

CLIFF WOLBERT KILLED IN PLANE CRASH



CRASH FATAL—Douglas County's first fatality in 1955 occurred today when a plane piloted by Clifford Wolbert crashed into a hillside west of Roseburg. His body and debris surrounding it are shown above. (Staff Picture).

Water Conservation Bills Get Top Priority In House

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
SALEM, Ore. — The Oregon Legislature wound up its first week's work in brief sessions Friday morning, with two top priority water conservation measures being introduced in the House.

These two bills, asked by Gov. Paul Patterson after 18 months of study by a legislative interim committee, would create a State Water Resources Board, and provide regulations and restrictions on the use of water that comes from the ground.

The Water Resources Board would take over all the duties of the Willamette River Basin Commission, Upper Columbia Basin Commission, State Reclamation Commission, and the State Irrigation Board.

The state engineer would administer the law restricting the use of water from wells. Its purpose is to prevent too much lowering of the water table.

As the lawmakers went home for the weekend, they appeared to have made more progress than they did in the first week of the 1955 session.

Ninety-eight bills have been introduced, compared with 80 in the first week of the session two years ago. There were 24 bills most of them being minor corrective measures sponsored by the

Forestry Department and the Legislative Interim Tax Committee.

The Senate Education Committee announced it would hold a hearing at 1 p.m. Monday on the Senate bill to make Portland State Extension Center into an independent college with authority to grant degrees.

The executive committee of the Board of Higher Education will meet with the committee.

A bill, signed by 33 House members, was introduced Friday to give Portland State its independence. The bill appears to be assured of passage.

The Senate completed legislative action on the first bill to go through both houses. It provides \$500,000 for legislative expenses.

The State Tax Commission sponsored a bill to add television sets and amusement rides to the state tax on amusement devices. It would apply only to those for which the customer deposits a coin in the slot.

Russia Offers To Share Secrets On Atomic Energy

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. — The Soviet government Friday offered to share with the rest of the world the experience it claims to have gained by operating an industrial power station with atomic energy.

Foreign Ministry Press Chief Leonid Ilyichev told a news conference the Soviet Union is "ready to hand over the scientific and technical experience piled up in the Soviet Union."

He said this information would be made public through a report to the United Nations Committee on Atomic Energy.

There was no indication that foreign scientists or technicians would be able to study the operation of the atomic power station which the Russians claim to possess on their own.

At the same time the spokesman announced that academicians D. V. Skobeltsyn had been appointed Soviet representative to the conference on atomic energy which the last U. N. General Assembly decided should be held during 1955.

City Councilmen Get First Hand View Of Work

A group of Roseburg city councilmen, both new and old, Wednesday inspected city works, coming back from the tour with a first-hand picture of the facilities.

The inspection, according to Mayor Ernest M. Barker Jr., was for education of the council. Barker said he hopes to follow up with further periodic tours to keep the council up to date on city activity.

Those going on the tour included Barker and Councilmen Rudy Hagedorn, William Adair, Sid Moon, Robert Harris, James Knudsen and City Manager George Farrell.

On the itinerary were the city hall and departments headquartered there, airport, several parks and park sites, the city garage, both fire stations and the sewage disposal plant.

Farrell explained problems encountered in each operation.

Junior First Citizen's Banquet Stated Jan. 22

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its ninth annual junior first citizen banquet Saturday night, Jan. 22, at the Elks Lodge, according to Don Hagedorn, president.

Speakers will be Al Kreig, Portland junior first citizen in 1953, Master of ceremonies will be Randolph Slocum of Roseburg.

Dinner at 7 p.m. will follow a social hour. After the dinner, awards will be presented. Dancing will fill out the evening.

Tickets are available from any Jaycee, Hagedorn said. They will cost \$3.25 apiece.

Municipal Judge Sets Trial For Mrs. Fifer

Roseburg Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum set next Wednesday as the trial date for Mrs. Jean Fifer, 20, who pleaded innocent Thursday to a charge of disorderly conduct. Mrs. Fifer was arrested by city police on complaint of Mary Doland.

