

DR. SHEPPARD'S MOTHER DEAD OF GUNSHOT



PETERSEN SENTENCED — Joseph S. Petersen, Jr., 40, former code clerk in top-secret National Security Agency, was sentenced to seven years in prison after pleading guilty to spying for a foreign power. He is pictured as he arrived at Federal Court in Alexandria, Va., for sentencing.

NW Lawmakers Opinions On Eisenhower's Message Express Favor, Opposition

By FRANK W. VAILLE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reaction of Pacific Northwest lawmakers to President Eisenhower's State-of-the-Union message divided on political lines.

Democrats took a pessimistic view, labeling the President's remarks on resource development as "disappointing" or "reiteration" of previous speeches.

At least one Republican, however, said he was glad to hear the President "again announce his belief in the partnership principle because it is the progressive and forward-looking approach to development of power in the Northwest."

That view was voiced by Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) who said the President's speech "indicates a change from the hidebound reactionary attitude of our political

District Court Income \$89,465

The Douglas County District Court showed an income of \$89,465.10 for the year 1954, tabulations show.

Of the total, all but about \$4,500 is from criminal fines, mostly from traffic offenses. Highest month was March when the total exceeded \$10,000. Next highest was last January. Besides fines, civil case fees and court costs make up the total.

The income is \$39,000 under that of 1953, when a high of \$138,414.90 was reached.

Not all of the money stays in the county treasury. In traffic cases handled by the state police, for example, half of the money goes to the state treasury. Also same enforcement monies go to Salem and there are redistributed to various funds.

Several Old District Court Cases Dismissed

A batch of old cases was dismissed in district court this week upon motion of Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults.

Charges and defendants involved are: For illegal possession of liquor, Joan Tillotson, Donna Milledore Sperr, Kenneth Marion County, Kenneth Merle Sorenson, Shirley Lee Sorenson and Charles Lowell Sorenson; for burglary, Rex Jackson Hyde and Marvin Neil Harris; for larceny of conditional vendee, Jasper James Russell; for vagrancy, Samuel Donald George.

John Whitted Released On Own Recognizance

John Leslie Whitted, 31, Walker, has been released on his own recognizance pending further disposition of a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

District Judge Warren A. Woodruff released Whitted on motion of Dep. Dist. Atty. Don H. Sanders. Whitted was arrested Monday after a complaint was filed by Vernon Johnson.

PANIC KILLS NINE

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Someone cried "Fire" during a children's matinee at the Colonial Theater Thursday at Aguascalientes, 250 miles north of here. The cry sent children fleeing in panic. In the rush nine were killed and more than 40 injured. The person who gave the false alarm has not been found.

The Weather

Considerable low cloudiness and fog during the night and morning hours. Partly sunny in the afternoon Friday and Saturday. Continued cool.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	41
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	28
Highest temp. any Jan.	71
Lowest temp. any Jan.	0
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from Jan. 1	92
Precip. from Sept. 1	10.52
Deficiency from Sept. 1	3.99
Sunset tonight, 4:54 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:45 a.m.	

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Melrose Grange Favors Sales Tax

Group Breaks From Opposition Stand Of State

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A Douglas County Grange chapter this week becomes the first reported in the state to split with the Oregon State Grange over the issue of possible legislative levy of a state sales tax.

The division was contained in a resolution approved by Melrose Grange Wednesday night.

The resolution called for enactment of legislative proceeding for the levy of a sales tax to provide funds for the support of schools.

The executive committee of the parent organization earlier this week had "re-affirmed long-standing opposition" to a general sales tax.

R. A. Busenbark, Melrose Road, chairman of the Melrose resolutions committee, and his committee said the local resolution will be introduced in Pomona Grange, which meets at Melrose Grange Jan. 29. The action has been approved by Virgil Woodruff, Melrose master.

The resolution traced reasons for the disavowal of the executive committee's policy statement, concluding that "it is the expressed opinion and position of the Melrose Grange that the executive committee of the Oregon State Grange is not consistent in its publicly announced stand on the proposed sales tax."

Reason for the action, according to the Melrose statement, was the increase of school tax levies and the apparent necessity of the Oregon Legislature to approve a state tax levy against property.

The resolution pointed out that school support on the state level

Slight Rise Set On Premium Gas In Roseburg Area

Premium gasoline users in this area were apparently going to absorb a slight increase in price of their gasoline.

Steve Harriman, president of the local Gasoline Dealers Assn., reported Friday that the Texas Co. has announced an increase of three-tenths of a cent gallon on the price of premium gas. The increase was effective Thursday.

