

CONGRESS OPENS UNDER DEMOCRAT RULE



READY FOR CHANGE-OVER—WASHINGTON — Retiring House Speaker Joseph Martin (R-Mass), left, and the man who will succeed him, Rep. Sam Rayburn (D-Tex), shake hands as they meet to talk over the opening of the new session of congress. Martin will act as minority leader when the Democrats take over. (AP WIREPHOTO)

Demos Not Going To Hate Eisenhower, Says Rayburn

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas takes over today as House speaker, a position he has filled twice before and longer than any other man in history.

"We're not going in hating President Eisenhower just because he's a Republican," he said.

Rayburn, 73 tomorrow, is undisputed leader of his party in the House and something of a symbol of Democratic party fortunes for the past 42 years he has been in Congress.

He first became speaker in 1940. Since then he has been out of that job only in 1947-48 and 1953-54, when the Republicans controlled Congress and Rep. Martin (R-Mass) was speaker.

In an interview, Rayburn said the Democrats hope for bipartisan cooperation with the GOP on foreign affairs and national defense, provided there is a strong administration, foreign and defense policy.

As for the President's budget requests, due to Congress Jan. 17, Rayburn said the Democrats "don't know whether it's going to be enough."

It may be necessary, he intimated, to add more dollars than the President asks for defense spending and to support foreign programs.

Hoover Commission Would Extend President's Power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Herbert Hoover Wednesday asked Congress to extend for two years President Eisenhower's power to merge, abolish and reorganize federal agencies.

Winston Voters Elect Councilmen, Adopt Charter

Winston voters turned out 279 strong Tuesday to re-elect two councilmen, elect a third and approve a city charter.

The two councilmen re-elected were: Ed Welch with 136 votes and Roy Fisher with 133. The new council member of the five-man council is J. V. Reeder who collected 126 votes.

The new city charter was approved by a comparatively close edge, 141 to 124.

Votes received by the other five candidates were reported by Cor. respondent Mrs. Ted Peterson as follows: William Straight 102, Martin Sukstorf 100, Jim Tabor 97, Harold Davis 95 and Robert Nichols 27.

The three men elected and the two holdover members, Frank True and Paul Bender, will elect a new mayor at the next council meeting Jan. 10. The meeting will be held in the city offices, starting at 7:30 p.m. Bender is the present mayor, but his term is expiring. Under the Winston election system, the mayor is chosen from among the five councilmen.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As these words are written, along about the middle of Tuesday morning, there isn't much in the way of excitement in the news.

For which, thank fortune! The exciting news is nearly all bad news. (I suppose we take the good news for granted and pay little attention to it.)

Here's a sample of the day's offerings in the way of news:

The wife of the fabulous Aga Khan says he is improving after an illness in Egypt. His spouse—the old gentleman has a high fever, which might be caused by the flu, but his condition isn't serious.

The Aga Khan, by the way, is 77. Britain's Grand Old Man, Winston Churchill, is 80 — and still going strong. Clement Attlee, former Laborite prime minister, and still (by a narrow squeak) leader of the British Labor party, is 72.

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The Weather

Partly cloudy with scattered showers tonight, mixed with wet snow in places. Thursday: Fair with little change in temperature.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 44
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 34
Highest temp. any Jan. — 71
Lowest temp. any Jan. — 7
Precip. last 24 hours — .21
Precip. from Jan. 1 — .93
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 10.52
Deficiency from Sept. 1 — 3.71
Sunset tonight, 4:52 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:45 a.m.

Cooperation, Investigation Both Talked

President Eisenhower Readies State Of Union Speech For Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress, back under Democratic control after two years of Republican rule, convened Wednesday with the new majority party talking of cooperation with the Eisenhower administration but set to push probing fingers into many of its activities.

Amid the geniality attending the opening of the session, both parties were mindful that the record of the next two years will weigh heavily with the voters in the 1956 presidential election.

The Democrats were already shaping up inquiries into the controversial Dixon-Yates contract, which many of them view as a

Both Roseburg radio stations will carry President Eisenhower's state of the union message. Both stations will begin broadcasting the speech at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

public vs. private power fight, and into the administration's handling of security risks among government employees.

Other investigations are on tap for later.

