

He Liked The West

Boy Threatens Pilot, Dies In Commandeering Plane

CLEVELAND (AP)—Five minutes before takeoff time, 53 passengers buckled themselves into an American Airlines DC-6 as it was being prepared to leave the blocks at Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

Then a 250-pound, 15-year-old boy in a leather jacket and denim trousers lumbered up the loading ramp and into the cockpit. Waving a broken, unloaded, .38-caliber revolver, he ordered Capt. William F. Bonnell to "fly to Mexico or be shot."

The pilot dug into his flight bag and whipped out his own revolver. He fired twice. The youth, Raymond A. Kuchenmeister Jr., died an hour later at a hospital with bullet wounds in his right hip and chest.

"What the hell could a guy do?" asked the pilot yesterday, after he brought the flight to St. Louis, where it stopped over briefly en route to Fort Worth, Tex., and Mexico City.

Believed Joke at First
Capt. Bonnell, a Cleveland, said: "I had a maniac on my plane."

We had women and children. . . . At first he thought it was a joke, he said. "I asked the flight engineer and copilot if they knew who this fellow was. The fellow said, 'It's none of your damn business.'"

"He had a sawed-off pistol in his hand. I tried to kid him along. He had the gun pointed at my side. While sitting there I dropped my hand down into my bag and pulled out a Colt .38 which I kept there. I got the gun out. Then the engineer thought of some reason to turn on the switch and asked the fellow to reach up and turn it on. The fellow did. I shot him in the hip. He still had the gun."

"He sagged a bit. I let him have it again, a little higher."

Passengers Unaware
Most of the passengers aboard the flight, which originated in New York, did not realize what had happened until the boy was removed from the cockpit. The plane left about an hour late.

Standing near the ramp while his brother was shot was 12-year-old Donald, who told police the two boys had left their home, a rundown old farmhouse in suburban Parma, to "get jobs as cowboys."

Donald "got scared" as they neared the edge of the field, so "I told him to go ahead and I would hitchhike out later."

The boys' mother, Mrs. Ruth Kuchenmeister, 42, was alone with her other five children when the news came.

"I never took him seriously," she said. She described the boy as an average student but "frustrated and bitter" because "he was too big to pass for a child and too young to get a man's job."

Boy Liked West
He liked to go to Western movies and read about the West in magazines. Lately he kept talking about going to Montana and being a cowboy," she said through tears.

"I told him it wouldn't be like he saw in the movies, but he said: 'Out there they treat you like a man.'"

The gun Raymond carried had been given to his father, a truck driver, by a friend some seven years ago, she said.

"I haven't seen it around the house for at least two years and I thought it had been thrown away."

The mother looked around the old farm house and said: "Ever since he was 12 he worried about our living conditions. He wanted to work. He wanted to bring in money for me. He talked about buying a house to make it nice for me. He was my favorite child."

Then she asked: "Why did they have to shoot a kid?"

Roseburg Council Okays 3 For City Committee Posts

The Roseburg City Council, meeting Tuesday night, confirmed three appointments made by Mayor Percy Croft. All were made to various city commissions.

Walter H. Brittle, an accountant, was selected to serve a four-year term on the City Park Commission. He replaces Earl Wiley, who had been a member of that board since its inception in 1944.

Peter B. Serafin, a realtor, will serve the next four years on the City Planning Commission. He replaces Warren Engdahl, who was filling an unexpired term created by the resignation of Earl Sargent last year. The appointment was made on request of the Douglas County Realty Board.

Attorney John Horn was named to a one-year term on the housing commission. He fills the unexpired term of Frank Boden, who has moved to Texas, where he has purchased a hotel.

Campaign Being Waged
The revised and reduced city

budget came in for a round of conversation. An extensive get-out-the-vote campaign is being waged by several civic groups and individuals for the Friday vote on the budget.

The council, while backing the campaign to increase the ballot, sought means to make it plain that no city money is being expended on any of the projects.

One of the most ambitious of the projects is that of the Jay-C-Elites, who are planning a telephone and door-to-door program. Friday night the council was asked to urge citizens to go to the polls.