No increase was noted in the price of regular gasoline.

The announcement followed an earlier increase by Standard Oil.

The increase will raise Texaco premium gasoline to about 38.3 cents on a gallon on the retail level, Harriman said.

Both Harriman and E. M. Barker, Jr., former state president of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn., said it was expected other companies would follow the trend to raise the price of premium.

At the time of the Standard Oil announcement earlier, it was reported that the increase still leaves the price, on an average, below the prices of Shell and Union gasoline.

Both Harriman and Barker emphasized that the action "was strictly a company deal."

Hammaraskjold Holds Second Meet On Fliers

TOKYO (AP) — Dag Hammarskjold held a second meeting Friday with Premier Chou En-Lai of Red China, and scheduled a third for Saturday.

Friday's session lasted 3 hours 45 minutes, and brought to more than seven hours the time consumed by conferences between Peiping's Premier and foreign minister and the U.N. secretary general, seeking the release of 11 U.S. airmen imprisoned as spies and other personnel held in Red China. Their first session had run 3 1/2 hours.

The reports of the meetings in Peiping came from Peiping Radio, and in dispatches from the Hammarskjold party to U. N. headquarters in New York.

These reports listed the advisers present for each side, but gave no details of the talks.

The broadcast said Ahmed S. Bokhari, undersecretary of the United Nations; Per Lind, Hammarskjold's executive assistant, and Humphrey Waldo, professor of international law, were with the U. N. group.

Present for the Reds besides Chou were Chang Han-Fu, vice minister of foreign affairs; Chiao Keng-Shen, adviser to the Foreign Affairs Ministry; and Tung Yueh-Chien, director of the Department of International Organization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Clover Kerr, Roseburg Man To Wed Tonight

DOWNEY, Calif. (AP) — Clover Kerr, who lost both legs and her right arm in a 1937 auto-truck crash, has come home to be married.

Tonight she will become the bride of Merle Maloney, Roseburg, Ore., lumberman and her neighbor in recent years.

Miss Kerr was the inspiration in the rehabilitation of thousands of maimed in her radio program "Banners of Courage," to give encouragement to the crippled and maimed.

She left here in 1940 with her parents for Roseburg. Her father, the late J. Thomas Kerr, built a subdivision there.

"Merle and I have known each other about two years," Miss Kerr said. "I've been alone since my mother died and Merle helped me around my place, so I couldn't give him up."

"She used to prepare dinner for me," Maloney cut in. "I didn't give her a chance to give me up."

Sec. Stevens Denies Plans For Retiring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Army Stevens said Friday "I have never felt better in my life and I am not resigning."

With this one line statement, Stevens took recognition of published reports that he was leaving office.

The statement was issued through the Army information chief, Maj. Gen. Gilman Mudgett, who quoted Stevens as telling him Friday morning that "he had not discussed resigning with anyone."

There have been recurring rumors in the last week that Stevens' departure from the government was imminent. The New York Times said Friday he would resign "just as soon as President Eisenhower has found a successor."

Thursday, Sen. Potter (R-Mich.) told a reporter he had "informed the administration" that he still believed Stevens and Army Counselor John G. Adams should resign or be fired.

Potter was a member of the Senate subcommittee which held hearings last summer on the row between Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and the Army officials. At the conclusion of the hearings, Potter said he felt some resignations were in order.

Adams told a reporter Friday morning that "I have not resigned, do not expect to resign, and have not been asked to resign."

At the White House, reporters asked whether Stevens was leaving the administration.

Murray Snyder, assistant press secretary, replied that he had no information that Stevens was about to resign.

Proposed Green Sanitation Dist. Planning Survey

Residents in the proposed Green sanitation district south of Roseburg were forming plans this week to raise enough money for a preliminary survey and special election.

It was reported at a committee meeting this week that only \$360 has been collected for the survey, which will determine estimates of costs of such a district. The committee hopes to see the survey made in February, but it was reported that the \$360 was far short of the amount necessary for it.

A spokesman for the committee said: "It is common knowledge that the Green community has a great potential for future development." But he said lack of a sanitary district is blocking that development. He reported that F.H.A., Federal GI and state GI loans will be allowed if a sewer system is installed.

Anyone wishing to make donations for the survey may make them at Pearl's Grocery and the Greenside Store on the old Pacific Highway.

Taxicab Driver Fears For Safety Following Holdup

SEATTLE (AP) — A taxicab driver who said he feared for his safety was behind bars in the county jail here Friday as FBI agents continued a search for an unnamed person, or persons, they said were involved in the \$67,055 robbery of a suburban Tacoma bank.

