

O & C Attorney Asks \$600,000

WASHINGTON — A. W. Lafferty, Portland attorney, and Richard L. Merrick, a Washington lawyer, have instituted an action in United States district court for the District of Columbia, seeking an award to them of \$600,000 in attorney fees.

Lafferty and Merrick, in an action directed against three cabinet members and 18 Oregon and California grant land counties, ask allocation of the fees for services in connection with the action brought in circuit court here by Clackamas county to force disbursement of withheld timber receipts from the controverted lands.

They estimate \$6,000,000 in withheld funds is available for distribution to the counties and contend that their legal services were worth "the reasonable value" of 10 per cent of this amount.

Lafferty and Merrick charge that legislation sponsored by Sen. Guy Cordon and Rep. Harris Ellsworth, and recently enacted by congress, to settle the jurisdictional dispute over the controverted lands and to provide for distribution of the withheld funds, was "designed and intended" to supersede the court decision and "to prevent plaintiffs from collecting their just fees and compensation."

They asked a declaratory judgment, or in the alternative an injunction, to compel Treasury Sec. George M. Humphrey, Interior Sec. Douglas McKay and Agriculture Sec. Ezra Taft Benson to set aside \$600,000 of the withheld funds in escrow, to be used to pay the Lafferty-Merrick fees, if the court should rule the amount due them.

CLASS CANCELLED
The upholstery class originally scheduled to be conducted at the Roseburg Senior High School July 12 to 23, has been cancelled, according to Dick Bous, adult education director. No future class is planned at this time, he reports.

CANOE STOLEN
Mrs. W. R. Rutter, 805 Micelli St., complained to city police Thursday that a canoe had been stolen from the banks of the South Umpqua River sometime Wednesday night.

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Reservations Now Taken For Portland Theatrical

Mail orders are now being taken for reservations and scrip to the popular season of "Musicals Under the Stars" at Holladay Bowl, Portland's outdoor summer theatre. All inquiries should be directed to the Portland Symphonic Choir, 512 Park Building, Portland 5.

The shows scheduled for the series are "The Vagabond King" July 6-17, "Yeomen of the Guard" July 20-31, "The Red Mill" Aug. 3-14, and "Blossom Time" Aug. 17-28. Each will run two weeks, Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The books of scrip containing six tickets for the price of five are available at the Holladay bowl daytime box office at J. K. Gill's, Lipman's Record Department and the Portland Symphonic Choir office.

Assurance Given Non-High District Budget Passed

Assurance was almost certain today that the non-high budget of \$12,420 for four districts in Douglas County was approved, although one district was still to be heard from.

Jaycees Sponsor Magician Here As Benefit Show

Mandrake the Magician is coming to town.

Not the comic strip wizard, but the real thing. He's due to dazzle audiences at the Roseburg Central High School auditorium Friday and Saturday, July 2 and 3.

He's being sponsored for performances here by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as a benefit for Camp Tillcoos, the Boy Scout camp on Siltcoos Lake, and for the crippled children's camp on North Lake at the coast.

The Jay-C-ettes will set up a central booth at the Umpqua Hotel to sell tickets. The booth will be in operation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily from today through Saturday, July 3.

Rhoden said youngsters will be able to earn tickets to matinees by selling either two adult or four children's fares. Two other incentives have been set up for heavy selling by youngsters.

The magician is noted for such things as driving a car blindfolded and escaping from locked objects. His show will last more than two hours.

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Powers said discovery of the body came following a search Thursday afternoon and last night after Miss Crawford went for a walk and failed to return home.

Investigation into her death is being made by the coroner's office, state police and the district attorney. An autopsy may be performed, he said.

Miss Crawford was born at Peotone, Ill. Surviving are five brothers, Ralph, Bend, Arthur, Portland; Leslie, Pasco, Wash.; Kenneth, Sutherlin; and Paul, Wilbur; and three sisters, Mrs. Marian Fox, Elgin; Mrs. Dorothy Swanson, Portland; and Mrs. Letitia Baxter, Spokane.

The body has been removed to Long and Or Mortuary, and funeral services are being arranged.

Nationalist China Admits Seizure Of Soviet Ship

from their accusation that the U.S. Navy had seized the tanker.

The American reply, it was learned, would take the form either of a flat rejection of the Soviet note or of a detailed reply turning it down point by point.

In announcing that the tanker was in custody the Nationalists said tersely that the matter was "being disposed of," indicating the Tuapse might be confiscated, as were two ships to which Poland claims title.

The Nationalists said the Tuapse was carrying oil to the "Communist bandit" port of Shanghai on the Red-held mainland in violation of a U.N. embargo on such shipments.

The announcement said only that the Tuapse was seized while violating Nationalist China's port closure policy — or blockade of the China coast.

The Nationalist Navy which harasses the Red coast operates destroyers and patrol craft loaned by the United States.

Prior to the official announcement, Nationalist officials had withheld comment and had banned publication in Formosan newspapers of stories on the Russian protest.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, Adm. Felix B. Stump, said in Pearl Harbor that "No U.S. warship has seized any Russian ship."

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PRESENTATION—Exalted ruler Arlo Jackson presents a plaque bearing the names of high-point winners in the recently completed Elks Lodge-Veterans pool tournament to Dr. Mikkliesen of the Veterans Hospital staff. The plaque will remain at the hospital, and new names will be added each year. Trophy cups were awarded to individual high scorers. Looking on are Ed Seitz, Ed Drysdale, and Ray Christian, standing. Kneeling are Fuller Johnson and George Kuhn.



