

Charges, Denials Hurlled As Big Hearing Nears



HONOR POSTS—Valedictorian Donna Ellison, left, and Salutatorian Barbara Brand, have been named top students of Roseburg Senior High School's graduating class. Miss Ellison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ellison, and Miss Brand is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brand. (Photos by Paul Jenkins).

Larger School Population, Building Bonds Add Slightly To Dillard School Budget

Except for three items this year, School District 116 has been able to cut its operating school budget, reports Supt. William Bromley.

Open House Set At Douglas High

School District 116 will combine a public school budget hearing and an open house at Douglas High School tonight, according to Supt. William Bromley.

The tours and open house will start at 7:30 p. m. and the public hearing is scheduled at 8 p. m. Bromley reported all teachers will be at the new high school building to acquaint patrons with both themselves and the building.

The most serious work of discussion of the \$641,514 budget is the last step before the budget election April 30. The election will involve \$249,727 outside the 6 percent limitation.

Bromley relates that the second district budget will raise the millage rate only about 3.5 above last year's levy. This means an increase from 82 mills presently being levied to an estimated 85.5 mills.

Drain Teacher Seriously Injured

The condition of Miss Ada Sherman, well-known Drain grade school teacher, remained unchanged at Cottage Grove Hospital today, according to Drain Correspondent Maud Deaver.

Miss Sherman was critically injured about 7:30 Monday morning when her car went over a 50-foot embankment on Highway 38 about three miles east of Elkton.

She was rushed to the hospital by Drain Ambulance.

Miss Sherman, about 63 years old, had been to Reedsport to spend Easter with her mother. She was returning to her teaching post when the mishap occurred.

A third grade teacher, Miss Sherman has taught in Drain schools for many years.

Explorer Scouts Rifle Shoot Set For Saturday

A rifle shoot for Explorer Scouts in the Oregon Trails Council is set for this Saturday, according to Walt Smith, field executive for the Douglas Fir District.

Two posts in the district have signed up for the event—Post 24 of Myrtle Creek and Post 126, Temmie. Smith said other posts may make reservations by asking him.

The program starts at 10 a. m. with rifle instructions by ROTC officers at the University of Oregon. The shoot will start in the afternoon on the ROTC rifle range.

The event is under the direction of Smith and Maj. Albert Manning, ROTC commander. Post 24 last year took third in the shoot.

Mrs. Evans Convalesces From Severe Burns

Mrs. James S. Evans of Glide is convalescing at her home today after receiving severe burns on her right arm and burns on her left arm, face and left leg Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Evans' clothing caught fire when a pan of grease flamed up, according to Glide Correspondent, Mrs. Arthur Selby.

The burned woman was rushed to Mercy Hospital by Leo Olson, a friend of the family called to the scene. Mrs. Evans' husband, who owns the Glide mill, is in bed with the mumps.

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Windshield Pitting Noted In Roseburg

Unconfirmed Reports Tell Of Markings

The "Case of the Pitted Windshields" apparently settled on the Roseburg-Winston area today, with reports of shattered and pocked automobile glass filtering in through various sources.

Police could substantiate none of the reports—in fact, only state police had a complaint. And it turned out to be a windshield hit by flying gravel.

But in Winston, Mrs. Betty Johnstone said that nearly every car in her neighborhood showed up with marks, including her own. There were others.

Mrs. Johnstone said the marred places on windshields ranged from 1/32 to 1/2 inch in diameter. It appeared that the glass had been hit hard by a shower of tiny pellets.

The Preston Tucker family, owning three cars, found all three windshields pitted. Mrs. Johnstone said it had been noticed that automobiles which had been sitting idle longest were the ones with the most pock marks.

A Winchester man, Cecil Maney, said this morning that side windows on his two-door sedan cracked sometime Tuesday afternoon. He discovered cracks in the door windows at about 8 p. m. Mrs. Maney, he said, had driven the car at noon and found nothing wrong.

Maney said there appeared to be tiny bubbles in the glass. The windows still were cracking this morning.

Gordon Howard, KRXL announcer, found two big blisters in his windshield Tuesday morning.

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Mrs. Holmgren Arrives For Title Contest

ELLINOR VILLAGE, Fla. (Special) — Mrs. Ona Holmgren, of Roseburg, one of the last "Mrs. America" contestants to reach here, arrived late Tuesday with her husband, Jack.

They stepped out of a bus to appear before a battery of national newsmen and wire service photographers and a group of reporters, leaving only a few minutes for Holmgren to carry his wife across the threshold of the "Mrs. Oregon" home located on "Mrs. America Drive."

During the next four days, Mrs. Holmgren will set up typical housekeeping which could lead her to the "Mrs. America" title, \$15,000 in prizes and a grand tour of Europe.

