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Congress Convenes; Ike's Programs May Determine Future Control Of Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress convened Wednesday for a momentous session which will write the record the Eisenhower administration must lay before the people next fall in the mid-term election.

Fresh from five months among the home folks, the legislators assembled in an atmosphere charged with politics. There was a general sense that the accomplishments of the next six months will go far toward determining whether President Eisenhower will have his own Republican Party or the Democrats in control in the last two years of this term.

The GOP has command by only a razor edge in this make-or-break campaign year-session. In the House, the count is 219 Republicans, 215 Democrats, 1 independent. A year ago it was 221 Republicans, 213 Democrats and 1 independent. The Democrats picked up their two seats in special elections in New Jersey and Wisconsin.

In the Senate, the division is 47 Republicans, 48 Democrats and 1 independent. Continued nominal GOP control hinges on the avowed willingness of the independent, Sen. Morse of Oregon, to vote with the Republicans on Senate organization and on the fact Republican Vice President Nixon can break a tie in favor of the GOP.

A year ago, the division was 48 Republicans, 47 Democrats and 1 independent. The death of Republican Leader Taft of Ohio and appointment of a Democrat, Thomas A. Burke, as his successor effected the change.

Speaker Martin (R-Mass) dropped his gavel promptly at the stroke of noon to get the House off on its 1954 session. Across the capitol, Vice President Nixon was gaveling the Senate into order.

Galleries of both chambers were filled with spectators.

On a roll call, 392 House members responded to their names. As the Senate's first action, Nixon swore in two new members—Burke and Sen. Upton (R-NH) who succeeds the late Sen. Tobey (R).

Speaker Martin swore in four new representatives and members rose to applaud when the oath was administered in the well of the House.

The new members are Reps. Lipscomb (R-Calif.), Williams (D-N.J.), and Johnson (D-Wis.). They fill vacancies left by death or resignation.

After 25 minutes, the Senate adjourned until noon Thursday. A eulogy to the late chief justice of the United States, Fred M. Vinson, occupied most of the brief session and the House was in recess in respect to his memory.

Other activity at the meeting included seating of new members Robert G. Davis, Dudley Walton, Allan Knudsen and J. Roland Parker.

Business included discussion of extension of the North Umpqua Highway. Secretary Harold Hickenauer said, "Despite the excellent progress on the North Umpqua Highway, it is evident a major effort will be made for extension of the road."

Action of the meeting also called for re-designing of the sign at the north city limits announcing Roseburg as the timber capital of the world. Arlo Jacklin was placed in charge of the re-designing.

At our office this morning, I asked a quite intelligent member of our organization, "What did you think of Ike's speech Monday night?"

Here is the answer: "It was wonderful."

I prodded deeper. "What did he say?" I queried.

The reaction to that one was a knitted brow, followed by this statement: "Well, he didn't say anything much that I can remember, but after listening to him I felt that everything is going to be all right."

I'd like to add that this was a perfectly sound appraisal of President Eisenhower's speech. There wasn't much that he could say last night. The definite, tangible recommendations he will make for carrying our nation safely through the difficult period of readjustment to new conditions that lies ahead of us will all be contained in the messages he will deliver to the Congress that is assembling.

His job last night was to inspire the people with confidence that we can and will do what must be done if we are to pass safely and soundly through the readjustment period that faces us. If the answer to my question—that the President's speech was "wonderful"—is an accurate reflection of the impression it made on intel-

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The Weather

Occasional rain tonight, clearing partially Thursday.

Highest Temp. last 24 hours — 65

Lowest Temp. last 24 hours — 29

Highest Temp. any Jan. — 71

Lowest Temp. any Jan. — 4

Precip. last 24 hours — .77

Precip. from Sept. 1 — 18.36

Precip. from Sept. 1 — 3.99

Sunset today, 4:53 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:45 a.m.

New Mayor



NEW MAYOR — Lloyd McClintock, above, was installed Tuesday night as mayor of Myrtle Creek. He is shown above in the uniform of another office he once held in the city, chief of police. (Clark's Studio Photo).

