

### Fire Season Ups Jobless Benefits

Closure of the woods because of the fire hazard was responsible for a sharp rise in claims for unemployment insurance benefits during October, reports George T. Foster, manager of the Roseburg office of the Oregon State Unemployment Service.

The majority of these people were back to work before the end of the month, but a few were still waiting for their former employers to get ready for winter work. The lumber industry, as a whole, is operating steadily and will continue to do so until such time that rainy weather precludes the possibility of driving over dirt roads, said Foster.

The job opportunities in the Roseburg area were fewer at the month's end than at any time since last January. Construction work has slowed considerably and the outlook for the next 60 to 90 days is not too encouraging. There are some highway contracts let, but work has not started, and there are no major construction jobs in sight at this time, Foster continued.

A general feeling of "holding back until after the election" has been noticeable and it is expected that as things settle down, more job opportunities will be available. Hiring for the Christmas rush should begin about the middle of November which will follow through to the middle of January after the inventory period is over.

### Funeral Services Friday For Carolin Prowell

Funeral services for Carolin Carlene Prowell, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Prowell, will be held in The Chapel of The Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, Friday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Sonny Williams of the Land Mark Missionary Baptist Church officiating.

Surviving besides her parents are a sister, Virginia; two brothers, Allen and Steven; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irene Day and Mr. and Mrs. Smith Prowell, all are of Roseburg. Interment will follow in the Civil Bend Cemetery.

### Local Soldier Discharged After Service in Europe

By NETTIE WOODRUFF

Kieth Conn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Creed Conn arrived home last week end from Fort Lewis, where he was discharged from the army after being in service the past three years. He spent most of the time in Europe, principally in Austria.

**Attend Funeral**  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dewey of Coos Bay were here this week to attend the funeral of the former's stepfather, Frank Brown. They also visited Mrs. Dewey's mother, Mrs. Mina Becker.

Imrie Conn, who resides in Australia, was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conn, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bathrick attended a football game in Corvallis Saturday and also visited the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollister in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matthews went to Eugene last Sunday to visit their grandson, Harold Horn, who was in a hospital there, following an appendectomy. Harold lives at Swiss Home.

The first snow of the season was noticed on the Coast Range Friday morning. Virgil Woodruff returned to his home in Garden Valley this week after spending the past 4 months at Baughman's Lookout.

L. L. Chitwood was taken to Eugene Friday by his son, Harold and Mrs. Chitwood. From Eugene he took the train to Richmond, Calif. where he will visit friends and take care of business for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keaten and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hackney of Glide attended the Tamale Supper at the Melrose Grange Friday evening and visited at the C. E. Reece home.

### SQUADRON MEETS

Volunteer Air Reserve 9415 Squadron A, will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the city hall. A staff meeting at 7 in the liaison office at the Pacific Building will be held in advance of the squadron meeting.

## BIRTHS

### Mercy Hospital

**WALDRON** — To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alanzo Waldron, 1711 Willow St., Roseburg, Nov. 17, a daughter, Londa Jean; weight, seven pounds, 12 ounces.

**COFER** — To Mr. and Mrs. George Louis Cofer, C. V. Rt., Box 430, Roseburg, Nov. 17, a son, George Louis; weight, seven pounds, 15 ounces.

**MCGINNIS** — To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon K. McGinnis, Canyonville, Nov. 16, a daughter, Carol Susan; weight, five pounds, eight ounces.

**WILSON** — To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Alfred Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 1190, Roseburg, Nov. 17, a daughter, Karen Rosetta; weight, seven pounds.

**HENDRIX** — To Mr. and Mrs. James Orval Hendrix, 720 Hoover St., Roseburg, Nov. 16, a daughter, Jessie Evon; weight, seven pounds.

**KROGEL** — To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gene Krogel, 163 Keassey Road, Roseburg, Nov. 15, a daughter, Constance Rae; weight, eight pounds, two ounces.

### Roseburg School Board Shies At Green's Plan

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be accepted. That will leave Green ninth graders with no school.

**Dillard Link Not Desired**  
"A large number of Roseburg people are moving out to the 'green district,'" said Green board member Warren Engdahl. "We don't feel a part of the Dillard district. We are a part of the Roseburg trading area."

County superintendent Kenneth Barneburg remarked that he considers Green "one of the more progressive districts in the County."

