

# E. J. Staggs Faces Second Degree Murder Charge

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### Roseburg Lumber Co. Closes Mill

#### Operations To Be Shifted To Dillard

Timber Not Adequate To Justify Maintaining 2 Plants, Explanation

Roseburg Lumber Co. has closed its operations at the Roseburg plant, and henceforth will concentrate its entire milling operations at Dillard.

Earl Plummer, office manager, announced today that the milling operations at Roseburg ceased with the close of work Monday afternoon.

Most of the employees at Roseburg will be absorbed, on a seniority rating basis, in the Dillard plant, said Plummer. A second shift on the Swedish gang saw has been added at Dillard, to absorb a considerable number, and other employees will be taken into the operation as vacancies in the plant exist.

Closure of the Roseburg plant has been on a gradual basis, and the number of men slowly reduced to approximately 100 employed at the close of work Monday.

The stock pile of logs has been completely cut out at Roseburg. Yarding operations will be continued until all lumber has been shipped out. This is expected to take a month or more.

Immediate plans for disposal of the Roseburg plant has not been announced. The operation, however, will be completely suspended.

It has been the plans of the company for several months to discontinue the Roseburg plant, originally built by Kenneth Ford in 1936, and since expanded to its present sprawling size.

Economy of operation is given as the reason for the closure here and concentration of the interests at Dillard. The latter plant, built in 1945, incorporates the most modern equipment for economy production.

In addition, the new plywood plant, recently put into operation there, is an integral part of the overall plan.

The Roseburg Lumber Company did not feel that it could continue to operate both the Roseburg and Dillard plants with the present supply of timber, and continue production on a sustained basis, it was explained. One plant could operate almost indefinitely under the present program, so it was decided to concentrate production at the plant most economical to maintain.

The Dillard plant, on a two-shift basis, will employ an estimated 225 men. This is in addition to the crews at the plywood plant and the woods operation of the company.

**DRUNKEN DRIVER RAPPED**  
Marvin Garner, 42, Myrtle Creek, was fined \$300 and given a 30-day jail term in Sutherland Justice Ward Watson's court on a drunk driving charge. Garner was arrested by state police.

**NON-SUPPORT CHARGED**  
Boyd Whittaker, 25, Myrtle Creek logger, has been lodged in the county jail on a non-support charge, Sheriff O. T. Carter reports.

#### STILL 'NO DEAL' MAN

### Eisenhower Denies Any Commitments, Hits 'Lie' On Religious Smearing

ABOARD THE EISENHOWER SPECIAL (AP)—Dwight D. Eisenhower asserted Tuesday he still is a "no deal" man and has made no commitments to win supporters in his presidential campaign.

The GOP candidate made this declaration to a chilled crowd of about 4,000 people at Manchester, N. H., in the wake of a statement by Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore.), he was offered a "high position in public life."

The Morse statement given to the Portland Oregonian carried the implication he cannot accept the post only if he would support Eisenhower—and claimed to have the documentary evidence which he would produce after the election Nov. 4.

Morse was one of the original Eisenhower-for-president supporters but has since withdrawn his support on the grounds that the general has embraced policies and candidates he cannot accept.

Eisenhower made no mention of Morse in his remarks at Manchester, but he appeared to be taking note of this development as he said he was still a "no deal" man.

He also ripped into the administration again with accusations its leaders are "spreading a campaign of fear" that a Republican victory would mean another great depression.

**"Lies" And "Slender" Hit**  
Eisenhower gave no indication he was ready to accept President Truman's statement that he (Truman) had not accused the general of being anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic.

Again he spoke out at Manchester and Nashua against "lies" and "slanders" he said had been spread against him—and said he was grateful that Jewish and Catholic friends had come to his defense.

The GOP presidential nominee pledged a GOP victory will mean an end to the "lies" and "slanders" which he said he would see every resource of the nation to use that everybody has a decent job at good wages.

Eisenhower promised to help small business to provide diverse industries for localities—and thus ease economic pressures.