Municipal Court juried convicted one man and acquitted another Wednesday on disorderly conduct charges. Freed was John Hopkins 36, but Joseph Spring, 46, was found guilty and Judge Slocum fined him \$15. Both were arrested Jan. 2 in the Roseburg Hotel.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hazards of modern life note: The Oregon state highway department dispatched a crew to bury three sharks that washed up on the beach near Gearhart over the weekend. The supervisor of the crew said the sharks did not appear to have been injured and what killed them is not known.

THE SUPERVISOR EXAMINED THE DEAD SHARKS WITH A GEIGER COUNTER TO SEE IF THEY WERE RADIO-ACTIVE. He said the results were negative.

When a mother, in the good old days, sent her children out to play she cautioned them to look out for sandbars and rattlesnakes. It's beginning to look like the modern mother will have to see to it that her children take their Geiger counters along when they go out to play.

A highway advisory commission headed by retired General Lucius Clay reports its recommendations for a 101 BILLION dollar road building program (to be spread over 10 years) to President Eisenhower today.

Among other things, the commission proposes the setting up of a

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The Weather

Fair this afternoon, increasing cloudiness tonight. Rain Saturday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 31
Highest temp. any Jan. — 71
Lowest temp. any Jan. — 4
Precip. last 24 hours — .01
Precip. from Jan. 1 — 1.29
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 10.82
Deficiency from Sept. 1 — 4.65

Sunset tonight, 5:01 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:43 a.m.

Craft Burns After Crash On Hillside

Early Morning Takeoff Proves Disastrous For Welding Shop Operator

A light plane plunged out of the fog into a hill west of Roseburg early today, killing its pilot and apparently wrote a grisly end to a prospective business trip.

The pilot, C. E. (Clifford) Wolbert, owner of Wolbert Welding & Machine Works in Roseburg, apparently died instantly.

Coroner L. L. Powers officially reported that Wolbert was going to Portland on business. He was going to take his fiancée, Betty Leach, with him, a friend said. She was to meet him at the Roseburg Municipal Airport. Wolbert was about 37.

The Stinson Voyager plane exploded in a blast of flame at about 6:35 a.m. on a hillside about a half mile off Calkins Road four miles northwest of the heart of Roseburg.

The cause of the accident has not yet been determined, but Coroner Powers has called the Civil Aeronautics Board to make an investigation. Guards have been placed around the debris until a CAA representative arrives, Powers said.

Wolbert has two children by a previous marriage, Powers said. They are: Terry, 14, and a daughter, Judy, 11. He is also survived by his mother in Concrete, Wash., and two brothers and a sister.

Debris at the scene of the accident was scattered over an area of about 200 feet. The plane had sheared off the top of a big oak tree. The biggest pieces left was a tail assembly and the smoldering motor.

The plane had taken off from George Felt's airport west of Roseburg. Felt said he thought Wolbert was taking the plane to the Roseburg Airport. Felt said the ceiling was about 300 feet. He said the plane was apparently in good condition.

Moments later, William Tucker and his brother-in-law, James Archer, who live on Calkins Road, heard an ear-splitting crash. The city and state police were called and Wolbert's badly-burned body was taken from the wreck. He was already dead.

Betty Leach was not with Wolbert at the time of the crash. It was reported she was to meet him at the Roseburg airport.

Mendes-France, Adenauer Meet At Baden-Baden

BADEN-BADEN, Germany (U.S. —) French Premier Pierre Mendes-France and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer met in this resort city Friday for vital talks on issues still dividing the World War II enemies. At the top of the agenda was the troublesome Saar question.

The dynamic French Premier and the austere, 79-year-old West German leader began their conferences at 10:40 a.m. in a luxury hotel. The talks were expected to last until midnight.

West German officials said the two leaders would cover the whole range of French-German problems.

One-Way Traffic Still Needed Up Little River

One-way traffic was still necessary today at one point on Little River Road where a slide uncovered a portion of the roadway Thursday afternoon.

The spot, well posted with warning signs, is about one-fourth mile east of the Little River Bridge, according to County Commissioner Elmer Metzger and Frank Ashley. The commissioners went to the scene Thursday.

Metzger said repair work will be done after it is determined where and when the sliding ends. Dirt and rock dropped down toward the river.

The commissioners also investigated an area a little farther east where earth is cracking above the road and may turn into another slide.