President Eisenhower will come before the legislators Thursday to present his legislative program in the customary State of the Union message. Some parts of it already have been disclosed informally.

Among them: A new military manpower program, keyed to building up a big ready reserve of trained young men; postponement of tax cuts scheduled for spring under present law on business income, liquor, tobacco, automobiles and some other items.

Eisenhower on his part has

Councilmen Take Office In Meeting At Myrtle Creek

The swearing in of new city council members and preliminary pursuit of eight applications for the position of chief of police took up most of the Myrtle Creek council meeting Tuesday evening.

A large audience was on hand in the city hall to view the proceedings, reports Myrtle Creek News-Review Correspondent Ruth Evans.

After city recorder G. D. Mylenbeck had sworn in new councilmen Winton Hudeston, Homer Abbott, Jack Kiehl and Forrest Loghry, council members started to work immediately.

In his first official act of the new year, Mayor Lloyd McClintock appointed Mylenbeck city recorder and Mrs. Alice Hillabloom city treasurer. The appointment became necessary following recent adoption of a new city charter.

New councilmen greeted an even newer member Tuesday. The council appointed Victor Cornut to fill the vacancy caused in Myrtle Creek's Ward 4 when councilman Tom Ireland moved outside the city limits in December.

In other action, the council referred to the police committee the eight chief of police applications. Most of the council members are members of the committee, Mrs. Evans said. The committee is to make a recommendation on filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of former chief Harry Clemons (who resigned in December) at the Feb. 1 meeting of the council.

Motschenbacher Replaces Howard

A new staff member will join radio station KXKL this week. He is Elliott Motschenbacher who replaces Gordon Howard. Howard left the station Jan. 1 to return to the University of Oregon where he will take advanced study in the theater.

Motschenbacher comes to the local station as a salesman-announcer, according to station manager Iris Helliwell. He and his wife and two children have been living in Salem. They will make their Roseburg home at the Terrace Apartments.

As a member of Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry's Safety Dept., Motschenbacher prepared and produced the "You Never Know" safety programs.

A 1945 graduate of Roseburg High School, Motschenbacher was graduated from Willamette University in 1951. He served twice in the service, first with the 82nd Airborne and later with the Marine Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Motschenbacher, 1808 Winchester St.

Riddle Approves Bonds For Addition To School

A \$195,000 bond issue for addition to the Riddle schools was getting another test Wednesday. On Oct. 25, 1954, the issue was approved by a vote of 131 to 105, but later, some voters disputed the election and another was called. The polls will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Riddle High School building.

OPEN FUEL DOOR

An open fuel door at Knudsen's Jewelers, 163 N. Jackson St., was discovered Wednesday morning by Roseburg merchant police. City police investigating the matter found no one in the building. The owner was notified. Police believed the door had been left open by mistake.

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Salmon Harbor Regulations Outlined

Reson Acquitted Of Assaulting Local Officer

By MERLE F. PUGH
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Fifty-year-old Ernest Earl Reson of Roseburg was acquitted in circuit court Tuesday night of a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

A jury of seven women and five men returned a "not guilty" verdict about 9 p.m., nearly four hours after the case was handed to them. The verdict was 10-2, the margin necessary in such a case.

Reson had been charged with the crime after an altercation with city police officers on Oct. 8. In the scuffle, Officer (now sergeant) Jack Beavers received a knife slash across one hand.

On the stand, Reson said he remembered a scuffle with the officers and that he had tossed away a bottle of liquor. But he said he didn't remember wearing or slashing Beavers with the hunting knife.

He said the knife was in his pocket, that one of the officers removed it after he had been handcuffed. Reson said he resisted because he didn't want to be charged with drunken driving again and because he didn't want to be handcuffed.

Reson was the only defense witness. His attorney, Elmer G. Baldwin, said he would call no other witnesses.

Gasoline Dealers Assn. Business Session Opens

Business sessions for the second annual Oregon Gasoline Dealers state convention got underway this morning with Roseburg's Ernie Barker presiding over the assembly.

The dealers stopped at lunch time to hear a speech by Glen Valentine, head of oil exploration for Shell Oil Co.

