

Grand Juries To Probe Govt. Housing Program

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by the special investigations office set up by the present administration in FHA.

The department announcement also asserted:

"Powell, who entered FHA in 1938, rose to assistant commissioner despite knowledge of the former administration of an arrest record, including conviction for jewel theft."

"Powell, when called before the Senate Banking Committee during its investigation of FHA, declined to answer questions. He pleaded the fifth amendment to the constitution which provides that a man may not be forced to give evidence against himself."

The banking committee put into its record a statement that Powell had a criminal record.

Powell's attorney, Daniel B. Maher of Washington, later filed a formal statement denying that the committee's statement of his record was correct.

The FHA has undergone a sweeping reorganization in recent months. Reputed irregularities in its operations have been under FBI investigation since last year.

In a recent summary of results, the Justice Department said that during 1953 and thus far in 1954, the government has invoked federal closure proceedings on 39 housing projects on which loans for more than \$2 million dollars were defaulted.

On the criminal side, a total of 74 indictments involving 136 persons were returned in the same period, with 67 convictions resulting.

Dedication Of New City Hall Occurs At Drain

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as "confidence of the people of Drain for continuance of representative government."

He cited the City Hall as another landmark in the city's history. He named the Drain War Memorial and the spectacular Christmas decorations as others.

The city government itself jumped the dedicatory guns slightly by moving into the building Saturday morning. Already entrenched in the structure are the city recorder, treasurer, library and city water office.

The still-incomplete second story will house the City Council chamber, public kitchen, police office and quarters for a night-call man. Space is also available for two spare offices. The two main rooms upstairs will be separated by a sliding partition which can be folded back to form one big room for major public meetings.

The fire fighting equipment for the city is housed downstairs. Just to keep the ball rolling for completion of the building, a public dance was staged in the spacious upstairs Saturday night. The proceeds were scheduled to be used for continued construction on the building.

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County Receives Much Service From Agencies

Douglas County is receiving a tremendous volume of service for needy children through the child care agencies of the Oregon Coast, according to an announcement released today by Russ Cary, chairman of the current United Fund campaign.

During the past five years, 288 Douglas County children have received care through these agencies. Cary stated that a total of 29,810 days of care have been provided children from this area.

One agency alone, the Boy's and Girl's Aid Society of Oregon, has received and cared for 118 children during this period. Most of these children have been placed in adoptive homes, some of them in Douglas County. Cary said that the Boys and Girls Aid Society has recently opened a branch office in Medford in order to give better service to people of the Southern Oregon area.

Persons wishing to make application to adopt a child can now correspond with, or visit, the branch office which is located in the Leverette Building in Medford.

The agency's budget request for all of Douglas County is \$2,779.20. The Central Douglas United Fund has budgeted about half of this amount for the agency for 1955. Some additional funds will be received from Reedsport and other areas of the county, Cary said.

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Valleyites See Coastal Points

By MRS. WM. CUNNINGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cunningham spent Sunday at the coast. They took friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pockrus, of Roseburg with them.

Sunday Visitors
Visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Saltee, were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Geer of Roseburg. The Geers are former residents of the Valley.

Mrs. Ellis Warner and daughter, Ros, of Oakland were visitors at the L. A. Pryor home on Thursday.

Holiday Guests
Mrs. Noble Standley and Mrs. Eugene Arnold drove to Medford Friday to take Mrs. Standley's mother, Mrs. Ralph Stephens, of Coquille to catch a plane for Los Angeles. Mrs. Stephens will visit with another daughter there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Copeland of Portland were Labor Day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Copeland, Mrs. George Copeland returned home with them to visit for a few weeks in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hatt and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Calvin Hatt, and son, Mike, of Central Point were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pryor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burison and family drove to Grants Pass Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Dix) Hayes and family, from the Heilman Cabins to Roseburg, to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Kiser have moved from the Valley to Arizona for the winter.

Senior High Library Club Elects Officers

Members of the Roseburg Senior High School Library Club met for the first time this year Sept. 15 to elect officers.

New president is Bonnie Smith. Other officers are: vice president, Ann Short; secretary, Judy Burke; news reporter, Pat Spinas.

Club members decided to hold a party immediately after school Sept. 22. They also discussed, among other things, plans for the Douglas County Student Library Assn. Workshop, which will be held late in October.

Sophomore, junior and senior girls taking library science as one of their elective subjects make up the club membership, according to school librarian Mrs. Gladys Monger.

Ochocho Lumber Strike Of 13 Weeks Ended

PRINEVILLE — The Ochocho Lumber Co. resumed work here Monday, ending a 13-week-old strike.

CIO Woodworker pickets withdrew, and the day shift went to work. Company officials said the workers had accepted an extension of the old contract.

A night shift is expected to return to work by the end of the week and a full crew of 185 is expected by next week.