This statement came in an area that has felt the loss of textile industry to the south with some resulting unemployment.

**Man Jailed On Charge Of Assaulting Officer**  
Clarence Ernest Fuller, 55, is in the county jail in lieu of \$2,000 bail set by Sutherland Justice Ward Watson, after his arrest Monday by Roseburg and state police on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Police Chief Stanley Olson, of Roseburg, said Fuller is accused of assaulting one of his officers with a pocket knife when the officer found him lying on a bench at the Southern Pacific Depot.

#### Chest Drive Opens; Goal Is \$42,000

### Boy Scouts' Inclusion This Year Builds Most Of Heavy Budget Boost

The Community Chest drive opens today in Roseburg. With a \$42 thousand budget this year, the Red Feather campaign begins today and will continue for two weeks.

More than \$14 thousand has been added to this year's budget, drive chairman Robert G. Davis said, but including the Boy Scouts for \$12 thousand took up most of this year's additional increase. Prior to this year, the Boy Scouts were not included in the drive.

Community Chest banks have been distributed throughout Roseburg. These banks will be labeled Democrats and Republicans. A contest will be held to see which party will contribute most. Totals will be added and publicized daily, Davis said.

Beginning at 10 a. m. Saturday free turkey sandwiches and milk or coffee will be given away at Umpqua Valley Appliance in Roseburg. Contributions will be accepted from anyone wishing to give them. At 2:30 p. m., an electric range will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Red Feather drive.

**Six-Way Breakdown**  
Chairman Davis explained that a United Fund campaign was not attempted this year. "We are moving, however, toward that goal," Davis said, "and by including the Boy Scouts in the Chest this year, we have taken a step in that direction."

He explained just where the money given to the Community Chest will go. The fund will provide the Oregon Community Chest with \$6,400; Camp Fire Girls, \$6,100; YMCA, \$10,000; Boy Scouts, \$12,000; Salvation Army, \$6,500 and the Girl Scouts \$50.

Davis stressed the importance of these agencies. "I cannot begin to tell you how much good these organizations do," he said, "while providing wholesome recreation, they are preventing our youngsters from getting into mischief; and although the cost may seem high, the value received in better citizens makes the expense seem, indeed, insignificant."

**Passer Of Bad Checks Placed On Probation**  
Thomas Oscar Franklin, 22, of Winston, was placed on probation for a one-year penitentiary term Monday after pleading guilty before Judge Carl E. Wimberly to passing a bad check.

Franklin was ordered to restore the amounts of several checks, totaling some \$45.

Edward August Volberding, 45 of Myrtle Creek, pleaded guilty to burglarizing the Tri-City cafe, and Judge Wimberly postponed sentence.

**Borrowing Hunting Licenses Draws Fines**  
Two men were fined \$100 each and given five-day suspended jail sentences after pleading guilty in Sutherland Justice Ward Watson's court to borrowing hunting licenses.

The court identified them as James Leslie Taylor, 24, Roseburg, and Mayo Harold Nelson, 24, of Roseburg. They were arrested by state police.



EZRA J. STAGGS  
Held in Knifing

### Use Of Knife On Estrada Is Admitted

#### Former Sister-In-Law Of Prisoner Also Held As Material Witness

A charge of second degree murder was filed late Monday afternoon against Ezra J. Staggs, 28, of Idley in connection with the fatal knifing of Hill Estrada, 27, of Steamboat.

Arraigned Monday before Sutherland Justice Ward Watson, Staggs was ordered held without bail. Held in lieu of \$5,000 bond as material witness is Reta Barton Staggs, 40, of Glide, identified by District Attorney Robert M. Stults as the former wife of Staggs' brother.

Staggs asked to see an attorney during arraignment Monday afternoon.

Stults said Staggs signed a statement admitting the knifing early Monday morning at Johnny's Tavern east of Glide. Earlier that evening Staggs and Estrada had argued but were quieted down, the police reported. Later they happened onto each other outside the tavern and began fighting.

Estrada was stabbed with a snap-blade pocket knife.

