

Oppenheimer Suspended As Atomic Energy Advisor

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DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS talked shop after their election Monday night by the Umpqua Basin Development Assn. They are, left to right: Harold Hickerson, Roseburg, secretary; J. F. Dillard, Roseburg, president; Bob Hall, Myrtle Creek, vice president; and Oscar Hoverson, Canyonville, treasurer. The association is making timber development and access roads its first project. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

Umpqua Basin Development Assn. Maps Starter Plan, Dillard Is Elected President

By CHUCK GRELL
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The Umpqua Basin Development Assn., finding strong support from throughout the county, mapped out a starter program Monday night in Roseburg.

The group has put evaluation of Douglas County's timber resources and a drive to gain more attention to forest access problems at the head of its plan of activities.

The eight communities now represented on the panel also invited five other towns in the county to come into the association—Glide, Reedsport, Elkton, Yoncalla and Glendale.

The evening's business started with the election of officers from among the two delegates from each of the communities. The new leaders are J. F. Dillard, Roseburg, president; Bob Hall, Myrtle Creek, vice president; Harold Hickerson, Roseburg, secretary; and Oscar Hoverson, Canyonville, treasurer.

The timber problems will share top billing in the association's program.

Forest access, in particular, is to come under scrutiny of the group. Dillard explained that the Ellsworth-Cordon bill in Congress appears now to be buried in committee because it is regarded as "pork barrel" by eastern congressmen. Ramifications of the bill have been misunderstood, he said, and the present economy drive in Congress is making passage of the bill more difficult.

The basin's water problems were marked down as next to be acted on. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, member of the State Water Resources Committee, spoke briefly on local problems.

He told the group that basin problems boil down to: (1) retention of water during the summer months, and (2) flood control in the winter.

"No one," Beecher stated, "knows the problems right now." He went on to point out that only a survey of resources in the basin can turn up details.

Upon his request, the association put support behind a proposed county budget item to employ a water engineer. Beecher said that a study of water resources should be undertaken by the engineer, who also would act as liaison between the county and such groups as the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation in pointing up local problems.

Beecher said that a water survey should start now before water supplies are depleted and the basin finds itself in a position of Coos County, where he said lack of water.

Work Continued On Smith River Timber Highway

Work of constructing a timber access road up Smith River about 16 miles northeast of Gardiner will now resume, after certain objections to the road work were withdrawn last week, according to members of the Douglas County Court.

About a month ago, farmers in the area objected on the grounds the road construction would push rock into the river, hurting the scenery and river transportation.

Objections to construction stopped the work of the Army Engineers, but now work will continue.

At a meeting of Bureau of Land Management engineers, port commissioners, Bureau of Public Roads engineers, and County Commissioner Elmer Metzger, the objections were withdrawn.

Metzger said most of the road will be completed by fall. It will be used to remove some of the blow-down and beetle-infested timber in the area. However, mill operators figure on removing 100 million feet of logs yearly by way of the river. Log booms will be used to bring out the logs. The road is part of a \$2 million access road program okayed by Congress in 1952.

At the same meeting last week, operators decided to make a request for some dredging of Smith River. The work desired would cost about \$100,000. Congressional approval would be necessary. Four pieces need dredging in order for boats to operate with log booms at low tide, operators told the Army Engineers.

Any dredging would probably have to be done in August and September, it was pointed out, because of the run of shad in the river.

Winston-Dillard Kiwanis Charter Night Date Set

Charter night for the Winston-Dillard Kiwanis Club has been set for May 27 at Douglas High School. The district governor, C. E. Thompson, Redmond, will attend.

The club Monday night heard its lieutenant governor, Willard Thompson of Klamath Falls, describe purposes, principles and activities of Kiwanis. Another guest at the meeting was Marble Cook, Beaverton, past lieutenant governor of District 12.

Dinner was prepared and served by the Future Homemakers of America of Douglas High. Next meeting will be held next Monday at Melody Inn.

Liquor Commission Opens New Store in Winston

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has opened its newest agency in Winston. The store, located next door to Lee's Paint and Sport Shop, began business Monday.

The store will be open six days a week between noon and 8 p.m. Russell Turner is Winston's first agent for the Liquor Commission.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, with scattered showers and sunny periods today. Cooler tonight.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 72
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 52
Highest temp. any April — 76
Lowest temp. any April — 25
Precip. last 24 hours — .29
Precip. from April 1 — 2.12
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 34.93
Excess from Sept. 1 — 9.15
Sunset today, 6:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:33 a.m.

New FHA Commissioner Named

Hollyday Out As Big Scandal Probe Begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Tuesday named Norman P. Mason, 57, of North Chelmsford, Mass., to the Federal Housing Administration while a variety of government agencies probe into possible multi-million dollar scandals running back into the Truman administration.