Appearing in a flaming crimson evening gown at Ellinor Village Country Club Tuesday evening, where the contest committee held a welcoming dinner for Mrs. Holmgren and 49 other finalists, she was escorted by the first "Mrs. America" of 1954, Mrs. Edward Chamberlain of Miami and the current "Mrs. America," Mrs. Erna Snyder of Kuritztown, Pa.

After briefing of her and her husband, Mrs. Holmgren began her duties around the home, next door to "Mrs. Louisiana" and her husband. Her husband, Jack, signed up for a round of golf and a sight-seeing tour Wednesday.

"Mrs. America" will be named Saturday.

Dulles Arrives In Paris For NATO Meeting

By MAX HARRISON
PARIS (AP) — U. S. Secretary of State Dulles arrived here Wednesday to attend the meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and to consult with Western allies on strategy for the Geneva conference.

He was greeted at the airport by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault who will be his guest at a private dinner Wednesday evening when they will review the Indochina question and other problems coming up at Geneva.

Dulles told newsmen Friday's NATO meeting is of "special significance for one of its purposes is to take notice of the fact that five years ago this month the North Atlantic Treaty was signed. That was an historic event."

"In the past five years," Dulles said, "we have made impressive progress in translating the symbolic act of banding together in the midst of a common danger into the reality of an effective common defense. Of equal importance is the habit of consultation which has become a daily practice in the council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

Dulles said Friday's meeting would be a continuation of that process of consultation, in each fashion, he added, the 14 member countries would be able to perfect their understanding of each other's problems.

"On this understanding," he said, "on a common purpose, the future of all of us depends."

Dulles made no mention of the talks he planned to have in Paris on the Geneva conference.

An informed American source here said earlier the United States would stand by its decision to oppose an expected Russian move to turn the Geneva meeting into a "Big Five" conference with Red China—even if a such opposition broke up the conference.

Before leaving Washington last night, Dulles implied this would be his stand. He reiterated America's opposition to the Geneva party "does not imply our diplomatic recognition of Red China."

The United States insists the Peiping regime is an invited participant, not a big-power instigator of the meeting starting April 28.

The American secretary said he was going to the Geneva conference to seek an "honorable peace in Indochina and a free, united Korea."

A meeting of the Big Three Western foreign ministers has been arranged for Thursday evening, he added, the arrival of British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

DOPE RING BROKEN
SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — A narcotics ring operating within the walls of San Quentin Prison has been uncovered and broken up.

Acting Warden Douglas Rigg said a cache of 400 morphine tablets was found hidden in the hospital surgery ward, three convicts were admitted guilty and have been locked in solitary, and others are being questioned.



JOSEPH K. CARSON JR.
... candidate to speak

Joseph K. Carson, Demo Candidate, Will Speak Here

Joseph K. Carson Jr., the Democratic party's sole candidate for governor, will be in Roseburg April 30 at 7 p. m. at a dinner meeting sponsored by the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee.

Carson has been in Oregon public life for a number of years, having served as mayor of Portland prior to World War II. During the war and for a time afterwards, he was a member of the U. S. Shipping Board.

The dinner will be held at the Roseburg Woman's Club at 83 1/2 plate. While here, Carson is to visit the Veterans Hospital. He is a veteran of both world wars.

Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Christina Micelli, chairman of the central committee, or Al Flegel.

Luark Pleads Guilty To Contributing Charge

A 61-year-old Reedsport man, John Luark, pleaded guilty in circuit court Tuesday when he was arraigned on a district attorney's information charging him with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Luark waived a grand jury hearing and made his plea before Judge James R. Bain. The judge postponed sentence until the defendant is given a psychiatric examination.

Luark was arrested Jan 21 by a deputy sheriff. Luark allegedly molested an 8-year-old girl.

New Sutherland Jaycees Slate Charter Night

The charter banquet for a Junior Chamber of Commerce club at Sutherland will be held in the Sutherland American Legion Hall at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, April 24.

Roseburg Jaycees said a 6:30 reception at the Lighthouse Cafe will precede the dinner. The banquet will be prepared and served by ladies of the Grange.

A program is scheduled to start at 8:30 p. m. Local Jaycees are asked to make prompt requests for banquet reservations.

Builders' Head Denies Profits Were Excessive

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Assn. of Home Builders today disputed charges that the government is millions of dollars out of pocket or that too high rents have resulted from alleged widespread abuses under the government's loan-insurance program.

The association's views were expressed by its president, R. G. Hughes, as the Senate Banking Committee turned to hear what industry spokesmen have to say about allegations that some apartment builders raked in huge and "unconscionable" profits by obtaining oversized government-backed loans either through the dishonesty or inefficiency of Federal Housing Administration (FHA) officials.

