation of curbs, gutters, catch basins, drains, sidewalks, and paving the streets with asphalt to a width of 36 feet.

John Felt appeared at the meeting and spoke briefly in behalf of the petitioners. The council referred the petitions to the city manager for checking of names contained and for making other investigation.

Plans and specifications were also presented for another street paving job. Engineering estimates placed the cost of improving Chapman street between Madrone and Riverside at \$4689.12. The work would include installing curbs and gutters and asphalt paving of the street 25 feet wide between curbs.

New Sewer Asked
Other improvement work which came before the council pertained to installation of a 16-inch sanitary sewer in the alley between Hoover and Mosher streets, extending from Fullerton street sanitary sewer connection to the intercepting sewer near the river.

The city manager was instructed to prepare plans and specification, as outlined in a map presented to the council pointing out the work, and prepare for calling for bids. The engineer's estimate on the work was listed at \$2316.50.

A delegation was present from the affected area and complained of water backing up in their sewers whenever there is excess rain. It was pointed out that the present Fullerton street sewer is too flat to carry off the drainage readily.

Airport Job Approved
C. N. Freeman, architect representing Freeman, Hayslip and Felt firm of Portland, was present with final blue prints of the plans and specifications for the administration building at the municipal airport. The plans were approved.

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X-Ray Surveys In Douglas Will Begin January 15

A few kinks were ironed out and final preparations for initiation of the chest X-ray survey were made during a meeting in the Umpqua hotel, Monday reports General Drive Chairman Ira Byrd.

On Jan. 15, six mobile X-ray units will begin photographing Douglas county's 40,500 adults in a drive to detect and stamp out tuberculosis. For five weeks the units will be operative, and after the third week a retake X-ray machine—for persons with tuberculosis symptoms—will begin operating.

Beginning Jan. 15, there will be two units in Reedsport, two in Drain and one in Sutherlin and Oakland.

Actual X-raying of Roseburg residents won't begin until Jan. 26, Byrd said. Units will be located at the schools and mills before being brought into the downtown areas.

Byrd emphasized the rapidity with which the X-rays will be taken. It will take less than 30 seconds for the actual photographing, and the individual will be registered just prior to the X-ray. Within two or three weeks reports will be mailed to those taking advantage of the service, which is free.

Where the results are positive, a large X-ray is requested, which is the purpose of the retake machines. One will be located in Roseburg and another in Reedsport.

Persons desiring X-rays need not make appointments.

Myrtle Creek Tavern Suffers \$500 Robbery
The Myrtle Creek Tavern was forcibly entered Sunday between 2:30 a.m. and 8 a.m., reports Myrtle Creek Chief of Police Orville Cornett.

Approximately \$500 in coins and currency was stolen in addition to beer and cigarettes, Cornett said. The money was contained in a small metal box.

Entry was gained by forcing open the rear door of the tavern. Investigation of the robbery is continuing, Cornett said.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein
Senator Taft's backers claim he has the presidential nomination "in the bag," but it now looks as if he will ultimately be left holding the sack.

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CONGRESS SESSION OPENS

Reds Again Reject POW Swap Plan

Wrangle Also Occurs Over Foe's Proposal To Rebuild Air Fields

By OLEN CLEMENTS
MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The U. N. Command Tuesday rephrased its proposal for exchanging prisoners of war and the Reds, promptly turned it down.

Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, Allied truce negotiator, said the U. N. plan was reworded to "eliminate any ground for technical opposition" by the Communists.

The Reds still objected. A second truce subcommittee argued nearly two hours over whether the Reds should be allowed to rebuild air fields during an armistice. Neither side changed its view.

In presenting the revised plan for exchanging prisoners of war, Rear Adm. Libby said "this is in no sense a new proposal" but it had been rephrased to cover objections raised by the Reds.

Changes Summarized
Changes included: A specific provision that the U. N. Command would release all prisoners for voluntary repatriation after the Reds returned all prisoners, former South Korean soldiers, and displaced or interned civilians who want to go home.

Elimination of a demand that the Reds reclassify as prisoners of war former South Korean troops now in the Red army.

Red commanders would "solemnly agree" that all prisoners released by the U. N. who were not directly exchanged for Red prisoners would not fight again in the Korean war.

Under the original plan prisoners in this class, when released by (Continued on Page 2)

Defense Spending, Foreign Aid, Universal Military Training Top Problems Facing Lawmakers

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress reconvened Tuesday for an election-year session certain to be studded with controversy over issues on which political fortunes will ride in next November's voting.

The banging of gavels in Senate and House signaled the second meeting for the legislators who make up the 82nd Congress-elected in 1950. They recessed their first session last Oct. 20.