The new acting FHA commissioner, a lumber dealer, succeeds Guy T. O. Hollyday, Baltimore mortgage banker whose resignation, accepted Monday, was the first signal of the swiftly developing affair.

The allegations of irregularity, disclosed shortly afterword by Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole, centered on fleeing of home owners on loans for modernization and repair, and over-appraisal of apartment projects for mortgage insurance.

Cole described Hollyday as "a good Christian gentleman" but said he might be held partially responsible for abuses under the re-

Dr. Millar Will Be Speaker For Easter Services

Dr. James Millar, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg, has been named speaker at the Easter Sunrise Services to be held at the Veterans Hospital grounds.

This non-denominational worship service has been an annual event since 1950. All the churches of Roseburg participate, and the audience has been larger each succeeding year.

Dr. Millar, who is known throughout most of the Northwest for his speaking ability, has been selected as the subject of his message "Resurrection in Life." The program is timed to last just 30 minutes so that all who attend will be able to return home for breakfast and still have time to attend services in their own churches.

Besides the Easter message, the program will include musical selections by a local choral group, a brass choir from the senior high school and one of Roseburg's outstanding trumpet players.

The complete program is to be published in Thursday's News-Review.

The hospital grounds are being made ready by the erection of a temporary stage and setting, us benches and bleacher seats to accommodate some of the audience. Many people will be able to enjoy the service from their cars as a large parking area has been provided for near the stage.

On Friday, the three crosses of Golgotha will be on the crest of the hill some distance back of the stage. On Sunday morning, the white cross with the red rose signifying the risen Lord will be set up near the stage.

Services will be held regardless of the weather. In case of rain, the recreation building at the hospital grounds will be used.

County Purchases Steel Bridge For Little River Road

The county purchased a 209-foot steel bridge Monday for use across Little River about 1/4 mile above Cavitt Creek, according to members of the county court.

The county paid \$60,000 for the bridge, which was previously in use in King County, Wash., with that price including installation.

The bridge, now dismantled, is in Portland. It was purchased from West Coast Steel Works.

Installation will include a steel deck 22 feet wide. (By comparison, the Oak Street bridge in Roseburg has a 28-foot steel deck.) The bridge is long enough that approaches are not necessary.

The bridge is part of the work of realigning portions of the Little River Road southeast of Glide. When alignment is completed, the road will go straight across Little River at the point where the bridge is to be installed. The steel bridge will replace a log bridge which has been in use many years.

According to Commissioner Elmer Metzger, the installation will be completed by July 1. He said he believed such an installation would cost the county \$100,000 if it did its own construction.

Two Roseburg Men Pay Illegal Fishing Fines

Two Roseburg men were fined in district court Monday when they pleaded guilty to fishing during closed season.

Acting Judge Elmer G. Baldwin levied a \$100 fine against Mike Gomez, 54, and a \$50 fine against James Irvin Joers, 28. The judge gave a stern warning to Gomez, who has previously appeared on a similar charge.

The men were arrested by state police while fishing Sunday on Twelve Mile creek, a tributary of the Coquille River.

Georgescu Boys Are Again United With Their Parents After Release By Romania

NEW YORK (AP) — Away from prying eyes, Mrs. Lydia Georgescu was tenderly reunited Tuesday with her two sons who were hostages in Romania for seven years.

Government officials and crew, together with other passengers, understandingly first left the big Pan American plane that carried Constantine, 19, and Peter, 15, from London to Idlewild Airport.

Then a public health official signaled to Mrs. Georgescu who had waited in an office. She walked toward the plane then broke into a run. As she neared the craft's doorway, the older youth emerged from the cabin and embraced his mother.

Then they stepped within the plane and the little family group met privately for a few minutes. Also present was the boy's father, Valeriu Georgescu, 50-year-old oil company executive who met them in Munich Monday.

After the reunion, the youths stepped from the plane and told reporters they were "proud" that their father, a naturalized American citizen, had refused to spy against the United States in their behalf.

The Georgescu case broke into headlines last year when the father disclosed to the State Department that a blackmail attempt had been made by a member of the Romanian legation.

The boys, rosy cheeked and healthy looking, smiled constantly during their impromptu meeting with the press alongside the plane.

The pair spoke little English, except for constantly repeating "thank you very much." Their father translated for them.

Constantine said that they had heard through friends that their father had told on Radio Free Europe and Voice of America of his refusal to spy. Asked for their reaction, Constantine said: "We are very proud of what you have done and never lost faith that you might ever commit an act of betrayal in order to save us. We know you and are proud of you."