"The impression that the government has lost millions of dollars and that tenants have been charged excessive rents is, in my opinion, erroneous," Hughes said in prepared testimony.

Yesterday, Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews of the Internal Revenue Service told the Senate House Committee on Reduction of Nontax Federal Expenditures that builders of 1,149 apartment projects under a new so-called "middle income" housing program piled up 65 million dollars in excessive profits by the inflated loan guarantee device. Andrews said his agents so far have found no evidence of tax fraud.

Members of the eighth grade chorus classes make up the cast of 25 leading parts and 130 other students are dancers and singers in the lively and colorful musical presentation.

Weyerhaeuser, CIO To Confer

PORTLAND (AP) — CIO Woodworkers, poised to strike for a better contract, will meet with Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. negotiators next Tuesday.

The rest of the industry will be watching the outcome closely for in the past, settlements made by Weyerhaeuser and the union sometimes have set a pattern for agreements.

Federal mediators reported no progress made Tuesday in negotiations between the union and these operators: Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee, Willamette Valley Assn., Columbia Basin Sawmills, Columbia Basin Loggers, Timber Operators Assn., Tri-County Loggers Assn., and the Plywood Operators Assn.

The union, which has a May 3 strike deadline, is asking a 12 1/2 percent hourly pay increase, a third week of paid vacation, and changes in job classifications.

At Tuesday's session, management negotiators again rejected demands and again offered to extend the present contract.

FIND PARKING METER

Two boys Tuesday afternoon turned over to police a parking meter they said they found while playing under the Deer Creek bridge on Jackson Street. Officers said the meter appeared to have been under water for some time.

The boys are Ray Satterfield, 14, 922 N. Jackson St., and Max Johnson, 13, 414 E. Second Ave. S.

Douglas Scouters Purchase Real Estate For Scout Use At New Camp At Siltcoos

Scouters from the Douglas Fir District went to Eugene Monday night not knowing they might come back with more real estate than when they left. But several now own property over on the coast — with stipulations.

The conditions of their purchases are that use of the property will be exclusively by Boy Scouts. It all came out in the drive for financing the building of Camp Siltcoos (pronounced Chiltcoos) on Siltcoos Lake near Gardiner. Installations at the camp were auctioned off to get funds for completion of the camp.

So now, these people have this property. Bruce Elliott owns a rifle range, which he purchased as a memorial to Bruce Elliott Jr. Cal Baird owns the watch tower on the waterfront. The Lions Club possesses four Adirondack-type shelters. Horace Berg has two more shelters. The Oregon Trails Council raised more than \$50,000 in the auction, with members from the local district contributing \$2,350 toward the \$200,000 camp site. On Tuesday, according to Field Executive Walt Smith, \$200 more had been promised.

Wilson Says He Believes In Hensel

'Bare-Faced Lies, Stevens' Assistant Answers To Charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Wilson said Wednesday he believes H. Struve Hensel is a "competent, honest man" and doesn't believe Hensel masterminded Army charges against Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) as the senator contends.

If he didn't believe in Hensel, Wilson told a news conference, Hensel would not have his present post of assistant secretary of defense.

Speaking generally, Wilson said the Army-McCarthy row has "done no good" to military morale or helped to meet the problems confronting the nation.

Personally, he said, he feels "in these critical times men of good will ought to get together to solve these problems."

McCarthy brought Hensel's name into the row Tuesday when he filed a "bill of particulars" with the Senate investigations subcommittee outlining the things he will seek to prove in the televised public hearing set to open at 10:30 a. m. Thursday.

McCarthy contended that concern that he was about to expose "misconduct" and "possibly law violations" by Hensel led Army officials to attempt to discredit him. The Army officials chiefly involved in the long row with the

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Spring Operetta Plans Progress At Junior High

The cast of the junior high school spring operetta, "Gauzy Hollandaise," has been busily making the rounds of Roseburg prior to its public showing Friday night in the Junior High auditorium.

The operetta was given on Monday evening for patients in the Veterans Hospital. Tuesday night a part of the students sang for Kiwanis Club, and they are scheduled to perform at Thursday's meeting of Rotary Club.

Members of the eighth grade chorus classes make up the cast of 25 leading parts and 130 other students are dancers and singers in the lively and colorful musical presentation.

Mrs. Hallie Woodward, vocal music instructor, is directing the operetta. Mrs. Margaret Carr, art instructor, has directed construction of the stage scenery. Responsible for costumes and makeup are Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Catherine Matthews, Mrs. Maurita McGarity and Mrs. Margaret Adair.

Mrs. Johnson also made the programs and advertising posters.