Vice President Barkley, presiding in the Senate, and speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) in the House called the chambers into session promptly at the stroke of noon.

Only about half of the House members were on hand, but the Senate roll call showed 70-odd of the 96 Senators present.

Many of the issues they wrestled with last year confronted them again. Dominant ones are defense spending, universal military training, economic controls, and foreign aid.

Out of how they deal with them will come records to go before the voters in next fall's election of a President, vice-president, 435 House members and 33 Senators.

Truman's Message Awaited
The real kick-off for the new session will come Wednesday when President Truman will deliver his State of the Union message to a joint Senate-House meeting.

This will lay down in a last broad terms what legislation Mr. Truman wants from the session—and lay the basis for scrapping between supporters of his program and its critics.

Aside from legislation, some other politically potent issues are shaping up. One is Mr. Truman's proposal to send an ambassador to the Vatican.

Just before Congress recessed last October, the President proposed the name of Gen. Mark W. Clark as an ambassador and asked legislation to permit Clark to serve without giving up his military rank.

This touched off a country-wide controversy. Congress quit without taking any action on the President's request. Mr. Truman has said he will renew it.

Bridges Succeeds Wherry
During the recess, six new House members were named. Republicans (Continued on Page 2)

Stumpage From Umpqua Forest Boosted In 1951

The Umpqua National Forest contributed 11,330,000 more board feet of stumpage to the timber industry of the Umpqua Inland Basin in 1951 than in 1950. The average stumpage price advanced from \$10.60 per thousand board feet to \$11.40.

Robert Aufferheide, forest supervisor, reports sales of Umpqua forest timber in 1951 to have totaled 182,030,000 board feet as compared with 170,700,000 board feet in 1950.

Forest service sales in 1951 returned \$2,667,429, as compared with \$1,810,912 the previous year. Douglas county will receive one-fourth of the income from all forest revenue. Some of the sales money included in the receipts for the year, however, will be divided with neighboring counties in proportion to the amount of forest within those counties.

The volume of timber being taken annually from the Umpqua forest still is below the allowable harvest, Aufferheide says. The full allowable cut cannot be sustained until access roads are built up the North Umpqua river at least as far as Big Camas, he reports.

Not Guilty, Insanity, Walter Wanger's Plea

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Walter Wanger entered a firm "Not guilty, your honor" to a shooting charge Monday, and his lawyer added: "Not guilty, by reason of temporary insanity."

February 26 was set for the trial of the gray-haired producer accused of shooting Jennings Lang, agent for Wanger's wife, Actress Joan Bennett, last Dec. 13.

Wanger, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder, told police after the affray, "he broke up my home." Lang was wounded in the groin.

"Flash System" Nabs Pair On Check Charges

Roseburg's bad check "flash system" resulted in the arrest of two men Monday afternoon, reports Chief of Police Ted Mazze.

Awaiting arraignment in Douglas county jail are John D. Browning, 32, Myrtle Creek, and Gerald Heffner, 34, Roseburg, both charged with passing bad checks. District Attorney Robert Davis said they were apprehended as Browning waited in a cab while Heffner was attempting to pass worthless check.

Symington Quits As Head Of RFC; Republican In

WASHINGTON (AP)—An active Republican prepared Tuesday to become boss of the multi-million dollar Reconstruction Finance Corporation under an announced policy of loans "on a basis of business and merit—no politics."

Even as Harry A. McDonald, enunciated this policy, however, a move sprang up to launch a new Senate investigation of the huge scandal-ridden government lending agency.

Sen. Maybank (D-S.C.), Senate Banking Committee chairman, announced he had ordered an inquiry into the resignation of W. Stuart Symington as RFC administrator.

He said Senate action on President Truman's nomination of McDonald to succeed Symington probably would be held up until after the inquiry. McDonald, now chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, is a close personal friend of Symington.

Symington, a top Truman administration official for six years, is quitting Jan. 15. The President, in a letter Monday addressed to "Dear Stu", said he accepted the resignation with "utmost reluctance."

Drunken Driving Record Draws Court Comment

Three-fourths of 1,578 drunk drivers convicted over a 20-year period had only "two beers."

That's the observation of District Judge A. J. Geddes in looking back over a 20-year progressive career as Roseburg municipal judge, justice of the peace and district judge.

Recently it has cost more if you get caught as a drunk driver—about \$100 more. Fines in district court have increased from \$350 to \$375 to \$500 in most cases. Sentences often include 30 days in jail.

The increase was made principally to see whether it would cut down the number of drunk drivers brought before the courts.

"Whether it has or not is hard to say; it's too early to tell yet," Judge Geddes said. However, the increase follows a general trend throughout the state, he added.