Myrtle Creek Officials Seated

Lloyd McClintock became mayor of Myrtle Creek Tuesday night in inaugural ceremonies which also saw three councilmen take office.

The officials were sworn in by ex-councilman Grover Myllesbeck. Councilmen are Thomas Ireland and Sr. of Ward I, Ralph Shirliff of Ward II, and Roy Carter of Ward III.

The new mayor said in a statement to News-Review correspondent Ruth Evans: "As far as the council is concerned, we are going to work hard to gain cooperation and coordination between labor, merchants and industry—all working for one cause, to make Myrtle Creek a better place to live in."

Committees appointed by McClintock were (the first named is chairman): Street — Al Lochman, Shirliff and Carter; water — Homer Abbott, R. C. Lent and Carter; finance — Bob Kelly, Lent and Ireland; sewer — Shirliff, Lochman and Kelly; police — Abbott and Ireland; library — Lochman, Mrs. V. V. Haney, Mrs. Hal Schiltz, Mrs. Tean Voachum and ex-Mayor J. B. Nelson (for four years); health — Dr. R. E. Williams, building and fire — Carter and Lent. (Fire Chief Ray Norton Jr. is automatically a member); Myrtle Manor housing project — Lent, Shirliff and Kelly.

Mayor Gets Watch

The meeting was opened by Mayor Nelson, who gave a short resume of the work done during his term. He thanked the councilmen for working so hard.

In turn, Kelly, councilman at large, presented the ex-mayor with a watch, to show appreciation of the mayor's four years of work. The gift was from city employees, the police department and the council.

After the oaths of office, Nelson turned the gavel over to McClintock.

Outgoing councilmen are John Wright, W. A. Rutter and Grover Myllesbeck. One of them offered a recommendation to residents to aid the new men in their jobs: That citizens with a gripe, please voice it at meetings, instead of to councilmen on the street or to friends and neighbors.

Oakland Girl Killed In Ohio Auto Crash

Phyllis Davis, 4, daughter of Mrs. Floyd Davis, Oakland, was killed instantly in an auto accident Tuesday at Dayton, Ohio, according to word received here. Mrs. Davis is critically injured. Details were not available.

Fourth Arrest Made In Theft Of \$20 Bills

Tip Provided By Suspect Wife's Dad; Money Found

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service Wednesday picked up a man they described as a fourth suspect in the \$160,000 New Year's Eve theft of new \$20 bills from the Bureau of Engraving.

The service earlier had reported recovery of all but \$31,709 of the money.

Charles Howard Nelson, 27, a Negro, was brought under custody to the field office of the Secret Service in the Treasury early Wednesday, the service said.

There, Nelson was placed under questioning immediately.

Nelson's address was given as Chapel Oaks, Md., near the District of Columbia line.

Other details were not immediately available.

The case broke open Tuesday with the arrest of a bureau employee, his wife, and a soft-copy little flagpole painter on a tip furnished—after all-night soul searching—by the father of the woman.

Cousin Of Suspect

The Secret Service identified Nelson as a cousin of James Rufus Landis, 29, who was held under \$50,000 bail following his arrest.

Landis was picked up at work at the Bureau of Engraving, his 26-year old wife Mamie was arrested at their apartment and a neighbor, William Giles, 27, was the third to be nabbed. All are Negroes.

The three were arrested following an early morning phone tip Tuesday to the Virginia state police from Irving Grant, father of Mrs. Landis. Before the day was over \$128,300, in three separate caches—one of \$95,000 on Grant's farm—had been recovered. The charge against them was taking money from the federal government.

The Secret Service also announced it had picked up a young woman in Washington Tuesday Wednesday and was questioning her about reports that she accompanied Nelson, Landis and Giles on a money-raising tour of Baltimore and Washington over the week end. Her name was not given.

Another Man Sought

Additionally, an announcement from the office of Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman said another man is being sought in or near Washington and "it is expected that he will be taken into custody later today."

The announcement said the man still being sought is also a cousin of Landis. It said the two cousins were arrested early Wednesday and charged by Prince Georges, Md., County police with severely beating a man whom, it was said, they accused of informing police they had spent some of the stolen money.