Virgil K. Gunnarson, 25, of Tacoma, was jailed at his own request Thursday in a series of rapid fire developments including the arrest of John William Murphy, 35, a magazine sales crew supervisor later charged with conspiring to commit the robbery of the Parkland branch of the National Bank of Washington.

The taxicab driver was booked as a material witness and held in lieu of \$1,000 bond after he declared at a U. S. commissioner's hearing:

"I do not want to be released. I am in fear of my safety and would rather stay right in jail until the whole thing is cleared up."

The Post-Intelligencer reported it was believed Gunnarson gave the tip that led to the first break in the case, the arrest of Murphy, who was taken into custody in a downtown hotel here early Thursday.

Annual Dinner Of YMCA Slated For January 31

The annual dinner of the Roseburg YMCA will be held Jan. 31, according to President Ira Byrd.

Guest speaker for the event will be Ray Wilder. He is general secretary of the Portland Young Men's Christian Assn.

Included in the program will be election of officers of the local association and a report of the Roseburg YMCA's finances and activities for 1954.

The dinner will also be the official kickoff for the annual membership drive. Dates for the drive are Feb. 1 to 10, Byrd said Thursday.

The Roseburg association had an enrollment of 250 adult members this past year. It served some 675 young people, according to Byrd.

Membership personnel anticipate an enrollment of 400 members in 1955.

Tentative plans are being made to hold the dinner at the First Presbyterian Church. The dinner is open to all adult members and wives and young people. Parents of youngsters using YM facilities are also invited to attend.

LODGED IN JAIL

Another of 34 men recently indicted on charges of non-support, Francis Lyle Yeaman, 42, Sutherlin, was lodged in the county jail Thursday evening. He was returned here from Fresno, Calif., to answer to a secret grand jury indictment. It is alleged he has not kept up support payments for two minor children.

Another Amateur Program Planned

Tau Eta Eta Sorority of Roseburg has announced an amateur show for Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. at Central Junior High School.

An annual event formerly sponsored by the Roseburg Active Club.

A grand prize of a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond is on tap, with lesser prizes slated for second and third place winners. Sometime after the show, the top three acts will have a chance to perform on television, sponsors say.

Auditions will be held at Central Junior High on Feb. 12. Anyone who may wish to take part in the show should contact Mrs. Lee Hall at Hall's Jewelry, 3-7089, or Mrs. Jim Fernlund, 3-7548.

Proceeds from the show will be donated to the March of Dimes, it was announced.

Court Withdraws 500 Acres From Sale, Designating Land For Recreational Use

Members of the Douglas County Court have signed an order withdrawing about 500 acres of North Umpqua land from sale and designating the land for future public recreational development.

Sixteen parcels, varying from one acre to 155 acres, are involved. The parcels lie generally between Rock Creek and the Umpqua National Forest boundary.

With increasing population and limits on land, the action was taken to insure orderly development of recreational lands for the benefit of all the people.

Robert E. Kischel, manager of the County Land Dept., and Charles S. Collins, supervisor of the County Parks Dept., point out the lands can now be withheld from private sale until such time planning is complete. Final determination of the lands, whether they will become parks, etc., will be worked out as planning progresses and funds are available for development. Until such time as they might be formally dedicated, they will be under the jurisdiction of the land department, with the court as the directing body. No physical changes on the land can be made, however, without a recommendation from the County Park Board.

In connection with the court's action is an order adding to and clarifying a court resolution of June 19, 1937, dealing with county lands. The resolution was adopted prior to establishment of the land and park departments.

A clearer line of demarcation between the departments is drawn so that the respective department heads have a better basis from which to work. Collins and Kischel encouraged such an order so they could better coordinate the work of the two departments.

The order stipulates that (1) lands dedicated as public parks or recreation lands shall be administered by the parks department under the direction of the court, (2) all lands acquired by tax foreclosure will be classified as to use as soon as practicable, (3) all lands classified as recreational lands but not dedicated as such, and unclassified lands, shall be administered by the land department under direction of the county court, except that disposal or alteration of lands shall not be made without obtaining an opinion from the parks board, and (4) in all cases where county lands are leased or timber sold and monetary considerations are due the county, it shall be the function of the land department to collect such monies, and the land department shall also be responsible for all forest protection association assessments where applicable to parks, recreation lands and timberland.