FLUE FIRE

A flue fire at the Gordon Grain Co. 1027 Vincheside St., caused no damage Wednesday morning, according to Roseburg firemen. It was the second alarm of the year answered by city firemen.

Roseburg Junior Chamber Starts Member Campaign

Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce members launched a membership campaign this week. With the club roster totaling 103 prior to the campaign, President Don Hagedorn said members would work to substantially increase the figure.

The drive will continue through Feb. 28. Membership is open to all young men of the community from the ages 21 to 35.

Jaycees have divided into two teams to spark the drive. Team captains are Charles Blanks and Delbert Martin. Hagedorn said persons interested in Jaycee membership should contact Martin at Metropolitan Life Insurance or Blanks at Knudsen's Jewelers.

28 RADAR ARRESTS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland police began making arrests by use of a radar patrol car Thursday, and in three hours arrested 28 motorists on speed charges.

These were the first radar arrests here, although the radar equipment has been used nearly a year for warnings.

Because of six traffic deaths in the first 12 days of the year, Mayor Fred Peterson ordered arrests to start. Additional radar equipment is being ordered.

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Views Clarified, Hammarskjold Tells Newsmen

By MAX HARRELSON
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (U.S. —) Dag Hammarskjold said Friday his Peiping talks achieved what he had intended — a clarification of the views of both sides.

The U. N. secretary general said the door is open to further contacts, but he declined to define the next step toward release of the 11 American pilots jailed by the Chinese Communists.

He said Chou En-Lai, premier and foreign minister of Red China, had laid down no conditions. He added no deals had been suggested either by him or Chou.

Hammarskjold's statement at a news conference did not offer much light on when the fliers' case might be settled. But chief U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., after a talk with the secretary general expressed confidence they would be freed.

The secretary general said he had achieved what he was "aiming at" in his Peiping visit.

He described this as merely the first step in the continuing contact.

Hammarskjold said that in his opinion an improvement in the international climate was directly connected with the question of release.

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White Sentenced 30 Days In Jail, To Pay \$225 Fine

A man found guilty of drawing unemployment compensation while earning money on a job was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$225 by District Judge Warren A. Woodruff Thursday afternoon.

The fine against Levi Roy White, 40, Camas Valley, was equal to the amount allegedly received from the State Unemployment Compensation Commission last year while White supposedly was out of work.

State GOP Head Refutes Time Magazine Story

A statement in the Jan. 17 issue of Time Magazine attributed to the Republican state chairman in reference to Roseburg's Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly has been refuted by the state party executive.

The magazine this week featured the untimely careers of Sens. Wayne L. Morse and Richard L. Neuberger, and referred to Judge Wimberly as "a famous statistician of Neuberger's alleged expulsion from the University of Oregon Law School."

Time quoted Ed Boehne, Eugene, the state chairman, as saying: "That fool judge has just cost Guy Cordón the election."

Boehne informed The News-Review this morning that "I made no such statement. Judge Wimberly and I have been warm personal friends for nearly 25 years."

He said he had sent a telegram to the November general election to that effect. He told The News-Review that he "never had in my mind that it would cost Guy Cordón the election."

Wimberly is a former law partner of Cordón, who was unseated in the November election by Neuberger for the U. S. Senate.

Boehne commented to Luce: "Those who know me know I don't make such statements."

Wimberly made his statement on the Neuberger "cribbing" incident at the U. S. Law School at a Young Republicans meeting here in October.

Another Paratrooper Plane Hits Silk

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (U.S. —) A planeload of 33 Operation Snowbird paratroopers were forced to hit the silk over Ladd Air Force Base here last night after one of the aircraft's two engines failed.

All landed safely despite darkness and zero weather. The plane was brought undamaged to the ground by a six-man crew.

The jump was the third in the giant Army-Air Force exercise since the more than 100 planes started from Stewart Air Force Base, Tenn., Monday in the 3,000-mile exercise.

Thirty-eight men dropped safely from one of the C-119 Flying Boxcars Tuesday near Seward but two members of the plane crew were killed in a subsequent crash. Thirty-three more jumped safely a Miles City, Mont., the same day. The plane was landed successfully.

Neuberger Finding Senator Job Toughest Assignment

WASHINGTON (U.S. —) Ten days on the job as a United States senator has convinced Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) this is his toughest assignment.