Southwestern Asia Military Alliance Plan Is Advanced

LONDON (AP) — The United States and Britain warned Tuesday that Communist aggression threatens the peace of all of Southeast Asia and called for the organization of a military alliance of many nations to safeguard the region from further Red penetration.

The decision to press for the formation of a new Southeast Asia defense system was announced in a joint British-American communique after a two-day conference between U.S. Secretary of State Dulles and British leaders on a "united action" program.

A top ranking American official said Dulles was "very satisfied" with the meeting and felt the talks "went far towards establishing the unity of purpose which he sought on Southeast Asia defense."

Dulles was leaving by plane for Paris to line up France in what the official said might become a "Southeast NATO."

Dulles told airport newsmen: "I have had the best series of talks in 48 hours that I have ever had. I think few countries have spoken to each other with greater intimacy and friendliness than has been characteristic of these talks we have had here."

The communique said: "We deplore the fact that on the eve of the Geneva conference the Communist forces in Indochina are increasingly developing the activities into a large-scale war against the forces of the French Union."

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Bouse Trial Jurors Still Being Chosen

The Thomas S. Bouse murder trial went slowly into its second day Tuesday with intensive questioning of prospective jurors continuing.

It was expected most of the second day would also be consumed in picking 12 people to hear the case.

Many members of the original jury panel had already been excused or challenged by late morning. Several were excused for cause because of scruples against capital punishment or because they had read articles on the case.

Defense attorney Ray B. Compton, a veteran of many years practice here, displayed acquaintance with many of the jurors being questioned. Many times his first questions were aimed at finding out whether the person is a News-Review reader and whether they had formed opinions of the case. Most people said they read the paper, but had not formed opinions on how the case should be determined.

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Boat Explosion Kills 1, Hurts 2

FLORENCE, Ore. (AP) — Search continued here Tuesday for Bob Willis, 55, who was blown through the roof of a fishing boat when it exploded at the Siuslaw River mouth.

Victor Watkins and Ernest Tatum, also of Florence, were seriously burned in the blast. They clung for more than an hour to the side of the shattered boat before being rescued.

Tatum suffered burns on the head, face and hands. Watkins was badly burned on the legs.

They said the blast occurred shortly after the boat had been tied to a buoy so engine trouble could be repaired.

The explosion was seen by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Raymond of Florence who were on shore. They notified police, who in turn notified the Coast Guard and other rescue agencies.

Another fishing boat, the Otter, manned by Walt and Ernest Foskic, rescued Watkins and Tatum. They were brought here for medical treatment.

The damaged boat was towed to the Florence harbor.

State Secretary Newbery Scheduled in Roseburg

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery will be in Roseburg Wednesday for a public meeting and luncheon, according to Emil Ramberg, of the Newbery for Governor Committee.

Newbery and his wife will be guests at a noon meeting in the Civic Room of the Hotel Umpqua, Ramberg said.

The secretary of state is on tour through Southern Oregon. He and Mrs. Newbery will arrive in Roseburg tonight or Wednesday morning, Ramberg said.



DR. ROBERT J. OPPENHEIMER ... suspended by AEC

Bomb Delay Attributed To Scientist

McCarthy Gun Fodder Exploded Prematurely By Government Board

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer has been suspended as a government advisor on atomic matters for security reasons, including accusations that he sought to block development of the hydrogen bomb. He declared he will fight the accusations.

The noted physicist, sometimes called the man who built the A-bomb, disclosed the charges himself Tuesday by making public an exchange of letters with Maj. Gen. K.D. Nichols, general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission. Stories about the charges had been published by New York morning newspapers.

There was no immediate comment from the AEC.

Nichols' letter said 16 specific allegations of subversive activities had been leveled against Oppenheimer. One was that he battled against construction of the H-bomb, even after former President Truman approved it.

The letter, dated last Dec. 23, advised Oppenheimer: "It was reported further that you were instrumental in persuading other scientists not to work on the hydrogen bomb project and that the opposition to the hydrogen bomb, of which you are the most experienced, most powerful the most effective member, has definitely slowed down its development."

"The commission has no other recourse, in the discharge of its obligations to protect the common defense and security, but to suspend your clearance (to have atomic information) until the matter has been resolved."

"Accordingly, your employment on Atomic Energy Commission

4 Timber Patches In Douglas County Slated For Auction

Two tracts of Umpqua National forest timber will be offered at oral auction May 14 in the supervisors office, Roseburg. They contain a total of 6,530,000 board feet of timber appraised at \$76,752.50. Both lie in the Little River watershed near the Taft Mountain look-out.

One, known as the Emile Shafter Sale, contains 3,110,000 feet of Douglas fir and pine appraised at \$13.50 a thousand, and 390,000 feet of Hemlock and other saw timber at \$1 a thousand.