In regard to the budget, it was noted that certificate of completion of the West Roseburg fire station was received from Architect Lyle Glenn. The building has been inspected by City Manager George Farrell and Fire Chief W. E. (Dutch) Mills. The station, however, will not be opened if the budget doesn't pass, Councilman George Luoma pointed out. There won't be enough money in the budget.

Fire Hall Payment
The council approved final payment of \$4,800.58 on the fire hall. The local ground observer corps was reduced at a request of about \$870 from the city to maintain its post on the China Wall. A Civil Defense item for \$250 was cut from the original budget.

Umpqua Radio and Television, Inc., requested the right to extend its coaxial cables into the south part of the city between the river and Stephens Street, and the council referred the matter to the street committee.

In other action, the council: Approved a business license for Rosemary Gillette, who plans to open a second-hand clothing store at 503 N. Jackson St.

Set a public hearing for July 19 and George Kuhn's request to change a frontage on Harvard Avenue from residential No. 2 to business zone.

Farrell to Travel
Made final payment on the Beulah Addition sewer line.

Authorized Farrell to attend a conference of the Northwest City Managers Assn. in Tacoma July 22-24.

Reviewed a letter written to Gene McCoy, Haggerty Lane, telling him the council doesn't approve of his plans for building a high fence around his property.

Council Changes Law, Keeps Election Promise

The city council worked fast Tuesday night to keep an election promise.

The promise was one where the city last spring told people in West Roseburg that no carnival would be allowed inside the city limits if that area would join the city in the June 1953 annexation vote.

The fast work came in the form of an amendment to an ordinance regulating appearance of carnivals, fortunetellers, et al, in the city. The amendment states, briefly, that they be kept out of the city limits if that area would join the city in the June 1953 annexation vote.

The council had to work fast because the American Legion post here has engaged a carnival for an appearance on July 12. It was to be set up on the Albert Micelli property on the southwest corner of the Melrose Road intersection with Lookingglass Road.

Back in 1953, city fathers received several complaints when a carnival set up operations in the same spot. The complainants were told that the city then could do nothing about it, for that area was outside the corporate limits.

So far as the Legion and the carnival are concerned, there is no apparent frustration over the situation. For Building Inspector C. H. Bonolis said the carnival people undoubtedly would be content to set up their show outside the city.

City Atty. Paul Geddes said that the council's maneuver is above board. The action was instigated and completed all in the same night.

Hog Premiums Boosted For Coming County Fair

Premiums for prize hogs at the Douglas County Fair, Aug. 26-29, will be increased by 50 per cent this year, according to Howard Hatfield, superintendent of the hog department.

There will be the same number of classes. Hatfield explained that because hogs must be vaccinated before being entered, many exhibitors felt that premiums should be raised.

Other inducements are being arranged to attract more entries. New and better penning arrangements, a covered judging area and a fresh coat of paint on the hog barn will be added.

Further details and a premium book may be obtained from Hatfield in the South Deer Creek community or by writing Box 750, Roseburg.

The Weather

Scattered showers today with partial clearing in the afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

Highest Temp. last 24 hours	58
Lowest Temp. last 24 hours	50
Highest Temp. any July	109
Lowest Temp. any July	40
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from July 1	0
Precip. from Sept. 1	36.46
Excess from Sept. 1	6.41

Sunset tonight, 7:55 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:41 a.m.

Chamber Starts Mailing Of New Travel Brochure

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce has accepted delivery of 10,000 copies of a new travel brochure, which will be mailed out to chamber offices in other cities and states.

Harold Hickerson, secretary-manager, said first mailings will go to California.

The brochure is complete with many scenes of Umpqua Valley economic and recreation activities. Written facts on the valley also are part of the publication.

Roseburg Youth Finds Highway Laws Costly

William David Roach, 21, Roseburg, was well aware of several traffic laws today.

Violation of four of them cost him \$55 over the weekend, reports District Judge Elmer Baldwin. He was fined \$100 for no muffler and another \$15 on the same charge on state police warrant, \$20 for operating his automobile on the left side of the highway and \$10 for having no motor vehicle license. He pleaded guilty to all four charges, paid the \$55 and was released. He was arrested by city police.