"I've never worked as hard in my life," said Neuberger, who is 42 and says he started work at 18. "I start work at 8 o'clock in the morning and I'm still going past 11 at night."

Neuberger listed among his difficulties—some of them obviously not shared by his colleagues:

1. "Dozens and dozens of invitations — perhaps hundreds — to cocktail parties."
2. "Inability to use the product of ghost writers or even other research workers."
3. The job of caring for his pet cat Muff because his wife Maureen is back in Oregon on her job of state legislator. She plans to return here later to serve as an unpaid office assistant to her husband.
4. Being mistaken for another freshman lawmaker, Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.), son of the late President.

Neuberger has attracted attention because of his outspokenness and because it was his victory over former Sen. Guy Cordón in the last race to be decided after the November elections, which assured Democratic control of the Senate.

Neuberger said the Washington social whirl has astounded him and he expects to stay out of it, although he has accepted a few invitations from old friends and a woman's group.

"I don't smoke or drink," he said. "I'm not a prohibitionist but I am a teetotaler."

Neuberger said he may have to revise his present system of writing every speech, letter and press release himself.

When Neuberger asked the senator to comment on something, the former reporter and free-lance magazine writer sometimes dashes into the press gallery, sits down at a typewriter and pounds it out.

Neuberger said he has been mistaken numerous times for James Roosevelt "and that's all right with me."

Both are angular, balding, quick to smile. But, the senator said, "Jimmy is considerably taller."

Oakland Students Stage Walkout To Protest Firings

An orderly group of Oakland High School students Thursday left their classes to demonstrate in favor of School Supt. James Cummings following Cummings' announced resignation of Wednesday night.

Cummings said the students walked away from their classes in the morning for a meeting in the school gymnasium, from which teachers were barred. Later, they paraded downtown, bearing banners, and began circulation of petitions asking the superintendent to remain on his post.

Cummings, in Roseburg on school business during the morning, returned to find the students parading. He asked them to return to their classes, and they complied.

The entire demonstration apparently was in support of the school administrator, who handed in his resignation to the school board Wednesday night. At the same time, J. Clyde Akey, elementary school principal, resigned.

The board accepted resignations of both.

Cummings this morning said he "doesn't know" if the demonstration will lead to reconsideration of his move.

The school administrator said Dr. Rex Putnam, Salem, state superintendent of public instruction, will meet with him at 3 p.m. today on the school situation in Oakland.

Only one person was allowed by students to attend their meeting in the school gymnasium. He was Emory Hunteon, publisher of the Sun-Tribune, weekly newspaper serving Oakland and Sutherlin.

Suit May Stall Associated Mills Proposed Sale

PORTLAND, Ore. — An injunction to stop the proposed sale of Associated Plywood Mills, Inc., to the U. S. Plywood Corp. of New York is sought in federal court here.

Nine minority stockholders filed the suit Thursday, asserting that the sale would be a "fraudulent" transfer of assets, which operates three plywood mills in Oregon, would be sold for about half its value if the deal went through.

The suit said Leonard Nystrom, president of Associated, and V. C. Engwall, a stockholder, started secret negotiations with U. S. Plywood last fall, and later forced other stockholders to agree to the deal by threatening that majority stockholders would sell even if the others would not go along. The necessary two-thirds agreement was achieved.

The proposed sale was to be made through a stock transfer. The minority stockholders asserted that Associated was worth about \$6 million dollars, but the U. S. Plywood stock to be received would be worth about \$15 million dollars.

Filing the suit were C. E. Engdahl, Ethel Josephine Holtz, Anna Matson Revell, Fred Revell, Jennie Johnson, L. E. Adams, Carl Thienes, Ruth Marine and Phil Cate. Their addresses were not listed.

Jelke Again Released On Posting \$40,000 Bail

NEW YORK (U.S. —) Margarine heir Minot F. (Mickey) Jelke was placed under \$40,000 bail Thursday on his second case society vice trial and quickly furnished the amount.

He said he would go to Florida in a few days to await the trial. "The date has not been set, but it is expected to start in about six weeks."

"I'll be a different story this time—you'll get the true story," Jelke told newsmen after his arraignment on a compulsory prostitution charge.

"This time I'll get the normal rights that are afforded to any defendant and I'm sure there will be a different result."

