

### Household Heads Tax Reduction Is Agreed Upon

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House agreed Wednesday on a tax-easing plan for single heads of households. It would cut their tax burden about 50 million dollars a year. The plan—covering about 700,000 widowed, separated or divorced persons or single persons who support a dependent—would extend to them the benefit married couples now have from splitting their income for tax purposes. This splitting often puts the married couple's income in a lower bracket where lower tax rates apply. This was the first major agreement as the committee set out on the mammoth task of re-writing almost all the nation's tax laws. In the background, there was growing talk among both Republicans and Democrats of a cut in personal income taxes for everybody.

### Budget Election Date Set By School Board

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two years, but a previous purchase order was not filled and is now out of date.

The board approved a two-hour training period for district custodians to be held on Saturday every other week under the direction of Guy Davis, district building superintendent.

In school personnel changes, Corinne McTaggart was hired to replace Inez Simpson, who has retired from her post in the home economics department at RHHS. Barbara Smith was appointed to Green School.

The board received a letter from the Northwest Assn. of Secondary Schools saying the district is fully accredited, meeting standards checked yearly.

### William McMichael Of Azalea Passes

William Curtis McMichael, 76, Azalea, died at his home on Bull Run Creek Wednesday. He apparently died in his sleep, being discovered dead by his wife about 7:30 a.m.

He was born at Azalea on Oct. 19, 1877. Funeral arrangements will be handled by Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek.

### BIKE BUMPED

Mrs. Rose E. Seebert, 1119 Rose Lane, reports her son received a bump on his head when his bike was struck by a car near Fullerton School Wednesday, according to city police. The unidentified driver did not stop at the scene of the accident.

### JACKET TAKEN

Mrs. John Burke Rt. 1 Box 755, Roseburg, reports a jacket belonging to her son, David Damon, was taken from the Junior High School gym Wednesday night, city police said.

### Social Security Raise Sought By Eisenhower

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point program for "improvement" of the social security system:

1. Expansion of insurance protection to about ten million more people not presently covered—including self-employed farmers—many more farm workers and domestic workers; doctors, dentist lawyers, architects, accountants, and other self-employed professional people; members of state and local retirement systems and clergymen (on a voluntary basis) and several smaller groups.

2. Liberalization of the present "retirement test" to permit retired workers to earn more at regular part time jobs without disqualifying themselves for social security benefits.

3. At present, a man or woman over 65 years of age (and under 75) cannot draw social security payments if earnings are more than \$75 a month.

4. This operates to discourage them from taking part time work. Similarly, a widow of an insured worker loses her payment if she takes a job and earns more than \$75 a month.

5. After age 75, there is no restriction as to earnings.

6. Broadening of the current base of the social security tax—that is levying on the first \$4,200 of income.

7. Computation of benefits "on a fairer basis." The President said the level of old age benefits now is related to an average of a worker's past earnings, and that under the present law terms of abnormally low earnings or none at all, are averaged in with periods of normal earnings, "thereby reducing the benefits received by the retired worker." He recommended a new formula for computation of benefits to provide what he called a fairer return.

8. Under this formula, the four lowest years of earnings would be eliminated when calculating the earned payments.

9. Protection of the benefit rates of the disabled. Eisenhower recommended that the benefits of a worker who has a substantial work record in employment covered by social security insurance, and who becomes totally disabled for an extended time, be maintained at the amount he would have received had he become 65 and retired on the date his disability began.

### Municipal Judge Fines Youth For Violation

Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum levied a fine of \$35 against a 19-year-old Roseburg youth who changed his plea from innocent to guilty on a citation for failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian.

The judge also recommended Richard William Mulder's driver's license be suspended 90 days.

The youth had pleaded innocent after he was cited by city police Dec. 21 when his auto struck Mrs. Grove Blake and fractured her ankle.

### Sutherland Fire Burns Apartment On Wednesday

An apartment in Sutherland was destroyed by fire late Wednesday morning before members of the Sutherland Volunteer Fire Dept. could extinguish it. An adjoining apartment in the building was saved but was damaged by smoke and water.

The two-apartment building was located behind the O. L. Torrey Store, reports News-Review Correspondent Mrs. Brittain Slack. The building was owned by Herman Page. His family lived in the apartment which was destroyed. Furniture in the apartment was also destroyed. The other apartment was occupied by the Thomas J. Longton family, which was in California. Contents of the Longton apartment were insured.

A fire department spokesman said the oil stove in the Page apartment exploded starting the fire. The department was called out at 11:30 a.m.

Earlier in the morning, the Volunteer Fire Dept. was called out to extinguish a fire at the Ed Bender home on W. Fifth Avenue, reports Mrs. Slack. The fire had started in the basement of the Bender home in the wall behind the furnace. It was controlled by Mrs. Bender who used a pan to throw water on it until the firemen arrived. Damage resulted from smoke and water.