After more business sessions this afternoon, during which new state legislation was discussed, the convention will be climaxed by a banquet tonight. Featured speaker will be J. L. Kinneard, manager of the Automotive Retailers Assn. of British Columbia.

All sessions of the state convention are being held in the Terrace Ballroom at the Elks Lodge hall.

Attempted Freight Truck Entry Told To Police

A report of attempted entry of a freight truck belonging to Pacific Motor Trucking was received by Roseburg City Police Tuesday.

Driver Tom Alsop, 2041 Sharpe St., Roseburg, told police he had parked the truck in the company lot at the corner of Mosher and Sheridan Streets Monday afternoon. Alsop said he discovered the lock on the side door of the truck had been forced as he made his rounds Tuesday. He told police the lock was still in the hasp which indicated entry had not been gained.

Student Found Guilty Of Reckless Driving

One of two Roseburg High School boys, arrested Tuesday morning for reckless driving, was found guilty by District Judge Warren A. Woodruff Tuesday afternoon and was fined \$50.

The youths, both 17, were arrested by a state police officer who said he saw one of the cars involved slide broadside around a corner near the high school.

LeRoy Ralph Faralla, 22, Remanded To County Jail

LeRoy Ralph Faralla, 22, Roseburg, was remanded to the county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail Tuesday after he appeared before Justice of the Peace Ward C. Watson, Sutherlin.

Faralla is charged in a state police warrant with theft of an automobile. He was returned here from Salem Monday by a deputy sheriff.



LEROI HIATT
...heads Chamber

Chamber Elects Leroy Hiatt As New President

Leroy Hiatt, KRNK station manager, was elected Tuesday night as the new president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Wayne Crooch.

Other new officers elected were: J. Roland Parker, vice president; N. D. Johnson, treasurer; and Ivan Pickens, assistant treasurer. Business of the evening at the Chamber offices also included seating three of the four new directors. They are: Percy Ashcraft, Dr. Verner Anderson and Jack McGuire. The fourth, Elton Jackson, was out of town.

The Chamber board of directors also voted to throw their weight behind the recently announced projects for a community building at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and acquisition of surplus land at the Veterans Hospital for park purposes.

Another session of business included selection of the following men as standing committee chairmen:

D. N. Busenbark, agriculture; Roy O. Young, armed forces; Al G. Flegel, civic affairs; Emil Ramberg, conventions; N. D. Johnson, education; H. C. Wells, finance; Tom Clark, forestry; Rod Neve, forums; St. Dillard, highway; H. E. Schmeer, industrial; Tom Parkinson, legislative; Gordon Stewart, membership; H. O. Pargeler, national affairs; Chuck Grell, publicity; Charles Rickerts, public relations; and W. C. Holmes, tourist promotion.

Percy Croft, retiring mayor, stopped at the meeting Tuesday night long enough to laud the Chamber highly for its cooperation with the city administration during his term.

Federal Court May Hear Douglas Accident Case

The federal court in Portland has been asked to hear a \$66,906 suit filed in Douglas County Circuit Court last month.

The suit grew out of the death last October of Frank A. Crafton, 58, of injuries received when he was run over by a logging truck in the woods six miles north of Reedsport.

The action was brought against the employer, Doernbecher Manufacturing Co., by Crafton's widow, Estella, and son, Larry, 8.

Stassen Offers Ladejinsky Position With FOA In Land Reform Job For Viet Nam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Foreign Operations Administration announced Wednesday it has hired Wolf Ladejinsky, fired as a security risk from his post as agricultural attache in the Tokyo embassy, to do a land reform job in Viet Nam.

Foreign Aid Administrator Harold Stassen said in the announcement that Ladejinsky lacked technical qualifications that the department would require.

Ladejinsky's specialty has been land reform and that task has had the major share of his attention in Tokyo. The Agriculture Department's interest runs more to the promotion of American agricultural interests. That is the field in which Benson held that Ladejinsky lacked technical qualifications.

In the FOA job, Ladejinsky's pay will be \$11,800 a year, the same amount he has been getting from Agriculture Department funds.

Airplane Crash Victim Demands \$56,608 Damages

An indication the air age is truly upon us was given in Douglas County Circuit Court this week when a Drain man brought suit for injury damages resulting from an airplane crash.