Defense attorneys have been named in two other homicide cases. William Green has been appointed to defend Mrs. Mary Jewell Gilpin, accused of second degree murder in the fatal knifing of L. C. Parker. Attorney Avery Thompson will assist Green.

Frank Reed, a Eugene attorney, will represent Charley Jefferson Lemmons, accused of second degree murder in the knifing of Thomas Raymond Debolt.

### Senator Morse To Be Candidate Again In 1956

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) told the Oregon Journal Monday that he will be a candidate for re-election on the Republican ticket in 1956.

Morse, who announced Saturday he planned to vote for Gov. Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate for President, said "this is a matter of principle and I will take that issue to the voters in 1956."

Morse said he had been asked by the Independents for Stevenson to speak for the candidate "in a dozen places" but indicated he had not yet made up his mind.

"If Eisenhower gets any lower in his campaign, I may get out and speak for Stevenson," he said. "But," Morse added, "I don't think he can get any lower."

"The behind-the-scenes representations made to me by the Eisenhower crowd convinced me that they would stoop to anything to gain a victory. The people of the State of Oregon are entitled to know what kind of dealing the Eisenhower people have been doing," he said.

He added that there have been rumors that he had been offered the post of general counsel for the CIO. That rumor is "typical of the kind of smear tactics my reactionary opponents have been spreading about me for years," he said.

### Boy Scouts Feel Hand Of Czechs

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Czech Communists report they have just about conquered the "unhealthy" influences of the Boy Scout movement.

Before the Communists took over four years ago, said a Prague radio broadcast picked up by U. S. government monitors, the Scouts sought to "befog young people about loving cooperation between rich and poor."

The broadcast also said the Scouts "promoted an unhealthy romanticism in the young, centering on cowboys, redskins and conquerors, instead of teaching them that it is their mission to build a better social order."

These influences have not yet entirely disappeared, Radio Prague acknowledged, but it said they are fast being overcome by the Communist young Pioneer movement. It added:

"The Pioneers are very fond of defense games. Our children, our Young Pioneers have no need for hypocritical, empty romanticism. They are taught to love their country and the Soviet Union which is helping us to realize the age old dreams of our people above everything else."

### Missing Plane Search Launched

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Two ground parties set out at dawn Tuesday to check a clue to the disappearance of a plane carrying a Yakima man and his wife, unreported since Saturday morning.

The clue was the newly sheared-off top of a big tree on Green-springs Mountain 40 miles west of here, reported by George Douglas of the State Board of Aeronautics.

The missing people are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan of Yakima. They took off from Yakima Saturday morning for Medford, stopped at Redmond for oil, and disappeared.

Douglas, who flew down near dusk Monday, said it appeared that near the broken tree on Green-springs Mountain, adjacent trees were scarred.

Because of dense timber growth, aerial spotting is not effective. Good flying weather came with dawn and planes took to the air in other phases of the search.

Lookouts on Parker and Soda Mountains, near where Douglas reported his sighting, said they heard planes above the overcast at about the time Logan might have been there.

### Detective For Soviet Flees To West Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—Heinz Tacke, deputy chief of detectives in the Soviet sector of Berlin, fled to the west Tuesday and asked for asylum.

Tacke told the West Berlin police his conscience would not permit him to carry out the orders of his Red superiors any longer.

### Coal Strike Hits Railroad Men

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The coal strike spread unemployment among railroaders Tuesday as more than 322,000 miners carried their protest walkout into its second day.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad, an important coal carrier, laid off 1,200 workers and the Norfolk and Western told another 300 workers there will be no more paychecks for them until the miners return to the pits.

The Virginian railway said it will lay off 600 shop workers if the strike continues through Friday.

Thousands of Pennsylvania railroad employees face reduced work days if the walkout lasts more than a few days. That railroad has an automatic plan to cut out an hour during a coal strike.

Coal miners are refusing to work because the Wage Stabilization Board reduced their recently negotiated \$1.90 a day pay boost to \$1.50, making their new basic daily minimum wage \$17.85.