### Thomas Hartfield Files Candidacy For Judge

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Assn., Douglas County Junior Chamber of Commerce, Roseburg Junior Chamber and the Roseburg Lions Club. He has been chairman of the county infantile paralysis campaign, Roseburg War Price & Rationing Board and the Winchester School Board.

The attorney has also served as secretary of the Umpqua Basin Improvement Assn., Northwest Air Tours, Inc., and commissioner of the Winchester-Wilbur-Garden Valley Zoning-Planning Commission. He is now president of the Roseburg Tiger Meat Klub.

Hartfield is chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, and is a member of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, Eagles, Odd Fellows and the Episcopalian Church.

With his wife, the former Alda Eunice Maley, he lives on Pioneer Way, Winchester.

Hartfield's ballot slogan will be "Seventeen Years Experience in State and Federal Courts."

### Three Autos Involved In Accident Wednesday

A three-vehicle accident south of the Winston Bridge Wednesday afternoon caused minor damages when a Roseburg Lumber Co. wood truck apparently broke down.

The collision involved the Du-Fresne panel truck, a 1950 Ford and the Roseburg Lumber Co. truck. No further details were immediately available.

### India To Turn Back Prisoners January 20

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be held until a peace conference settles their fate. The Communist Piping radio called this a "mandatory provision" of the armistice.

The Allies contend that the armistice calls for the POWs to revert automatically to civilian status at midnight Jan. 22, when they must be released.

Thimayya stressed that India was returning the captives as prisoners, not civilians. He warned both commands that if they change their status they will "not be in conformity" with the armistice.

Thimayya said the NNRC interprets the armistice agreement to mean that the two commands cannot free the prisoners, once they are returned, until all have received explanations and the peace conference has discussed the future of the nonrepatriates—or both commands agree otherwise.

His letter asked the Allies and Reds to accept returning prisoners at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the northern and southern boundaries of the demilitarized zone. Both sides were asked to reply by Saturday.

### Victim Of Accident Has Chance For Recovery

Mrs. Floyd (Ruth) Davis, who was critically injured in an auto accident in Ohio Jan. 5, now has a 60-40 chance to survive, reports a 9 a.m. Wednesday at the northern and southern boundaries of the demilitarized zone. Both sides were asked to reply by Saturday.

Mrs. Dunn states the woman is conscious part of the time. She is under specialists' care and has private nurses in attendance at all times.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Dunn reports the funeral of the 4-year-old daughter, Phyllis, who was killed in the accident is scheduled Saturday at 10 a.m. by the Atchison & Graham Funeral Home at Riverside, Calif. Graveside services will be held at the Green Acres Cemetery in Riverside.

### Roseburg's Population Increase Is Confirmed

SALEM (AP)—The population of Roseburg has been increased by 2,115 through annexation of new territories since the 1950 federal census, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said Wednesday.

Newberry's office just completed the census of the city, which now will have a population of 10,565, as far as the state government is concerned.

The new census makes Roseburg eligible for bigger shares of state highway and liquor revenues.

Newberry also reported that St. Paul, in North Marion County, gained 42 persons through a newly annexed district, establishing a new census figure of 268 as a basis for distributing the state funds.

### Ex-Roseburg Conductor Dies In San Francisco

Funeral services will be announced soon for Harry G. Hamilton, a former Southern Pacific conductor from Roseburg, who died Jan. 11 at the Southern Pacific Hospital at San Francisco. Hamilton had lived in Eugene where he was also a conductor for the Southern Pacific.

### Riddle School Board Conducts Business Meet

By ERMA BEST

Several regulation business transactions were on the agenda of the Riddle School Board at a meeting this week.

Bills amounting to \$3746 were approved for payment and several budget items were discussed.

Supt. Kenneth Stuart was instructed to include the costs of equipment for the enlargement of the home economics and science departments in the budget with the provisions that they could be taken out later before election time, if there is no building expansion by that time.

Insurance on the driver training car was approved which will put the school-owned vehicles under a fleet plan and lower all insurance rates 5 percent. The new 1954 Ford dual-control driver training car is expected to arrive next week from Lockwood Motors in Roseburg.

Stuart was instructed to contact the county and state tax commission for further information regarding changing assessment value of the local district due to increased industry and mining operation here. Further planning for expansion of the local school plant, which was defeated in a recent bond election, was postponed until this information and the local housing situation is known.

Following a study of state and Douglas County changes in salary schedules, the board of directors approved a new schedule for the Riddle schools which will pay a base salary of \$3900 for beginning teachers with a bachelor's degree. This is an increase of \$100 over the former schedule and is expected to be near the average scale paid next year in both county and state. A new three-year contract was also approved and signed for Superintendent Stuart to take effect in July.