Operators Study Reply In Strike

PORTLAND (AP)—At least two operator associations were meeting Wednesday and were expected to reply to the federal mediation service request that peace talks in the lumber strike be resumed.

Both CIO and AFL union spokesmen said they would meet with employers as asked by Mediator Bob McClelland. Ed Crosby, manager of the Columbia Basin Loggers, said he assumed his group of employers would be similarly agreeable. Also meeting was the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee.

Although it seemed likely both sides would agree to resume negotiations, there was no hint at all that either was prepared to yield ground. On the contrary, there were these developments suggesting both remained firm:

A group of fir operators presented in Portland newspapers an advertisement repeating what operators have said before: Hourly earnings in fir make workers' labor the highest paid in U. S. industry and "most operators will meet with them or their representatives at any time and renew the present wage scale."

Offers Considered
Kenneth Davis, executive secretary of the AFL Northwestern Council, said that although some workers have continued on the job while 5-cent increase offers were considered, the policy committee is going to take a new look at these and find ways to meet them in view of 7 1/2 and 12 1/2-cent offers.

The CIO union and the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co. Tuesday reached a strike-ending agreement that will enable the firm to complete unfinished work at its Portland plant before closing it.

Inman-Poulsen recently sold out to the Georgia-Pacific Plywood Co. and announced at that time the plant would be dismantled.

The agreement provides that the workers shall receive an increase in the industry-wide strike. Withdrawal of picket lines will enable the company to send 60 of its 300 employees back to finish work halted by the walkout. Those not re-employed will become eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.

Roseburg Woman Contest Winner

Janet John, wife of a General Petroleum salesman, has been announced as the winner of the Oregon Journal's Tangle Brands contest.

She wins a new Pontiac hardtop convertible and \$5,000 in cash for brands in the Journal from scrapper efforts in naming advertisement letters.

She and her husband, Leonard, were called to Portland last Friday without being told how Mrs. John had placed in the contest. When they arrived, they were informed she had won the grand prize.

They said today they "hadn't thought much about" what they would do with the money.

The two live at 315 Leland Ave.

Sewage, Street Lighting Budget Cash Vital, Homes, Health Endangered, Official Claims

If the City of Roseburg is forced to operate within the 6 per cent tax limitation for 1954-55, lack of funds and workers may endanger the health and homes of residents.

City Manager George W. Farrell points out that sewage disposal and collection and city lighting are "bread and butter" items in the new, reduced budget proposal to be voted on Friday.

Only a \$3,000 item for equipment has been cut from the sewage and lighting figures in the proposed budget turned down by the voters two weeks ago. Some \$46,000 have been cut, but mostly in other departments.

Farrell explains the need for adequate sewage disposal this way: If the city is forced to cut down on personnel, sewage will pile up. After a while, the sewage becomes septic in the lines, creating odors from manhole covers and ushering in a potentially unhealthy situation for all residents.