"We're determined to hold out for the \$1.90," declared President E. B. Hossle of the United Mine Workers local in Acme, W. Va. "That's what was negotiated and that's what we're going to get."

### Chinese Red Attack Stopped By S. Koreans

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—About 1,500 Chinese Reds attacked in a blinding rainstorm Tuesday night in a renewed assault on mud-covered Sniper Ridge.

The Communists struck under cover of an intense artillery and mortar barrage.

But South Koreans held them at bay with heavy rifle and artillery fire.

Some 20 miles to the east, South Korean troops battled to within 40 yards of the crest of Iron Horse mountain at noon Tuesday.

They pulled back, however, because their supporting tanks could not find their targets through heavy fog that covered the valley floor.

### Oregon Lifts Quarantine On Minnesota Hogs

SALEM (AP)—The quarantine against shipment of hogs from Minnesota to Oregon was lifted Tuesday, State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson announced.

The quarantine was removed because federal officials declared Minnesota now to be free from vesicular exanthema, a highly contagious disease of hogs.

Peterson said there are no known cases of the disease in Oregon. Oregon's general quarantine against the disease, applying to all other states, remains in effect. This provides for inspection of hogs entering the state.

### Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

### 2 Myrtle Creek Hunters Overdue; Search Planned

Fog hindered the beginning of an aerial search for two Myrtle Creek hunters lost more than 24 hours this morning, deputy sheriff Ira Byrd reported this morning.

H. L. Cochran, about 30, and Eugene Faus, 40, both loggers from the Myrtle Creek area, have been reported lost after staying out overnight while hunting around the head of North Myrtle Creek.

They went hunting yesterday morning, planning to be gone only two or three hours, Byrd said, but they haven't been heard of since. They had no equipment except their rifles and some matches.

An aerial search was scheduled for this morning but "it is useless to attempt the search until the fog lifts," Byrd said. "We are hoping they will build a fire. Then we can locate them by the smoke," he added.

A ground search will be made by the sheriff's office if the aerial search doesn't prove successful.

Both men are experienced woodsmen and are familiar with the mountains in this area, Byrd said.

### Tillamook Burn Open To Hunters Thursday

SALEM (AP)—The Tillamook Burn area, closed to entry since Oct. 2 because of high fire danger, will be open to hunters Thursday when a special deer season begins.

Logging was permitted after the closure was lifted at midnight Monday by the State Forestry Department.

The rest of Western Oregon, much of which was closed to hunters and loggers, was reopened Sunday.

### Sparkman In Hospital As Laryngitis Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. John J. Sparkman, Democratic vice presidential nominee, entered a hospital Tuesday for treatment of laryngitis and what his physician termed a mild respiratory condition.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
Senator Morse of Oregon says this (Saturday) morning (in a characteristic statement about a column long) that he will vote for Governor Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate for President.

He adds: "Never have I been so completely disillusioned about any man as I am about Eisenhower."

Why were you disillusioned, senator? After your statement this morning, I think I know. You weren't concerned, it now appears, with getting new and more liberal leadership for the Republican party. You weren't concerned with getting a change of administration and thus checking the extravagance, the corruption and the creeping socialism which the New

### The Weather

Partly sunny this afternoon. Foggy Wednesday morning. Increasing cloudiness in the afternoon.  
Highest temp. for any Oct. 96  
Lowest temp. for any Oct. 22  
Highest temp. last 24 hours 75  
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 44  
Precip. last 24 hours 0  
Precip. from Oct. 1 0.08  
Precip. from Sept. 1 0.46  
Defic. from Sept. 1 2.28  
Sunset today 5:21 p.m. PST  
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:33 a.m. PST

### Death Calls Man, 114, Thought World's Oldest

CLARKSBURG, Calif. (AP)—Joaquin S. King, who may have been the oldest man in the world, died Monday.

The white-haired patriarch, by family records, was 114.

He was born in the Azores Islands and first settled in Boston when he came to this country on a whaling boat.

The family said a letter from a priest in the Azores reported the baptismal record of the church there listed King's birth date as Sept. 16, 1838.