The next board meeting will be held Feb. 8, one day early, so as not to conflict with home baseball games. A meeting of the local budget committee will be called that same week.

### Traffic Mishap Object Of \$35,000 Damage Suit

Gladys R. Cairns has filed a \$39,536.69 damage suit in circuit court against Doernbecher Manufacturing Co., Willis D. Bennett, Kenneth Todd and Jake Reeder as an outgrowth of a traffic mishap near the Reedsport city limits Jan. 8, 1952.

The plaintiff seeks \$35,000 general and \$4,536.69 special damages, alleging the defendants were negligent in the accident, in which she was injured.

The complaint filed claims that a Doernbecher vehicle driven by Reeder had stopped on Highway 101, but the plaintiff's car stopped behind, but a vehicle owned by Todd and driven by Bennett struck the rear of the plaintiff's car.

### Clarence R. Copple, 68, Dies At Vets Hospital

Clarence R. Copple, 68, former resident of St. Helens, died Jan. 13 at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital. He was born April 8, 1884, in Hood River, Ore. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by a son, Robert L. Copple, Eugene, and a daughter, Mrs. Faye Copple Lambert. Graveside funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Roseburg Veterans Cemetery with Father Adrian Sharky officiating. The Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, was in charge of the arrangements.

### \$25,000 Damages Asked As Result Of Accident

John E. Mitrovich has filed suit in circuit court for \$25,000 general and \$825 special damages as an outgrowth of an accident Feb. 2, 1953.

The suit against Roseburg Lumber Co. alleges Mitrovich received permanent injuries while pulling a lever to open a sawdust chute while loading a truck for the company.

### Gas Fumes Kill Baby; Parents Are Recovering

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ter went to the cabin but was unable to raise anyone. He then went down town to see if the Hackfelds were eating breakfast at a restaurant. Not finding them, he returned to the auto court and asked the maid to investigate, about 11:30.

Hackfeld was found lying on the floor. His wife was across the bed. Both were unconscious, and the baby was dead. It is believed a defective floor heater was to blame. The odor of gas was strong, according to Chief Crumal.

Coroner Powers said Thursday it had been established that the baby's death was from carbon monoxide gas—escaping from a gas floor furnace which was not vented. The cabin was tightly closed during the night.

Funeral arrangements for the baby are pending. Mrs. Mildred Herman, Red Cross secretary, has deflected Army authorities.

Mohr's Ambulance and Towing used a resuscitator to revive the two parents of the child. Billy Mohr reported the father had already reached the convulsive stage of inoxia. Both parents were brought to Mercy Hospital by Mohr Ambulance.

### Elkton Child Has Surgery

By MRS. C. W. HENDERER

Gary Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore, underwent an appendectomy last Thursday in the Cottage Grove Hospital. Gary had two attacks of appendicitis during 1953, the last time during the Thanksgiving holidays, and each time doctors refused to operate because of his weakened condition. The specialist who performed the operation stated it was one of the worst appendectomy cases that he had ever had. At last report Gary is slowly recovering.

A group of people attended the music concert last Friday evening at MacArthur Court in Eugene, featuring Yehudi Menuhin, violinist.

Mrs. Vida McCollum is reported ill with a cold and unable to work in the post office. During her absence Lois Levenhagen is working in her place.

Mrs. Alden Cheever was taken to the Mercy Hospital in Roseburg for observation. During her absence from school, Mrs. Betty Grimstad is substituting for the second grade.

Howard Parks, high school principal, is ill at home with a severe cold and congestion of the lungs. Visits Los Angeles.

Mrs. Carl Licklider left Tuesday from Eugene by train for Los Angeles, Calif., to spend the next three weeks with her mother, who has been quite ill.

Mrs. H. B. Cox of Lakeside spent last week in Elkton visiting her friends and relatives.

Mrs. John Channer left Saturday for a vacation trip to California and Arizona. She plans to be gone two or three weeks.

LeAnna Haines was rushed to the Cottage Grove Hospital Monday evening suffering from an appendicitis attack. She underwent surgery Tuesday morning and is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Dick Willey underwent minor surgery in the Cottage Grove Hospital Wednesday morning. Her mother, Mrs. George Bowman, is caring for her two children.

The National School Assembly program which was held at the grade school gym Tuesday morning was well attended by mothers and visitors. Bob Gray's Marionettes, "Puppets" featured the Van Winkle Story and was well liked by everyone.

### TO LAY UP SHIPS—

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy announced Wednesday that 50 warships will be laid up to meet the reduced budget for the year starting on July 1.

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