Nelson was arraigned in Prince Georges County on the assault charge, with bail fixed at \$5,000 and was then turned over to the Secret Service by the county police.

More Layoffs Hanford Threat

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — A strike of AFL carpenters and millwrights Wednesday threatened additional layoffs at the Hanford Atomic Works.

An Atomic Energy Commission spokesman said late Tuesday unless an early settlement is reached others will join the 2,300 workers kept away from their jobs by the carpenters-millwrights' walkout.

The dispute, which does not have union sanction, started Monday when some 1,200 carpenters and millwrights left their jobs to support demands for a \$2.80 hourly pay scale.

Contractors want to maintain the present scale of \$2.65, which includes a 5-cent hourly wage increase granted last March in lieu of retroactive pay.

Roseburg Ranked Sixth In Oregon Store Totals

Roseburg ranks sixth among the cities of the state on the basis of number of businesses listed in the 1954 reference book of Dun & Bradstreet.

With 479 businesses listed, Roseburg ranked after Portland (1,522), Salem (1,265), Medford (719), Klamath Falls (612) and Coos Bay-North Bend (484). Roseburg probably had more either Coos Bay or North Bend, the two were grouped under one listing in the reference book.

The reference book lists commercial enterprises, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and other businesses, generally those buying regularly on credit.

Roseburg Man Fined On Drunk Driving Court

John L. Yarbrough, 21, Roseburg, was fined \$500 and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence when he pleaded guilty in district court Tuesday to a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor, according to Judge A. J. Gorkes.

The judge also recommended suspension of Yarbrough's driver's license for 90 days. Yarbrough was arrested by state police Saturday.

County, City In Agreement On Roseburg Jail Transfer



NEW KIWANIS OFFICERS — Installation of the 1954 Kiwanis officers of Roseburg was staged at the Hotel Umpqua Tuesday at the regular noon meeting. From left to right, they are: W. M. Campbell, secretary; Ray Puckett, second vice president; Gordon Stewart, president; E. G. Young, treasurer; and Ken Bushey, first vice president. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

Clauses Limit Use By City; Future Puzzle

Baird, Olson To Make Adjustments In Applying Plan

By MERLE PUGH
Staff Writer, News-Review

Douglas County and the City of Roseburg reached agreement Tuesday afternoon on a plan for handling city prisoners at the county jail.

But the agreement is a far cry from what the city had hoped for. The county agreed to handle city prisoners, but only at the discretion of the county sheriff.

The provision means the county will cooperate in aiding the city with its problem of caring for prisoners as much as possible, but can refuse prisoners at any time.

The provision was agreed to after it was made evident to both parties the county simply might not be able to handle all city prisoners in the future because of lack of adequate space.

No Long-Range Contract

County and city officials amicably agreed to the necessity of limiting the agreement in such a manner, and it was emphasized that the agreement is not a long-range instrument. The city still is faced with the problem of finding adequate jail facilities.

The agreement was ironed out during an hour-and-a-half session in the county court house.

Attending the session were Judge Carl Hill and Commissioners L. V. Beckley and Elmer Metzger, members of the county court; George W. Nunner, legal counsel for the court in the absence of the district attorney; Sheriff Calvin Baird and the following city officials: Mayor Percy Croft, Attorney Paul Geddes, Chief of Police Stan Olson, and Councilmen W. J. Adair, Frank Ashley and Byron Woodruff, members of the city's police committee.

Details In Police Hands

After the agreement is officially signed, Baird and Olson will go to work ironing out the details of applying the plan. The plan will go into effect as soon as possible.

The absolute maximum capacity of the county jail is 64, it was pointed out. The average number of prisoners runs about 35. The greatest number at one time in the past was 55.

The city's jail, for years acknowledged as inadequate and unsanitary, has had 16 prisoners in it at one time. (There are only six bunk beds.) The average now, Chief Olson says, is seven per day, with 11 being the greatest number over.

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Eugene Airman Listed As Dead

EUGENE (AP) — Maj. Felix Asa Jr., of La Grande, listed Wednesday by the Air Force as presumed dead in Korean action, was shot down Aug. 1.