NANCY MOOREFIELD, employee of the Accident Record Division of the secretary of state's office in Salem, displays the slogan for the official state traffic safety program, Operation TIE.



NEWLY-ELECTED EXALTED RULER of Myrtle Creek BPOE is Otto Streiberger right. Above Past Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks, Judge Frank Loneragan of Portland, is shown presenting the gavel to Exalted Ruler Streiberger. (Warren Studio and Camera Shop Photo)



INSTALLING AND INSTITUTING OFFICERS of new Elks Lodge in Myrtle Creek are shown above. From left, Frank Hise, Past Grand Exalted Ruler; William B. Stollmuck, Past President, Oregon State Elks Assn.; Otto Streiberger, new Exalted Ruler of Myrtle Creek Lodge 1943; and Elmo Angele, Past President of Oregon State Elks Assn. (Warren Studio and Camera Shop Photo)

Revised Defense Pact Proposed To NATO

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Brussels defense alliance of France, Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg to include West Germany and Italy. The seven nations would be pledged to come to one another's aid in case of an attack.

2. This group would set limits on German rearmament as well as on the armies the other members keep on the European continent.

By limiting all the nations, the French hoped to meet the German demand for equality in any setup.

3. The European alliance would not actually control the various national armies; that job would be left to the 14-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which includes the United States and Canada.

4. The new European alliance would not be a supranational organization like the European Defense Community which the French Assembly torpedoed. But decisions would be taken for the group by a council of representatives, on which no one nation would have a veto.

Reports from Washington said Mendes-France was ready to join the British and the Americans in bringing West Germany into the

North Atlantic alliance provided Britain and the United States maintain troops on the continent for a long period and as long as satisfactory controls are put on German rearmament.

ADMINISTRATRIX NAMED
Helen Lorraine Johnson of Ten-mile, widow of Frank Emil Johnson who died July 20 at Roseburg at the age of 60, has been appointed administratrix of the estate.

Johnson left personal property with a probable value of \$10,000, county clerk's records show. Braund Short, Edith Edwards and Stanley E. Short were named estate appraisers.

500 Poisoned By Food Eaten At Texas Picnic
NEW ULM, Tex. — Upwards of 500 persons were stricken with food poisoning after eating barbecue and potato salad at a volunteer fire department picnic here yesterday. Doctors said the potato salad probably caused it.

At least 42 remained hospitalized today in five surrounding towns. None was in serious condition. The hospitals reported they treated and released about that many more.

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United Fund Giving Increasing; \$7,500 Thus Far Turned In

With returns beginning to come in, about \$7,500 had been turned into Central Douglas United Fund headquarters by Saturday evening.

Drive Chairman Russell Cary said Monday morning that he hoped all workers would turn in the money they had collected as soon as possible. Cary hopes to start making a daily report on returns now.

Meanwhile, residential workers led by Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly readied final plans Monday preparatory to the start of their campaign Tuesday.

The women will make a door-to-door solicitation on behalf of CDUF. Mrs. Wimberly said Monday that all the volunteer workers would not be able to begin their work Tuesday. Those who are unable will probably start out Wednesday she said.

Down at the CDUF headquarters in the Umpqua Hotel, personnel reports that optometrists in the area have participated 100 percent in this year's campaign. Their contribution is nearly double the 1953 figure.

While the optometrists were busy, employees at the Douglas County Bank were increasing their giving to UF by five times the amount of last year, according to Cary.

And, out at the Umpqua Dairy, workers have joined together to participate 100 percent in a CDUF Chapter plan he said.

Circuit Court

Complaints Filed
Melvin Johnson and Pacific Indemnity Co. vs. Jim Doss and Jesse E. Barnett. Plaintiffs seek \$1,267.01 general and \$750 special damages as result of accident Feb. 23, 1954, on Highway 99. Plaintiff in truck, was passing truck driven by Barnett and owned by Doss when Barnett made left turn.

Glenn H. Wells vs. State Industrial Accident Commission. Plaintiff seeks award of compensation equal to total permanent partial disability. Plaintiff, working for Murry Welch, was injured when logs rolled off truck at Viking Lumber Co., Sutherlin. SIAC previously rejected plaintiff's claim.

City of Myrtle Creek vs. Sheldon and Helen Moss. Plaintiff seeks \$237.50, plus interest, allegedly due for rent at Myrtle Manor housing project.

City of Myrtle Creek vs. Marvin and Helen Smith. Plaintiff seeks \$55.15, plus interest, allegedly due for rent at Myrtle Manor.

Nose-Count Of Cattle Starts Next Month
WASHINGTON — The government is going to try to get an accurate nose-count of the nation's cattle during the census of agriculture which starts next month.

Announcing this over the weekend, the Census Bureau said it plans to ask farmers how many cattle and calves of all kinds they have, how many of them are milk cows, and approximately how much milk and butter they produce.

The 1950 census of agriculture indicated the nation's cattle population at 76,700,000.