Olaf Larson, whose true name is Wallace Asker, seeks \$50,000 general and \$6,608 special damages from Sylvia Mattoon, administratrix of the estate of Orvall C. Mattoon.

Asker was the sole survivor of the crash on May 9, 1954, which claimed the lives of Mattoon and Asker's brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Joy Asker. All were Drain residents.

The plane, piloted by Mattoon, was enroute from Sutherlin to Lakeview when it crashed near Highway 58 in the Willamette Pass area.

The plaintiff, 29 years old at the time, was critically injured in the crash but managed to struggle to the highway and summon aid. In the complaint, he states he received 14 broken ribs, seared lungs, a broken left knee, double fractures of the left arm, crushed left shoulder, shock and multiple contusions and bruises.

It is alleged the pilot was grossly negligent (1) in failing to maintain a lookout, (2) in failing to follow a legal airline route, (3) in failing to keep the plane under control, (4) in failing to obtain sufficient altitude to travel over the mountains and (5) in attempting to cross the mountains by following canyons and thereby ran into obstructions causing the plane to crash.

Asker claims the mishap totally disabled him.

The suit is believed to be the first of its kind ever filed in Douglas County, although there was a case a few years ago over liability for property damage resulting from an air crash.

Hamarskjold Dines With China's Premier

TOKYO (AP) — U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, seeking freedom for 11 American prisoners and other U.N. prisoners of Red China, dined privately Wednesday night with Communist Premier En-Lai and Vice Foreign Minister Chang Han-Fu, Peiping Radio said.

Communist broadcasts heard in Tokyo reported only sketchy details of the U.N. chief's arrival Wednesday afternoon and made no mention of his mission which was prompted by an overwhelming General Assembly vote.

A Chinese language broadcast said the Swedish statesman was entertained at a cocktail party and later went to a dinner for three—himself, Chou and Chang.

Chou, Chang, Red Chinese Vice Premier Chen I and other Chinese government officials and foreign diplomats attended the cocktail party, Peiping said.

Twelfth Night Program Scheduled For Reedsport

Reedsport residents will view that city's annual "Twelfth Night" ceremonies Thursday evening.

A full schedule of activities includes the burning of hundreds of old Christmas trees collected by members of a special committee. With each tree, a collection of 25 cents for charity was also made.

The trees will be burned in the Reedsport Union High School shop yard. The location also provides adequate spectator space and room for water protection. The area will be lighted.

Rounding out the festivities will be a musical review by the Lower Umpqua School band. Master of ceremonies is George Gratke, newly-elected president of the Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce.

District 105-C School Supt. Fred Pilling announced Tuesday that many students were competing in the Twelfth Night essay contest. A total of \$40 will be awarded winning authors.

Grants Pass Man Guilty Of Drunk Driving Court

Merl Stockman, 50, Grants Pass, was fined \$250 in district court Tuesday after he pleaded guilty before Judge Warren A. Woodruff to a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Stockman was arrested by state police Monday evening after his car went off Highway 99 near Myrtle Creek and struck a pile of boulders.



SYDNEY R. MONTAGUE
...civilized swashbuckler

Montague Slated For Knife, Fork Club Meeting

A man whose name bespeaks adventure and whose forebears sailed the seven seas will address members of the Umpqua Valley Knife and Fork Club Jan. 12.

He is Sydney R. Montague, modern-day soldier of fortune and former Canadian Royal Mounted policeman. Montague is a staunch advocate of future development of the Arctic regions.

Announcement of his appearance was made Wednesday by Paul W. Geddes, club president. Members will meet at the Elks Lodge in Roseburg.

The seagoing Montagues of the past were primarily explorer-buccaneers. Today's Montague carries to his audiences his belief in the life of the pioneer-adventurer has not vanished, Geddes said.

Kiwanians Launch Business Drive For Polio Fund

One of the first major projects of the 1955 March of Dimes in Douglas County gets under way Wednesday.

The Kiwanis Club is going into action to collect contributions from all Roseburg business firms as the initial step in the \$50,000 drive.

Spokesman Jack McGuire describes the job as "no mean task." He said some 971 businesses are now in operation in the city.

Collection by the Kiwanians will include retail businesses, professional offices, restaurants, hotels, auto agencies and others.