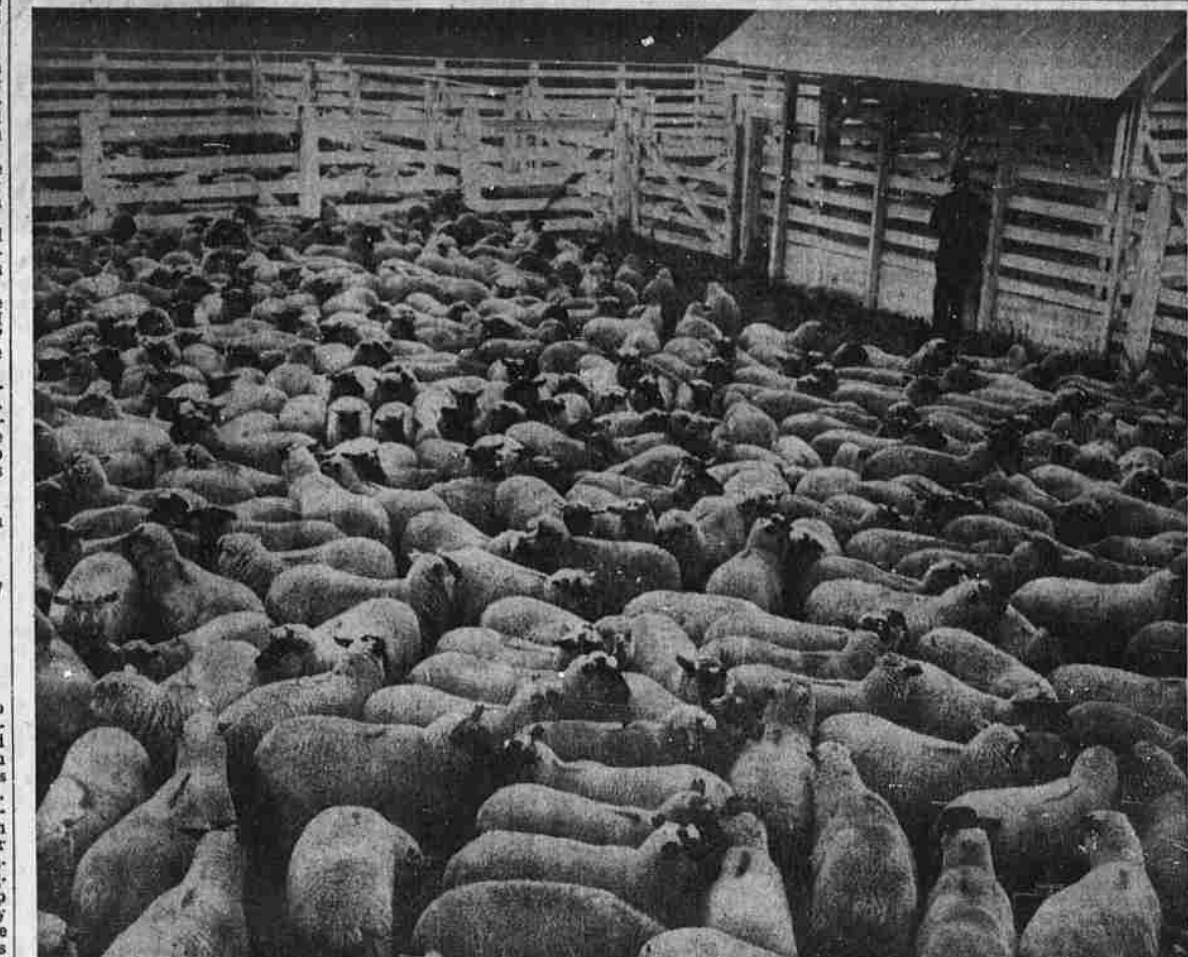
Now, workers keep the collection lines free and running by "rodding" and washing. How often it can be done depends on the manpower available.

Turning to street lighting, the city manager said curtailment of officers and lighting figures in the proposed budget would cut the city within the six per cent tax limit — would invite more law violation.

79 Foreclosure Suits, Totaling 500,000, Filed Against Roseburg Housing Company

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'BEST LAMBS' SHIPPED—A shipment of 560 top fat market lambs, termed by a buyer as "the best I have ever shipped from Douglas County is 26 years of buying local lambs," is on its way to a San Francisco packer after being sold Tuesday by Phil Strader, Glendale rancher. W. J. (Bill) Henry made the declaration. The lambs averaged

96.4 pounds. Included in the sale were 560 head of twin lambs out of 600 head of twins dropped in February by crossbred ewes bred by Suffolk rams. They were raised on subterranean clover and lotus pasture. County Agent J. Roland Parker views flock in the background. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

\$1,200 Owed City

Myrtle Manor Residents Refuse To Pay Rent Hike

The Myrtle Manor situation was still seething today at Myrtle Creek.

The latest problem to be announced at the Myrtle Creek City Council meeting Tuesday night was the refusal of renters to pay a \$15-per-unit increase in rents imposed earlier in the year, reports News-Review Correspondent Ruth M. Evans. Renters now owe the city over \$1,200 in back rents, she reported.