Note Found Nearby Hints Of Suicide

CLEVELAND (AP) — Mrs. Edythe Sheppard, 62, mother of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard who was convicted last month in his wife's murder, was found shot to death Friday in the home of another son, Dr. Stephen Sheppard.

Police of suburban Rocky River were called to the home by Mrs. Betty Sheppard, wife of Dr. Steve. She told them she found her mother-in-law lying in bed with a revolver at her side. She was shot in the right side of the face.

Police said a note found nearby read: "This is too much, I can't take it any longer."

In ill health for several years, Mrs. Sheppard was the only member of the family unable to visit Dr. Sam at county jail where he has been since July 30—23 days after his wife, Marilyn, 31, was found bludgeoned to death in the bedroom of her Bay Village home.

Dr. Samuel Sheppard, 31, is under a life sentence to Ohio penitentiary following his conviction Dec. 21 on a charge of second degree murder. His lawyers are appealing for a new trial on the basis of "newly discovered evidence" is scheduled for common pleas court Saturday.

In addition to her sons, Samuel and Stephen, Mrs. Sheppard is the mother of a third son, Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, oldest of the trio. All three are ophthalmologists, along with their father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard. They practice together at Bay View Hospital which the father helped to found.

Audience Briefed On Over-Crowded School Situation

Roseburg's junior high school program is further restricted than it has been at any time since 1925, when the senior high school program was built, school officials have revealed.

In a meeting at Joseph Lane Junior High School Thursday night, about 50 persons were briefed on extent of the program, especially in regard to Joseph Lane, subject of a proposed bond issue Tuesday.

The shortages come in absence of physical education facilities, lunch program, science, art, homemaking and band at the new school, the audience was told by school officials.

Dr. Marvin Smith, assistant superintendent of the Roseburg School District, said this morning that failure of the bond issue on Tuesday possibly could mean double-shifting of pupils in some classrooms in the district in 1956-57, the year after next.

In all, \$422,000 is asked in the issue—\$225,000 for construction of a 13-classroom elementary school and \$207,000 for completion of the junior high school.

Voting will be held in the district between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. M. C. Beller, superintendent, said further endorsements of the bond issue have been turned in at the school office. These include the approval of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, Fullerton Dad's Club officers and several local labor officials.

The officers, who "personally endorsed the bond issue after careful study" are: Robert J. Caley, financial secretary and business representative of Carpenters and Joiners (AFL), Local 1661; Ted Prusia, business agent for Lumber & Sawmill Workers (AFL) Local 2849; Mrs. Johnny Scott, secretary-treasurer of the Culinary Alliance Local 233; and W. L. Dunham, president of the Roseburg Building Trades Council. The unions haven't voted approval Dellar emphasized.

Three OC Tracts Now Up For Bids

Three tracts of O&C green timber are scheduled to be sold Feb. 2 at the American Legion Hall in Roseburg at 9 a.m. by the Roseburg office of the Bureau of Land Management.

The tracts to be sold at the oral sale contain 4,098,000 board feet of timber appraised at \$89,330.50.

The first contains 1,799,000 board feet of Douglas fir (1,611,000), white fir (272,000), incense cedar (49,000), western red cedar (14,000) and hemlock (3,000). The tract is appraised at \$31,770.90. It is located northwest of Drain.

The other two tracts include 2,399,000 board feet appraised at \$57,559.60. They are located east of Glendale and Oakland. By species, they include Douglas fir (2,229,000), white fir (54,000), incense cedar (36,000), western red cedar (64,000), and hemlock (18,000).

In the first tract, Douglas fir is appraised at \$21.20. In the second, it will sell for no less than \$22.70.

Union Leaders Suspend Railroad Strike Call

LONDON (AP) — Union leaders suspended a call last night for a nationwide railroad strike which could have crippled the nation's booming economy. But Union Secretary "Big Jim" Campbell warned a new strike call would go out if further wage talks are not satisfactory.

The suspension of the walkout followed a long government-called conference between officials of the 400,000-strong National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) and the British Transport Commission, which runs the state-owned lines. The walkout had been scheduled for Sunday midnight.

Gasoline Dealers Deplore Public Employees' Practice Collecting Trading Stamps

The Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn., as one of its last moves of its convention here this week, approved a resolution deploring the practice of government employees collecting trading stamps and other premiums from gasoline purchased by the state or federal governments.

The resolution was two-barreled. It also opposed the giving away of trading stamps as a discount involving an "unreasonable portion of profits."

But the main barrel was aimed at government employees who collect the premiums on credit cards issued to the state or federal governments. In effect, the resolution requests members to cease giving trading stamps on presentation of such credit cards.