### 3 School Units Vote Tomorrow On Merger Plan

Voters from three school districts—Dillard 116, Tenmile 7 and Lookingglass 13—will go to the polls in their respective schools at 8 p. m. Wednesday to decide whether or not the three will consolidate.

If they do merge, high school age students from all three will attend classes in a new high school building to be constructed on the Brockway site on Highway 42. By next fall the Dillard school board expects enough rooms to house the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades to be completed.

Merger action was started when the Roseburg District 4 board of education informed the districts that Roseburg schools would be unable to accommodate their pupils after this year. At present high school age pupils from the three districts attend local schools.

Merger advocates originally included Green district 5 in their plans, but Green eventually decided not to push for the consolidation.

Though only enough rooms for the seventh through tenth grades are to be finished by fall 1953, Dillard board members plan to add the remaining two grades in each of the two following years. It is expected that Roseburg schools will continue to house these pupils until the new Dillard school is ready for them.

J. L. Turnbull, building consultant with the State Department of Education recently made a check of enrollment figures and financial capacity of the three districts involved. These showed that by the end of two years they should be able to construct a library, science department, music, commercial and health rooms, of offices, cafeteria with stage and general classrooms.

Only \$230,600 of the combined districts' 1952 bonding capacity has been used so far, a recent survey indicates. \$384,200 remains.

### 'Eisenhower Bandwagon' Tours Douglas Towns

A musical "Bandwagon for Eisenhower" celebrated the state-wide opening celebration in Roseburg Monday when it toured the local sawmills, industrial and commercial firms of the metropolitan Roseburg area.

It was sponsored by the "Citizens for Eisenhower" committee, and will tour each major city and county in Oregon before Nov. 4, Jim Aiken, county chairman, said.

Under the supervision of Robert Henningson, Astoria, they played "I Like the Sunshine of Your Smile," the Republican campaign song, and made short speeches in favor of the presidential candidate. Henningson, 23, is a Korean War vet.

The truck toured Roseburg, Sutherland, Dillard, Winston and other local communities.

## Maximum Development Of Douglas County's Great Timber Resources Demands System Of Access Roads

By R. KENNETH EVANS

Ten years later—1950—there were 166 sawmills operating in Douglas County and the peak month of that year, June, gave employment to 3,387 workers, according to the report of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association. Today, 37 of these sawmills are operating in the Roseburg industrial area, cutting 345,435,000 board feet of lumber annually and giving an average of 1,485 people regular employment. More than 650 logging operations in the Roseburg industrial region logged 1,001,809,000 board feet—Scribner rule—of logs in 1950.

The southwest Oregon forest region is composed of Douglas, Cook, Curry, Jackson and Josephine counties with Douglas County being the largest. This forest unit encompasses the largest remaining concentration of virgin forests in the entire Pacific Northwest. The rapid expansion of the forest industries in this entire region dates from the earlier years of World War Two. To date clear—and partial—cutting operations have covered only about one-sixth of the commercial forest land, and saw-timber stands still occupy close to three-fourths of the area. The saw-timber stands in the five-county unit, contain 10 per cent of the total quantity of saw-timber

in the nation and about 14 per cent of the nation's total commercial forest land area.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, the volume of saw-timber in Douglas County is greater than that of any entire state in the United States, except Washington, Oregon, California, Montana and Idaho. Douglas County, alone, contains more than one-fourth the remaining saw-timber volume in Western Oregon and one-sixth of the saw-timber in the Douglas fir region.

Today, agriculture offers little room for expansion in Douglas County and this leaves timber as the one dynamic resource. Of the 3,239,980 acres in the county's land area, 1,883,400 are productive forest acres. Of this number 1,392,570 acres contain mature timber. Many of these mature stands are overmature and actually losing rather than adding annual growth increment due to losses from the various decay agencies that attack the overmature or overripe timber. According to those close to the industry, this condition suggests the wisdom of cutting this type of timber as heavily, in the next few years, as sustained yield

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