Individually, District No. 4 board members expressed varying sympathies.

Director W. G. Clarenbach strongly opposed the consolidation. He pointed out that Green's wealth per pupil based on assessed valuation is \$4,518, while Roseburg's is \$5,300. "We're giving away \$800 per pupil," Clarenbach said.

But it was pointed out that, on the basis of the school census, the wealth per census child was almost the same for both districts, with Green \$3,866 and Roseburg, \$3,891.

Clarenbach also emphasized the fact that Green has a bonded indebtedness of \$244,000.

**Kids Before Money**  
"We're figuring more on dollars than on kids," Roseburg Director Earl Sargent said. "We've got to educate the kids the best way we can educate them."

"I think that we were wrong before and don't see any reason why we should stay wrong now," Sargent continued. "I still think we should think of the kids first."

Roseburg director Mary Roberts said, "My sympathies are all with the children but I just don't know it's the better way."

Superintendent M. C. Deller agreed with Green board members that their children would probably get the best education by coming to Roseburg. "I believe Roseburg is able to give a better program than outlying districts," he said. Carter said he thinks children are better prepared for high school in Roseburg if they attend District No. 4 elementary schools.

School officials pointed out that addition of Green pupils would

### Reforestation, Trespass BLM Meeting Topics

Reforestation and timber trespass matters were discussed Monday by members of the regional and local staffs of the Bureau of Land Management.

Three foresters from the Portland office came down to meet with the Roseburg district men. They were T. G. Taylor, William F. Sankela and Chester Williams.

Harold Lynd, Roseburg BLM forester, recently spent three days in the Portland office discussing training matters.

### SWEETHEART FINALIST

Barbara Peterson of Roseburg is one of five finalists for the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi at Oregon State College.

Sigma Chi, national social fraternity, held its annual ball Nov. 8. The five finalists were narrowed down from approximately 25 women, each representing a living organization at OSC.

Miss Peterson, freshman in science, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette C. Peterson, 313 E. 1st Ave., N., Roseburg. She was nominated from Delta Delta Delta national social sorority.

further crowd local schools. Green enrollment in October was 458. But the situation would be eased some because Dillard is going to take from 81 to 100 sophomores out of the local Senior High next year, which officials hadn't anticipated.

District No. 4 director Dale Busenbark finally said "If Green want to come in, let's give the people the say on whether they do or not." A majority vote of both districts in favor of consolidation is necessary for such a move.

There was lengthy debate on whether or not Roseburg should assume Green's debts if a merger passed.

Clarenbach was the only board member opposing the pooling of debts in a 3-1 vote on an advisory motion. (If nothing is said on petitions about indebtedness, each district keeps its own debts incurred prior to consolidation.)

Clarenbach moved that District No. 4 board and administration make no recommendation on the consolidation matter. His motion passed unanimously.

Engdahl commented that "in a pinch we'll go either way," meaning either to Roseburg or Dillard.

**Other Business Transacted**  
During the meeting the board also:

1. Agreed to provide \$15 apiece for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 months to cadet teachers coming to Roseburg for practice teaching from Southern Oregon College of Education. Deller stressed that it's "going to be a tough job to get good teachers next year." He said student teachers don't like to come to Roseburg due to the high cost of living, and thus made the recommendation.

2. Decided to heat the Rose School addition and the proposed Joseph Lane Junior High with oil.

3. Instructed Deller to put a man at the North Umpqua Road crossing to Benson School to count the number of pupils and vehicles there in order to ascertain the need for an adult parlor.

4. Recommended a 12-classroom building with multi-purpose room for the Joseph Lane school.

5. Agreed to send Umpqua, Garden Valley, Green and Roberts Creek a copy of the minutes of the meeting, when the board decided not to accept non-resident high school students in the future.

## LOCAL NEWS

**Home From Hospital** — Mildred Roberts, waitress at Harris' Cafe, has returned to her home after a short confinement in a hospital.

**To Meet** — The Wilbur Community Club will meet at the Wilbur school house Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

**Sale Scheduled** — A rummage sale, sponsored by Alpha Theta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Episcopal Parish Hall.

**Joins Honorary** — Miss Jane Wigen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wigen, was initiated this week into Pi Lambda Theta, women's educational honorary. A graduate of Roseburg High School, Miss Wigen is a senior in art education at the University.