A total of 1,368 of the convictions were during his tenure as Roseburg municipal judge.

Drunk driving is one of the major problems which the court has to contend with, Geddes believes. Another is reckless driving.

"Drunk driving is a menace all right,—there's no question about it," the judge commented.

Most of the drunken drivers fined maintain all along that they had only "two beers"—and "I've had fellows tell me they can drive better after a few beers," Judge Geddes observed.

He added that he didn't mind a fellow taking a drink now and then, but if he does he ought to stay out of a car.

Potato Price Rollback Hard Blow To Growers

PORTLAND (AP)—The announced price rollback will cost the potato industry around three million dollars for the estimated 5,000 cars still to be marketed, an industry spokesman said here Monday.

To offset the loss which potato growers said they will suffer under the rollback, a marketing agreement committee said it will meet at Klamath Falls Jan. 15-16 to discuss cutting size regulations to 1 1/2 inches from the present 2 inches.

That would permit marketing of some culls, William Peterson, secretary, said.

Fred Meyer Stores Face Trial On Prices

PORTLAND (AP)—Fred Meyer, Inc., and two of the chain store's meat market managers will be tried Feb. 5 on charges of selling meat at above ceiling prices. The trial date was set Monday by Federal Judge Gus Solomon after the defendants pleaded innocent to charges of price violations last fall.

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



ANNETTE DE DOBBELAERE smiles with a trifle of self-consciousness as her picture is snapped. And no wonder, for her fellow workers in the office at the Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange at Washington and Spruce streets were doing a lot of sideline coaching. "Smile, Annette; remember the toothpaste ads," one would remark. "Look soulful, Annette—you know how," another would chime. Regardless of the advice she took, she did all right. Annette started work at the Farm Bureau only a week ago. Just recently married to Mel De Dobbelaere, who now is in the army, stationed at Fort Campbell, she is the former Annette Gibbons, a graduate of Roseburg high school, class of fifty-one.

Counsel For O-C Land Grant Counties Plans Washington Attendance At Legislation

PORTLAND (AP)—The attorney for the Association of Oregon and California Land Grant Counties will leave for Washington, D. C., Jan. 18 to represent the group on any proposed legislation affecting Oregon's re-vested timberlands.

Sutherland Physician In Race For Coroner

Dr. John J. Grabow, Sutherlin physician and surgeon, and one of the few Douglas county pathologists, has filed for nomination on the Republican ticket for county coroner.

Carrying the slogan, "A trained medical examiner for coroner," Dr. Grabow has been in business in Sutherlin for the last five and one-half years. He was a coroner's physician in Illinois, Minnesota and in the navy for a total of ten years.

During his residence in Sutherlin, he has been medical examiner for the coroner's office in Douglas county.

Dr. Grabow said he believes some of the "questionable deaths in the county should be completely investigated."

In the Day's News

Washington: "That well-stocked counter of surplus farm products Uncle Sam set up two years ago is taking on the appearance of a bargain after a shopper's rampage. In short it is nearly EMPTY—reflecting a heavy volume of sales and government withdrawal of some stocks for possible future emergencies."

City's Finances In 'Fine Shape'

Roseburg is "in very fine shape" financially, in the opinion of City Manager W. I. Gilchrist.

Gilchrist and Jack Hart, president of the city council and chairman of the council's finance committee, were interviewed on KRNR "This Town Is Yours" series.

Hart said the "hardest thing the city ever had to pay for was the city hall," on which payments have only recently been completed. Asked about the possibility of a new city hall, he added, "we certainly need one and we're going to have to figure out something to get one fast."

Regarding city tax increases, Hart commented that he believed an increase would be in line with increased salaries and operating expenses.

Gilchrist said Roseburg has an excellent credit rating, and outstanding bonds total only \$385,000 of an allowable maximum of \$900,000.

Alleged Robber Also Faces Kidnap Charge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A teenage boy was found chained to a bed in a filthy house here Tuesday. Officers said the lad told them he was abused sexually by the man who held him captive.

An accused bank robber, charged with a \$20,000 holdup during a snowstorm Monday, was named by officers as the youth's captor.

John D. Billek, 24-year-old used car salesman, was arrested on the bank robbery charge Monday night.

The Weather

Considerable cloudiness with showers and periods of clearing today and tonight. Wednesday rain with snow in the higher elevations.

Highest temp. for any Jan.	77
Lowest temp. for any Jan.	-4
Highest temp. yesterday	43
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	32
Precip. last 24 hours	.04
Precip. from Jan. 1	1.16
Precip. from Sept. 1	21.77
Excess	4.61

Sunset today, 4:55 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:45 a.m.