Phoenix City At Polls Under Guardsman's Guns
PHENIX CITY, Ala. — Phoenix City voters who once felt the clammy grip of racketeer rule elect a new city commissioner today under the protective guns of watching National Guard troops.

And during the day, a racket-busting grand jury ending a two-week recess was to resume its investigation of widespread vote frauds in another election, the Democratic primary last May.

Funeral Services Set For Roseburg Infant
Funeral services for Dickie Lee Denney, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Denney Jr. of Roseburg, will be held Tuesday at the Lookingglass Cemetery.

The baby died Sunday at a local hospital.

Vault interment will follow the graveside services scheduled at 2 p.m. The Rev. Harvey Nelson of the Lookingglass Community Church will officiate at the services.

Surviving the baby beside his father and mother are: one brother, Gary Lee, Roseburg; a sister, Vickie Lee, Arcadia, Calif.; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Denney Sr., Creswell, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, Roseburg.

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Harder Punches Start To Mark Campaigning

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suggestions of his own on world issues.

"The people are entitled to know what Stevenson's actions would have been in these cases," Nixon said.

Sees "Democratic Tide"
Stephen A. Mitchell, the Democratic national chairman, told a party audience in Cleveland that "the Democratic tide is rolling."

He said the GOP's loss of the Maine governorship a week ago has put it in a "mood of desperation."

Another Democrat, Sen. Kerr of Oklahoma, said he thinks the administration's farm program alone will cost Republicans control of Congress.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson, however, said Saturday at Olney, Ill., he is "not impressed" with such claims.

Two big labor groups made political pronouncements yesterday. The three top officers of the CIO reported on the eve of the group's Atlantic City, N.J., convention, contended Eisenhower broke his pledge to the workingman and heads an "anti-labor" administration.

In Los Angeles, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor said the GOP "promptly fulfilled" campaign promises to business but "campaign pledges to labor and the farmer have been brazenly broken."

Eisenhower will address the AFL convention in Los Angeles Friday.

Dry Run Preliminary To War Against Roach
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Dept. takes care of the middle of the lake.

It will be distributed by the whirling propellers of outboard motors—those attached to the boats in the shallows and specially built "cubefloaters" in the middle.

Tributaries
It's anticipated that every cubic inch in the lake will be touched by the poison. In addition, tributaries to the lake and potholes in marshland on the shores will be treated.

Fish will begin dying a few minutes after the first poison is introduced. But it will be afternoon before the last are killed by the gill-paralyzing action of the crystalline powder. Flesh of game fish will remain edible, and the public is to be allowed to take home limits of fish. Carcasses of trash fish and scavenger animals and birds.

Game fish have been at the lake for the past several days setting up the operation. Some sportsmen and observers arrived Sunday evening and Monday morning to participate in the dry run. Others are expected Monday night.

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U. S. Seeks Release Of 2 Gls Held By Czech Reds

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — The U. S. Army today identified two American soldiers arrested by the Czech Communists and said the State Department is negotiating for their release.

The men were listed as 1st Lt. Richard H. Dries and Pfc. George Pisk. Their home addresses were not immediately available.

They were scooped up by a Czech border patrol near Eslarn, on the German-Czech border last Friday. Czechoslovakia's Red Government in a protest note to the U. S. Embassy in Prague admitted last night it was holding them and claimed they were arrested on Czech territory "while photographing military installations and carrying out observations with field glasses."

The Army previously said the men were cruising along the border in an official capacity "to see what they could see," but that they were on West German territory when picked up.

A third soldier accompanying Dries and Pisk was some distance away when the Czech soldiers and their snarling guard dogs swooped down. The other American escaped and reported the incident.

Myrtle Creek Elks Lodge Given Charter
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Christian, The Dalles, and Dr. H. W. Hermann, Grants Pass.

Grand lodge officers in attendance were: Cliff Mudd, Salem; Elmo Angele, Lakeview; Robert Simmons, Roseburg; Ralph Moe, Coos Bay; Fred Simpson, Toledo; Halden; and Robert Gile, Salem.

Regular lodge meeting night for the Myrtle Creek organization will be Tuesday. Temporarily the Myrtle Creek Elks will meet at the All-Vets Memorial Building in Tri-City.

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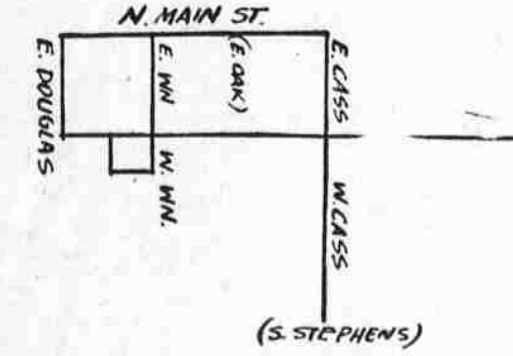
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