**Meeting Notice** — Umpqua Mineral Club will meet Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., for a potluck supper at the Episcopal Parish Hall. Following the business meeting, there will be an actual demonstration of jewelry metalworking. All members are urged to attend.

**Recent Visitor** — Miss Darlene Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller of Everett, Wash., was a recent four-day visitor in Roseburg. Miss Miller was graduated from Roseburg High School in June, and is now attending Benek Walker Business College in Portland.

**Is Improving** — Mrs. R. C. Gile, who fell in her home ten days ago in Salem is reported improving. Mrs. Harold Haskin, a friend of Mrs. Gile, received a letter from her stating that she will not have to undergo surgery as was expected. Mr. Gile, a former state representative from Roseburg, is now employed in the Motor Vehicle Department in Salem.

**ON EDITORIAL STAFF**  
Neil Wissing of Roseburg was a member of the editorial staff for the Oregon State College "Fussers Guide," recently distributed on the OSC campus.

This guide is the annual student and faculty directory. It is compiled by two journalism honoraries and an advertising fraternity. It contains the names of students and their year in school, major subject, and home address. Faculty names and addresses and a classified town section are also included.

Wissing, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Russell, 1416 Hael St., is a senior in business and technology.

## Budget Slash Of \$15 Billion Planned By G.O.P. Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 15-billion-dollar cut in the new federal budget is the goal of two Republican leaders—if President Truman's budget request calls for the 85 billions some predict.

Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, chairman of the GOP's Senate Policy Committee, told a news conference his target for the fiscal year beginning next July is a 70-billion-dollar budget.

Taft said he and President-elect Eisenhower, at their Sept. 12 meeting in New York, agreed upon this goal for fiscal 1955. Barring any interfering commitments, Taft added, tax cuts of 12 or 13 per cent would be theoretically possible in 1955.

The Ohioan and other Republican leaders in Congress are discussing legislation with Eisenhower at a conference today in New York.

Rep. Taber (R-NY), who will head the House Appropriations Committee in the new Congress, said yesterday:

"Spending can be held to 70 billion dollars."

That means, he said, that Congress will have to use the axe on every federal activity, including defense and foreign aid spending.

Spending figures for the present year that started last July 1.

### Discussion Of Jr. High Conversion Postponed

A forum discussion on "Should the Junior High become a community center building?" originally set for tonight has been postponed until 8 p.m. Monday in the Junior High auditorium, Principal R. R. Brand announced today.

The public meeting, sponsored by the Junior High Dads' Club, was postponed when city and county representatives found they would be unable to attend tonight.

People have been talking informally for the past two years about turning the building into a community center when schoolchildren are eventually moved out, Brand explained. Now the Dads' Club is trying to put the discussion on more formal ground with this meeting.

Representatives from city and county government, as well as civic organizations, will be present.

The Junior High PTA which meets at 7:30 p.m. in the library, will adjourn to the public meeting at 8, Brand said.

### Four Douglas Highway Projects Open To Bids

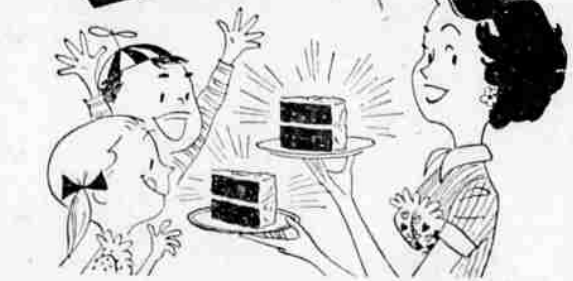
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with Park-Deady section of the relocated Pacific Highway, where on a 100-foot grade separation structure is to be built to carry the new Pacific Highway over the Elktion-Sutherland Highway due west of Sutherlin. A 197-foot grade separation structure is to be built at the junction of the new and old Pacific Highway routes near Deady, south of Sutherlin, to carry the new highway and a paralleling service road over a connection to the south leg of the Elktion-Sutherland Highway.

Bids are also to be received by the commission for the production and stockpiling of 10,700 cubic yards of crushed rock or crushed gravel for later use by state forces in maintaining the Endicott Creek-Mystic Creek section of the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway.



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