The action was introduced by a resolutions committee, which said that the discounts actually represents tax money, the use to which government employees have no right.

Most trading stamps have a value of 3 per cent of the purchase. It was brought out that an employee using 1,000 gallons of gasoline a year on state business actually "could put \$30 back into his own pocket."

Officials discussing the action later hinted that the move was tied in with Oregon Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton's investigation into "kickbacks" to employees of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Another resolution authorized the

employment of a secretary-manager by the state association to replace the present field representative who works on a commission basis. Outgoing President Ernest M. Barker Jr. of Roseburg explained the association has reached a size now where a salaried employee is needed in keeping the business of the organization.

A third motion was passed to affiliate with the Oil Information Committee of Oregon.

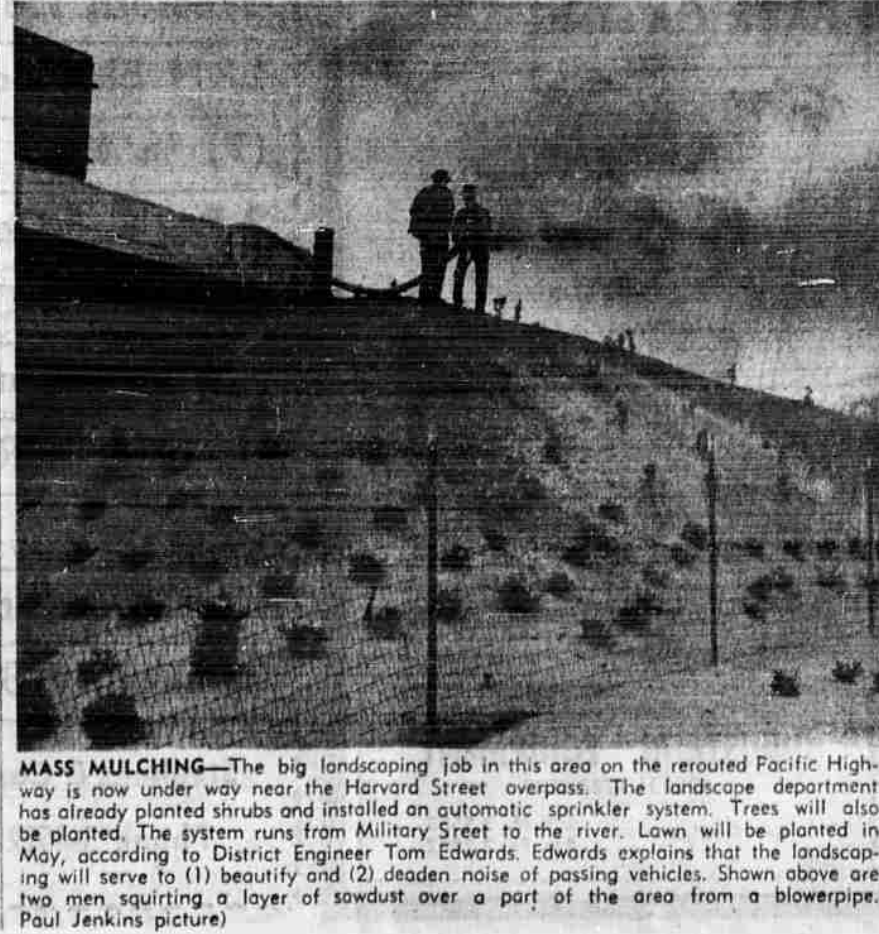
The group next will meet in Eugene on April 12-13. A board of directors gathering will be held within the next 30 days, according to the new president, Harold Whitney, Eugene.

No action was taken on the proposal of R. H. Bullock, state highway engineer, that a 2-cent per gallon gasoline tax be levied to finance new highway programs. Barker explained that the association went on record against the proposal three months ago.

Levy Felt Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Roseburg's climb to sixth place in Oregon business offers underscoring to a New Year's resolution to "do my spending at home."



MASS MULCHING—The big landscaping job in this area on the rerouted Pacific Highway is now under way near the Harvard Street overpass. The landscape department has already planted shrubs and installed an automatic sprinkler system. Trees will also be planted. The system runs from Military Street to the river. Lawn will be planted in May, according to District Engineer Tom Edwards. Edwards explains that the landscaping will serve to (1) beautify and (2) deaden noise of passing vehicles. Shown above are two men squirting a layer of sawdust over a part of the area from a blowerpipe. (Paul Jenkins picture)