Charles C. Bain reports the drive will be concentrated for one week, ending at the Kiwanis noon meeting Jan. 12. He urged all businessmen to make their donations during that time.

Highway Projects Opened For Bids

The Oregon Highway Commission announced Tuesday it will open bids Jan. 19 on two Douglas County highway projects between Booth Ranch and Myrtle Creek.

The first is construction of a 124-foot viaduct on the new Pacific Highway over Boomer Hill Road, two miles northwest of Myrtle Creek. The second is paving of 3.95 miles of the Booth Ranch and Booth Ranch to Myrtle Creek units of the Shady-Canyonville section of the highway north of Myrtle Creek. Both will be federal aid projects.

The commission will also open bids on 20 other projects. The estimated cost of all jobs to be let will be \$24 million. One project in Lane County will be construction of three structures on the Coast Fork Willamette River-Divide unit of the Pacific Highway.

3 Winter Term Classes Slated To Start Tonight

Three winter term classes in the Adult Education's trade extension division were scheduled to start in Roseburg Wednesday evening, according to director Richard Boss.

Plumbers classes in steam and water heating (7 to 10 p.m.), practical nurse training (7:30 to 10 p.m.) are designed for persons experienced in the fields, Boss said.

They will be held in the science building at Roseburg High School. Registration may be made at the class or by calling the Adult Education Office at 3-5152.

WRITERS TO MEET

Members of the Roseburg Writers Club will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Houck, 425 S. Stephens. A lesson on fiction writing will be given by Mrs. Hilda Peterson.

County Court Plans To Make Laws Binding

By JIM VANCE
Sports Writer, News-Review

The joint recommendations of three agencies for the governing of Salmon Harbor operations are being closely perused by attorneys for "legality" following Tuesday's hearing of county and harbor officials and sportsmen.

After inspection, the regulations will be submitted as a county court order which will contain not only the regulations but items of general policy in governing the harbor as well.

Tuesday's meeting of representatives from the Port Commission, County Parks Board, County Court and lesser groups, specifically directed its attention toward making any revisions in the county court order which might make the regulations more legal and binding than in the past.

The whole movement for stricter regulation and a code of enforcement was initiated after prosecution failed on a salmon charter boat operator's operation last summer.

Because the Salmon Harbor Management Board's attempt to

Jury Allows \$800 As Damages From Lumber Company

A circuit court jury Tuesday returned a verdict awarding \$800 damages to Carl B. and Selma Erickson in their suit against Wilbur Lumber Co. and Walter Decker.

The Ericksons, in the original complaint, sought \$1,240 and \$5,000 punitive damages, alleging the defendant company and Decker, as the company's agent, had ruined a half-acre piece of land by removing the trees from it.

Punitive damages were sought on basis the company had trespassed, but that part of the suit never reached the jury.

The case also centered around the question of ownership of the property, located near Tyee along the Umpqua River and called a "beautiful building site."

The company had purchased the timber rights. The Ericksons, however, contended the company should not have damaged the property other than by cutting merchantable timber. The Ericksons had purchased the property from Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Powell about the same time the company had purchased the timber rights from the same couple.

The jury deliberated only about one-half hour before returning its verdict before Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

W. M. Philip Sentenced, Placed On Probation

William Marshall Philip, 35, Melrose, was granted probation in Douglas County Circuit Court Tuesday after he was sentenced to a three-year term in the state penitentiary.

Philip was sentenced by Judge Carl E. Wimberly, then granted probation under the usual terms. Philip pleaded guilty on Dec. 23 to a charge of larceny of personal property over \$75.

The father of three was accused of stealing two outboard motors and a power saw from W. E. Denon of Green. He waived his right to a grand jury hearing or a trial.

James Makinson Fined For Passing Bad Check

James Ernest Makinson, 36, Roseburg, was fined \$50 in district court Tuesday after pleading guilty before Judge Warren A. Woodruff to a charge of drawing a bank check with insufficient funds.

Makinson was arrested Tuesday by a deputy sheriff after a complaint was filed alleging Makinson passed a \$10 check to I. J. Peterman at Model Market without funds to cover the check.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Pity the unlucky individual who got everything he wanted for Christmas. It has left him with nothing to look forward to.