Mrs. Evans said renters were paying their regular rates before the increase, but were refusing to pay the increase. The City Council had raised the rents on the grounds it put them on a more "competitive basis" with other rents in Myrtle Creek. The Council also said at the time that the raise was necessary to cover cost of utilities.

City Recorder G. D. Mylnebeck started a hot session of the council Tuesday night by asking authorization from the council to collect the rent increases. A fuming

County Prisoner Dies; Coroner Studying Case

Oliver Floyd McGrady, 54, of Rt. 3 Box 1485, Roseburg, died in the Douglas County jail Tuesday shortly after noon.

The coroner's office was still investigating the death but was unable to complete a report today.

McGrady was attended by a physician just before his death. He had complained of feeling ill at about 11 a.m., and a physician had been called to examine him. After the examination, the physician said it didn't appear to be anything serious.

James James Addox said the later fatal attack came on suddenly, and the physician could do nothing for him.

McGrady had been arrested originally on a drunk charge. Later a non-support charge was filed against him, and he was being held under \$750 bail, reports Sheriff Calvin Baird.

McGrady was born at Ventura, Calif., on Feb. 12, 1900. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Jean McGrady of 2404 Bertha St., Roseburg; two brothers, Charles McGrady of Roseburg and Ralph McGrady of Clear Lake, Iowa, and a daughter, Loma McGrady of Clear Lake.

Funeral arrangements, by The Chapel of the Roses, will be announced later.

Danger Subsides In War Threat

TOKYO (AP)—Informed military quarters said today there has been a very real threat of World War III exploding in the Pacific in recent weeks, but the danger has subsided.

These sources, who are extremely well informed, said that up to a week ago patrol planes anxiously scanned the skies north of Japan while warships on the alert sped through the South seas.

The tension has eased considerably in the past three weeks, these sources said, but the Russians still have 35 army divisions and 700 jet bombers poised for a possible attack on Japan.

The tension was said to have resulted from the possibility that U. S. forces would intervene in Indochina. Sources here saw such intervention might well have reopened the shooting war in Korea. And Russia was poised for a possible attack on Japan, rated by both East and West as the cornerstone to control of the Pacific.

Ground Softens Threat
Russian forces still are poised for attack, but the tension has eased and military authorities say late spring thaws in Siberia probably have softened the ground too much for quick movement of men and supplies.

Redeployment of Allied ground forces in the Pacific is under consideration, now that the threat of war has lessened, it was reported.

There was speculation that the six U. S. divisions now in Korea would be pulled out, leaving 20 South Korean divisions to guard the demilitarized zone.

The ROK divisions are rated capable of holding off an attack by the estimated half-million North Korean and Chinese soldiers in Korea.

Plans also are under consideration to shift the U. S. 1st Cavalry Division from Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, leaving Japanese units to defend it.

Help Requested For Bloodmobile

The Red Cross chapter in Roseburg is looking for help for the next visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, reports Executive Secretary Mrs. Mildred Hermer.

The bloodmobile will be in Roseburg July 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. and July 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge building.

Mrs. Hermer points out that persons are being asked to donate their time for work at the bloodmobile this visit because of the summer shortage which was hit the region. Anyone desiring to assist with the bloodmobile is asked to call Mrs. May Horton at 3-5206. The quota this visit will be 448 pints.

To point up the need for blood, Mrs. Hermer reports that seven persons have been called on to meet emergencies during the last few days.

Vietnam To Deliver 200 Captives To French

TOKYO (AP)—The Communist-led Vietnam will deliver 200 sick and wounded prisoners to the French command in Indochina July 14, the Peiping Radio said Thursday.

A broadcast heard here said the prisoners would be turned over at two sites, Vietri, 30 miles north of Hanoi, and the Ngason district of Thanhhoa Province south of Hanoi.

Liaison officers of the two sides will go to both sites to look over accommodations, Peiping added, quoting a Vietnam dispatch.

Hunt Continues For Body Of Ex-Roseburg Resident

The body of Frank Betts, 41, former Roseburg resident who was drowned June 13 at the Dalles, still has not been found, according to word received here from his uncle, Floyd I. Betts.