The other, the Platou Sale, includes 3,030,000 feet of Douglas fir and pine appraised for \$11.25 a thousand, and 290,000 of other timber appraised at \$1 a thousand.

Bids on both tracts must include 10 cents a thousand for slash disposal and 35 cents a thousand for planting. Bids will be received beginning at 2 p.m.

BLM Sale Also Dated

A huge tract of Bureau of Land Management O&C salvage timber will be sold at oral auction in the Roseburg office of BLM on April 28, according to James Watts, district forester.

The block, mostly Douglas fir, includes 22,111,000 board feet of timber appraised at \$344,927.35. It is located just northeast of Scottsburg on the divide between Umpqua and Smith rivers in the area of the Vincent Creek burn.

Included are 21,960,000 feet of Douglas fir appraised at \$15.65 a thousand; 90,000 feet of western hemlock at \$8.80, 29,000 feet of western red cedar at \$7.35 and 32,000 feet of white fir at \$8.60 a thousand.

Bids will be received starting at 10:30 a.m.

Private Tract Also Offered

A block of privately owned timber will be sold at oral auction at 10 a.m. April 20, at the office of Charles O. Porter, Eugene attorney.

A minimum down payment of \$55,000 is required on purchase of the tract, containing 5,798,000 feet of timber. The timber includes 1,382,000 feet of Douglas fir, 779,000 feet of merchantable Douglas fir, 930,000 of No. 3 Douglas fir, and 735,000 feet of other saw-timber.

The tract is located off Highway 99 just south of Azalea and east of Quine's Creek Store.

Eugene Applies For Dam Permit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Power Commission Monday was asked by the Eugene, Ore., Water Board for a preliminary permit for construction of Cougar Dam on the McKenzie River in Oregon.

The project has been endorsed by President Eisenhower as exemplifying the administration's "partnership policy" for multipurpose water developments, a spokesman for the board said.

The dam would be built, owned, and operated by the Corps of Engineers. The city of Eugene would design, construct, operate and own the power facilities. The city also would pay the government incremental costs for power in the dam project and would share the costs of jointly used facilities.

Legislation authorizing construction of the dam on this basis now is pending in Congress.

The city also is proposing a downstream dam and powerhouse for regulation of the flow from the 80,000 horsepower Cougar Dam plant. The downstream plant would have an installed capacity of about 2,200 horsepower.

The preliminary permit being sought by the city, would give the holder priority over the site while conducting studies in preparation for application for a federal license.

Mrs. Oregon To Meet Public At Nielsen's

So that the public may meet Mrs. Oregon for 1954, Mrs. Jack (Ona) Holmgren, Lester F. Nielsen has arranged for her to be at Nielsen's Market between 10 a.m. and 12 noon Wednesday.

Mrs. Holmgren was recently notified by headquarters in New York City that she had been selected to represent Oregon in the national contest to be held between April 21-25 in Ellinor Village, Fla.

Mrs. Holmgren's entry was sponsored by M. Nielsen in the Better Living Contest.

4-H Club Style Show At Junior High Tonight

The public is invited to attend the 4-H Club style show at 8 o'clock tonight at the Junior High School auditorium. There will be no admission charge. Models will be 4-H Club girls, announced Miss E. Jones Gates, Douglas County 4-H Club agent.

Miss Charlotte Ruth Heinzelman, 4-H Club Stylist for the Simplicity Pattern Co., will present the 18 models in latest spring fashions.

FINED \$50

Clyde Harold Green, 42, Dillard, was fined \$50 in district court Monday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk on a public highway, according to acting Judge Elmer G. Baldwin. Green was arrested Saturday by state police.

WINDOW SMASHED

Bill Pyle, 223 S. Jackson St., complained to city police Monday that a .22 caliber bullet had smashed a window in his home Sunday evening. He said that he thought it came from the vicinity of Hawthorne Terrace.

OVERHEATED FURNACE

An overheated floor furnace brought Roseburg firemen to the Jay Powell home, 3005 Orville Dr., Monday at 10 p.m. There was no damage.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Don't make upsetting of your apple cart literal if the fruit is of the Delicious variety. Retail value of a 40-lb. box of first quality right now is around \$8.00.



IN APPRECIATION—Arlo Jacklin, left, exalted ruler of the Roseburg Elks is shown above receiving a certificate of appreciation from Brig. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, Red Cross national membership chairman for Oregon. The award was made in appreciation for use of the Terrace Ballroom and canteen service by the Elks during visits of the Red Cross Bloodmobile the past two years. Standing in the background is Elks Member Fuller Johnson. Standing at right are H. D. Durham, Red Cross board member, and Robert Allen, publicity chairman. (Photo Lab Picture).