Woman Dies Following Rescue Of Grandson

A Reedsport grandmother died Monday after she had rescued her 4-year-old grandson from drowning in Schiefel Creek.

Police reported Mrs. Howard Litchy, 43, apparently died of a stroke at McAuley Hospital in Coos Bay after she jumped into the stream to pull the boy, Richard Ailtree Jr., to safety.

The woman and boy had been sunning themselves on a float-house when the boy tumbled into the water.

Jury Favors Plaintiff In Claim For Disability

A circuit court jury Tuesday returned a verdict in favor of Virginia E. Lent, who sued the State Industrial Accident Commission for consideration of her claim for disability.

The jury agreed that the claim should be remanded back to the commission. The plaintiff allegedly received personal injuries on March 5, 1953, in the course of her employment at Gardiner Lumber Co.

County Lets Bid For More Aerial Photographing

The Douglas County Court let a contract Tuesday for aerial photographing another big section of the county.

Kendall B. Wood and Associates will photograph 421,120 acres — an area comprising about one-fifth of the total county acreage — in the Camas Valley-Cow Creek regions.

The job will cost \$4,211.20 and will be completed before Sept. 15, weather permitting. Prints will be delivered to the Douglas County Forest Appraisal Dept. in the courthouse. The contract prints, 8 x 9 inches, will have a scale of 1 to 12,000 or 1 inch equaling 1,000 feet of the mean ground elevation.

The general area to be photographed extends from just north of Repton, from the west county line extending east to include Dillard, with the east edge of the area extending south across Nickel Mountain, then east to include Azelea and on to about the centerline of the county, then to the border of the county, and including a narrow portion of Jackson and Josephine counties in the area of Wolf Creek.

The aerial photos will be used primarily for forest appraising, but many other uses are envisioned. For example, some of the photographic work can be put to use by the County Planning Commission in preparing a study of the character of the county.

Gerald Harkin, Store Manager, Passes Monday

Gerald Francis Harkin, 53, manager of the Outdoor Store on N. Jackson Street, died April 19. He was born Oct. 15, 1900, in Des Moines, Iowa, and came to Oregon about 20 years ago. He had made his home in Roseburg for the past nine years.

He was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Viola, Roseburg; two sons, John L. and James P. Harkin, both of Roseburg; a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Barlett Jr., Greenville, Maine. Also surviving are grandchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held in The Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Requiem Mass will be held in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Thursday at 8 a. m. Father Edmund Hyland will officiate. The body will then be taken to Portland for entombment in the Mount Calvary Mausoleum for services to be held Friday at 9 a. m.

HELD FOR YAMHILL

A Yoncalla man wanted in Yamhill County Wednesday was arrested by the sheriff's office here. He is Eugene C. Davis, 29, wanted on a charge of obtaining personal property under false pretenses.

Dickenson Is Accused Of Injuring POW

WASHINGTON (AP) — An ex-prisoner-of-war said Wednesday Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson pushed a sick POW down some stairs after the ailing man had asked Dickenson for food.

This incident was described by Staff Sgt. John A. Davis of Niagara Falls, N.Y., who stared at Dickenson with unmasked hate during his appearance in the witness chair. It was the third day of Dickenson's court martial on charges of collaborating with the Chinese Communists while a POW in Korea.

Davis said Dickenson, 23, and from Cracker's Neck, Va., worked at the sick compound as a cook at the Red POW camp at Pyoktong along the Yalu River and "I saw him trade off chow for tobacco and candy."

At one point, Davis said he saw a sick POW go up to Dickenson and ask for chow. Dickenson said there was no more. I, personally, saw some chow in the chow pot."

The witness said there was "a little argument" and he saw Dickenson push the man down three stairs. "The man's legs were paralyzed for a day," Davis said.

Guy Emery, counsel for the defense, drew from Davis a confession that he could not remember clearly the incidents of chow trading.



DICKENSON CONFERS WITH LAWYER—Cpl. Edward Dickenson confers with his attorney, Col. Guy Emery, a retired army officer, just before the start of Dickenson's trial before an army court martial on charges of collaborating with the Communists while a prisoner of war in Korea. The 23-year-old Cracker's Neck, Va., soldier faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Court martial is being held in Washington, D. C. (AP Wirephoto).

The Weather

Clear tonight and Thursday.
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 6
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 35
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 68
Lowest temp. any April — 26
Lowest temp. any April — 95
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from April 1 — 2.12
Precip. from April 2 — 34.93
Precip. from April 3 — 8.59
Excess from 7:02 p. m. —
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:21 a. m.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Retzenstein
It is estimated that tourists will this year pour \$400 million into the Pacific Northwest states. Doesn't sound a bit as if a depression was in the offing.