His wife and two children, who lived here where Asa attended the University of Oregon, had hoped that he got down safely, for others in his flight heard him report by radio that he had been hit and would bail out.

He was only five missions short of rotation back to the states. During his tour he was credited with downing four MIGs and damaging five others.

Blood Collection Brings 182 Pints

Roseburg fell down again Monday and Tuesday during the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, according to Mrs. R. C. Grant, recruitment chairman.

In the two days, 182 pints of blood were obtained from volunteers at Elks Lodge. The quota had been set at 400. Mrs. Grant said, however, that 42 persons were rejected because of physical condition.

The recruitment chairman is negotiating now for another trip to Roseburg by the Bloodmobile. She said it would be sometime in March.

Street Sign Installation Due Soon In Winston

Operations should begin soon on installation of street signs on all streets in Winston, reports Chamber of Commerce Secretary Lee Atendorf.

At the chamber meeting this week, a resolution was passed to purchase, paint and install signs for the entire city.

The chamber also voted unanimously to cooperate in starting a 24-hour Ground Observer Corps operation in Winston.

Normal Climate Returns To State

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A normally mild winter day was over Oregon Wednesday.

The northwest corner remained unusually wet, though, and there were patches of local fog in the southern interior of Western Oregon.

Nehalem, on the coast in northern Tillamook County, suffered Tuesday from river flooding and lowlands remained under water Wednesday. And to the north, Astoria continued to be soaked by persisting rain that in 24 hours measured 2.22 inches.

Elsewhere in the state the sun came through the clouds in many areas. Temperatures were moderate.

Early Wednesday the coldest point reported by the Weather Bureau was Burns at 26 degrees. In far Eastern Oregon at Baker the minimum was 36 degrees.

The rain was heavy northward from Astoria. It slackened to the south and Newport, on the Central Oregon coast, had only .13 of an inch in the 12 hours to 4:30 a. m. In that same period, Astoria had 1.10.

Nehalem's flooding stemmed from a combination of rain, wind and tide. At the peak of the tide Tuesday a high wind joined in backing up the Nehalem River. Water at that time closed the main street and just to prove it could be done, Ken Dillard, a logger, scooted along it in his boat.

The store at the corner where the Coast Highway comes down from Manzanita and turns on Main Street, had 7 1/2 inches of water in it Tuesday. By Wednesday it was dry again and there was no water on the street.

Lowland farms, though, were flooded and from Nehalem across the river to the mountains was an unending lake. The rise was not unexpected and there were no reports of livestock losses.

Nehalem Wednesday was getting only moderate, intermittent rains and the wind had lessened.

Couple In County Jail On Check-Writing Court

A man and a woman have been lodged in the county jail on a complaint of obtaining money under false pretenses, made by Howard Hunsaker and S. O. Smith, employees of Herman's Men's Store.

Hunsaker told police that George Wilbur Dahens attempted to cash a \$75 check just before closing hours last night. Hunsaker refused to cash the check and became suspicious of the man's actions and called police. Police apprehended Dahens a few minutes later on the identification of Hunsaker and Smith.

Dahens admitted attempting to pass the check police said. He named Louise Marie McGrath as his accomplice. She was apprehended by police at the hotel where she and Dahens were registered.

Reedsport Construction Tops \$400,000 Mark

Reedsport construction, either underway or scheduled, boomed over \$400,000 in 1953, according to a report this week.

Building permits for the year totaled \$418,750 within the city limits. New residential structures accounted for \$387,000 of that amount and included the 50-home development project by the H. R. Kettell Construction Co. The development is called Reedsport Parks. New homes in the city limits counted up to 64.

Non-residence construction permits totaled only \$11,250 and an additional \$20,500 was used for alterations and repairs.

Coos Holds Glide Man In Nephew's Car Death

A Glide man, Donald Wesley Grove, faces a manslaughter charge in connection with an accident near Myrtle Point Dec. 29 in which his nephew, Carl Groves, 6 was killed.

He is awaiting grand jury action.

A coroner's jury has returned a verdict holding Grove responsible for the boy's death in the mishap. Grove, at last report, was being held in the Coos County jail under \$2,500 bail.