The missing man was a carpenter and commercial fisherman. He is survived by his widow, who is employed in the hospital at The Dalles, and four children. He is the son of the late John Joseph Betts of Roseburg and Mrs. D. C. (Olive Mae) McGehee, formerly of this city and now of McMinnville.

NOMINATION CONFIRMED
The United States Senate has approved the nomination of Edson L. Lee of Yoncalla as co-master there. His nomination was sent to the Senate by President Eisenhower earlier.

Federal Loan Agency Tests Firm's Default

Roseburg Homes, Inc., the corporation which built the Cloverdale Park Addition five years ago, was in more trouble today.

This time, mortgage foreclosure suits were filed in Portland's federal court Tuesday against the corporation on 79 of 189 houses built at Roseburg five years ago.

The sum demanded by the Federal National Mortgage Assn. totals more than \$500,000. The association alleges Roseburg Homes defaulted on the mortgages of 79 of the houses.

When the project was completed, many of the houses failed to sell. It is these, plus those on which original buyers defaulted, that are involved. Many of the houses are now rented.

Balance Sought
The suit alleges that mortgages amounted to around \$3,000 each on which \$1,000 was paid. The balance and interest is sought.

Last year, the corporation ran into trouble with the Oregon State Sanitary Authority because the Cloverdale Park Addition had failed to correct a sewage disposal situation.

President W. C. Smith of Duluth, Minn., came to Roseburg then to supervise the hooking up with a central sewer. That problem is now rectified, but the houses are still plagued with a drainage problem with ground water.

The current president was the builder of the homes, But H. H. Ketell of Portland was president at the time of the construction. Ketell is still a director.

High Court Decides Case
Ketell and Smith have sued each other several times in the Oregon courts. One controversy was decided by the State Supreme Court about two years ago.

Investors Syndicate of America, Inc. is named as a co-defendant in the foreclosure suits. However, the syndicate is listed only for technical reasons because of previous liens.

Edicts Issued In Guatemala

GUATEMALA (AP)—Guatemala's new military government last night lifted the state of siege proclaimed by ousted President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.

Pushing ahead with its anti-Communist, back-to-normal program, the ruling five-man junta also:

1. Banned all illiterates—an estimated 65 per cent of the country's three million population—from voting.
2. Froze the assets of Arbenz, ex-Foreign Minister Guillermo Toriello and other persons prominent under the former Communist-backed government.
3. Continued the roundup of suspected Reds.
4. Announced restrictions on civil rights would continue in effect until Aug. 8. However, the junta has already ended the Arbenz-imposed strict censorship of the local and foreign press.
5. Arbenz had proclaimed the state of siege just before the outbreak of the revolt which forced his resignation on June 27. Cancellation of the order was expected to end permanently the all-night curfew and other military controls.
6. The ban on voting by illiterates struck at wide support which the Communists have whipped up among the undereducated peasantry. Under the 1945 Constitution which ex-President Juan Jose Arévalo and Arbenz sponsored, all men—illiterates and illiterates—over 18 and all literate women of that age could vote.
7. The new junta decree limited balloting to those able to read and write.

Metolius Vacation Reported For Adlai

PORTLAND (AP)—Adlai Stevenson is vacationing — mostly that means — at a ranch near the headwaters of the Metolius River in Central Oregon.

So reported the Oregon Journal Tuesday. Stevenson, the Democratic candidate for President in 1952, spends his mornings preparing a speech for the Democratic rally at Eugene July 30, and his afternoons with a fly rod, the newspaper said.

He got his first chance at fishing Sunday, and wandered off by himself to take in the scenery and look for likely fishing holes along the river, the newspaper reported.

The ranch was reported to be the Corbett Ranch, located at the 3,000 foot level of the Cascades below Mt. Jefferson.

Democratic Party officials said earlier they would not disclose the location of the ranch, in order to give Stevenson privacy.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Two current schools of thought: One advocates smashing OF and H bombs, the other urging smashing WITH such bombs.