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Dow Warren Keasey Sr. Passes Away Thursday

Dow Warren Keasey Sr., 75, resident of 2 Harvey Court, Keasey Road, died Thursday morning at his home. He was born Sept. 8, 1877, in Fayette, Iowa and came to Roseburg 29 years ago to make his home. He was a retired building contractor.

Surviving are his wife, Rosa, Roseburg; two sons, Harry C. and Dow Jr., both of Roseburg; a daughter, Mrs. Curtis (Julia) Tigard; Tigard; a sister, Mrs. Mae Kerr, Warrenton; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Private graveside funeral service will be held Saturday, June 26, at 11 a.m. in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Ellsworth Tilton of the First Methodist Church will officiate. The Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, is in charge of the arrangements.

PAYS FINE, RELEASED

Albert Arthur Hudson, 49, Rocky Point, Thursday paid a \$50 fine and was released after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk on a public highway, reports District Judge Elmer Baldwin. Hudson was arrested Wednesday by state police.

Riddle Calls Bids For Water Line

The City of Riddle will receive bids until 3 p.m. July 16 for construction of a steel water tank and for furnishing and installing a water pipeline.

City Recorder F. L. Kummer said the work is divided into four schedules.

Schedule 1 is for a 250,000-gallon steel tank, to be placed on a foundation to be built under another contract. Schedule 2A is for furnishing various materials.

Schedule 2B is for furnishing other materials, including fittings.

Schedule 3 is for installation of the materials and construction of the tank foundation. Also under this contract will be the construction of an access road, and improvements to the intake.

Plans and specifications are available from Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield of Corvallis, consulting engineers.

Two Airplanes Collide; Three Persons Killed

SEATTLE — Two light planes collided while making landings at an airport at suburban Bellevue Thursday night, killing three persons and injuring a fourth.

The King County coroner's office identified the dead as Clark D. Ward, 31, Seattle; Don Burch, 47, Denver, and John Benedict, Bellevue, chief pilot at the airport.

Harry E. Hightcher, 28, Seattle, a student pilot flying with Benedict, was injured.

HIT-RUN DRIVER

Witnesses Thursday afternoon turned the description of a car driven by a hit-run driver over to city police. They said the car backed out of the Safeway parking lot on Kane Street and smashed into the side of a city-owned pickup, which was slightly damaged.

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Small Hurricane Hits Suddenly Off Gulf Coast

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP) — Hurricane Alice, small and sudden, and the first of the season, blew out of the Gulf onto a small Mexican fishing village south of Brownsville Friday.

Winds up to 62 miles an hour hit Brownsville and rain fell steadily.

At Matamoros, Mexico, across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Salvador Villareal, about 55, was killed when he was hit by a falling electric wire as he walked along the street. He was a Matamoros cafe owner and widely-known border businessman.

Roland West Takes Gavel At Rotary Meet

Outgoing President Percy Croft turned the gavel over to new President Roland West at Thursday's regular Roseburg Rotary Club meeting in the Hotel Umpqua.

Before relinquishing his post as head of the club, Croft thanked the members for their cooperation during the past year. Among the accomplishments during Croft's reign was the inauguration of the Myrtle Creek Rotary Club.

West said committee appointments for the next year will be completed by next week.

Croft also outlined 1954-55 plans for Rotary Foundation, a student exchange organization. He said 113 students from 34 countries have been awarded scholarships to spend time in other countries. Croft praised the international understanding that the program is promoting.

Several Roseburg Rotarians and RotaryAnns attended a dinner and installation of officers at Myrtle Creek Wednesday night. Included were Croft, Mr. and Mrs. West, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Carter and Capt. and Mrs. Del Baker. Pat Sullivan was on hand to show a movie. Ladies attending were given corsages.

Ten Firemen Injured In Spectacular Blaze

PORTLAND — A spectacular fire injured 10 men and caused damage estimated at a quarter-million dollars at a quarter-million dollars at an electrical and plumbing supply firm in downtown Portland Thursday.

Two of the men were injured in leaping from the second floor of the building, where they were trapped momentarily by the fast-spreading flames. They were taken to a hospital where their injuries proved not serious. Also suffering minor injuries were eight firemen.

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School District Gets Extension For Tax Roll Levy

The Roseburg School District has been granted an extension of time by the Douglas County Assessor's Office in which a tax levy may be placed on the tax rolls, according to Supt. M. C. Deller.

The action was made necessary by the defeat of the school budget on Monday. Ordinarily, the information must be presented to the assessor on July 1.

The assessor's deadline comes six days after the next scheduled election on the budget on July 14. The school budget committee Wednesday night resubmitted the sum of \$335,115.26 outside the 6 per cent limitation, the amount turned down Monday, to the voters on that date.

Deller pointed out that the total levy of \$1,298,092 equals a reduction of 6.3 mills from the original amount asked, and turned down, on May 18.

The total budget of \$2,102,720 is for operation of the schools for the 1954-55 school year. It doesn't provide for new school buildings or sites, as had the original budget. Deller repeated that the original budget was cut about \$152,000 to the requested figure in the July 14 vote.

He said there has been misunderstanding on one often-repeated figure on school growth. The school district expects between 320 and 350 additional pupils in school next year. That figure, he said, does not replace the 1954 high school graduates—238. He pointed out that 650 first graders are expected in school next year.

DRIVER INJURED

Achle Huseby, Winston, suffered a back injury Thursday afternoon when a truck he was driving went over a bank. He was taken to Douglas Community Hospital by Mohr ambulance. Huseby had been logging on contract for Stommer Logging Co. on Little River.

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