Coos County Dep. Dist. Atty. Harold Olson charged that Grove had been drinking at the time of the accident. His car ran off the highway and plunged into a ditch.

The boy was thrown out of the car and crushed under the wheels. Grove told police he was blinded by headlights of an oncoming truck as he rounded a curve.

The boy had been living with his uncle on Little River Road east of Glide. His father, Arnold, lives at Coos Bay.

Car-Truck Wreck Hospitalizes Man

Dwight Carter, a Lockwood Motors employee, was taken to Community Hospital Wednesday morning after he was injured in a car-truck collision at the Dixonville store. The accident happened about 8:30 a.m.

Carter received serious injuries. He was taken to the hospital by Mohr ambulance. The car was a total wreck, but the truck was not badly damaged.

The truck driver, W. A. Blackhurst of Myrtle Creek, was not hurt. State police are investigating the accident, but few details were available Wednesday morning.

Early reports from the hospital indicate Carter has a fractured right knee cap, a deep two-inch laceration on the head and multiple scratches and bruises. His leg is in a full-length cast.

At 4:25 a. m. a Washington tank truck rolled over in a ditch just north of Wilbur on Highway 99, state police said.

The truck driver, Clarence L. Carrell, said he was headed south when the lights of an oncoming car blinded him. The truck pulled over on the highway shoulder, then the trailer tipped into the ditch.

LAWS LONG ARM

BANNING, Calif. (AP) — Seven years ago Basil Teague was given a traffic citation for driving through Banning without rear lights on his automobile.

But the law caught up with Teague when he applied for a new driver's license. He paid a \$20 fine yesterday.

LIVED IN A CASTLE

Death Calls Fabled Hermit, Death Valley Scotty, At 81

STOVEPIPE WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Death Valley Scotty died last night in his beloved castle, a three-million-dollar showplace in the desert wilderness.

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Yet the only treasure he is known to have come by was the wealth of his late friend and benefactor, Albert Mussey Johnson, Chicago insurance executive. Johnson kept him in style.

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Initiative Eyed For PUC Ballot

PORTLAND (AP) — State Rep. Monroe Sweetland Tuesday announced he would file an initiative petition to make the office of state public utilities commissioner an elective post.

The Milwaukee legislator, who also is Oregon's Democratic national committeeman, said the initiative "is an effort to make the public utilities commissioner more responsive to the welfare of the people."

We hope by this new law to halt the long series of rate increases by restoring direct responsibility of the commissioner to the people."

The office, then known as railroad commissioner, was elective until 1931 when it became appointive by the governor.

The incumbent—who has authority over rates of such utilities as power, communications and transportation—is Charles Helzel.

Helzel recently rejected a complaint, filed by Sweetland and others, regarding the 20 per cent electric power surcharge.

Joining Sweetland in sponsoring the initiative are his wife, Gerald Robinson, Portland attorney; Arthur H. Bones, Salem, editor of the Oregon Farmers' Union newspaper; William Howard, business agent of the AFL Steamfitters Union; and Ray Gill, Portland, active in public power and Grange activities.

If 37,404 valid signatures are obtained by July 1, the measure will appear on the November general election ballot.

Runaways Apprehended By Roseburg City Police

Two runaway juvenile girls, who gave their address as San Francisco, were apprehended by city police Tuesday night after they received a complaint from a suspicious hotel clerk, reports Chief of Police Stan Olson.

The girls were lodged in the county jail until their tale of awaiting money from their parents could be checked. They stated they had been looking for work as waitresses, but had difficulty in convincing prospective employers that they were 18 years old.

Olson said the money was received from the parents of the girls this morning and they were to be put aboard a plane this afternoon to fly back to California.

KELLEY NAMED

Don Kelley, a Roseburg lawyer, has been named chairman of March of Dimes solicitations for the Roseburg Kiwanis Club.

He was named at the noon meeting Tuesday and the solicitation of businesses in Roseburg was organized. Solicitations will start immediately.

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Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Might as well let our North Atlantic Treaty allies share our atomic secrets, since Russia has the advantage of being able to steal them.