Jelke was convicted on two counts of compulsory prostitution at his first trial, but an appeals court threw out the conviction because press and public were banned from the courtroom.

His attorney, George Washington Herz, failed in a plea to have General Sessions Judge John A. Mullen set lower bail.

Checking And Saving Accounts At Record High

SAN FRANCISCO (U.S. —) Checking accounts, saving accounts, real estate loans and commercial-industrial-agricultural loans all pushed to new record highs in Federal Reserve Member banks in the 12th District in the week ended Jan. 5.

Such activity, disclosed Thursday by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, is unusual and never occurred within a single week in 1953.

The new records: Checking accounts, \$9,161,000,000; savings, \$7,340,000,000; CIA loans, \$3,334,000,000 and real estate loans, \$3,135,000,000.

First Class TV Service For Douglas Co. Promised Under Plan Revealed Here

By CHUCK GRELL
Staff Writer, News-Review

Plans for a television station to provide first-class service to central Douglas County and to extend its signals to as far away as Corvallis and Coos Bay have been outlined by one of the applicants for televising on channel 4, Roseburg.

William Smullin, Medford, secretary-treasurer of the Southern Oregon Broadcasting Co., revealed details in a visit to Roseburg Thursday.

1. A 5,000-watt transmitter would be located on 4,250-foot Mt. Scott, north of Glendale.

2. Complete coverage of Douglas County, including the Lower Umpqua area, would be resolved.

Smullin said power of the station would be strong enough for all sections of the immediate county area to receive television with no trouble. In some sections, pictures will be vivid enough for reception without resort to outside aerials.

The firm's application still is before the Federal Communications Commission, along with that of the Southwest Oregon Television Broadcasting Corp., a Roseburg firm. Both seek permission to operate a station on channel 4.

Smullin said he expects the FCC to set the date of a hearing within the next 60 to 90 days, but wouldn't estimate when or where hearings on the application might start.

However, he did guess roughly that television will be available here "in one to five years, though it will be less than five years."

Power of the station, he said, actually will be souped up by installation of a three-element transmission antenna on the Mt. Scott site.

Initially, all programming would

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Weather Popular Topic Maintains Forecast

CHICAGO (U.S. —) Everybody may not talk about the weather, but it still remains a popular topic, says a federal forecaster.

In 1954, he said, persons in a dozen of the nation's major cities, spent more money for telephone calls to get the automatic weather report than was spent by the federal government for the entire weather service. In Chicago alone there were about 19 million telephone calls.

Forecaster Charles R. Johnson said the Weather Bureau's appropriation last year was approximately 24 million dollars.

Johnson, who spoke at a meeting of the Illinois committee of the Chicago Assn. of Commerce, said forecasters have attained an "accuracy batting average" of 85 to 88 per cent. Because of new techniques and studies, he said, the chances are good forecasters will hit an even higher level of perfection.

City Manager Changes Funeral Escort Policy

The city of Roseburg is terminating a policy of allowing city policemen to escort funerals on city time, then making up their time in overtime after re-imbursement by mortuaries.

City Manager George Farrell explained the ruling will go into effect at the start of the next fiscal year, July 1. He said it was his belief that officers have no business taking free time during their shifts.

Charge to the mortuaries had been \$7.50 per funeral. The police department will perform the service free of charge hereafter.

be done in Medford, with the local station to pick up programs broadcast from KRES-TV, channel 5, the pilot station of Smullin's company. Facilities here would be reserved to showing of slides and films for local programs. Network programs and live studio broadcasting would emanate from Medford.

Smullin said the firm eventually might seek to build a studio in Roseburg, but there would be none for the time being. Pickup of

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Second TV Applicants Pursue Quest

The Southwest Oregon Television Broadcasting Corp. intends to pursue an application for a TV station at Roseburg on channel 4 "through to a successful conclusion," according to Noble Goettel, president.

The Roseburg man, in a statement this morning, said coverage by his firm's proposed station would be "ample for all viewers in Roseburg and Douglas County." His company was the second to file for channel 4 here (see above).

Major programming would be produced by KVAL-TV, Eugene, an affiliate of NBC and other major networks, plus regional programming "that would be of interest to Roseburg and Eugene areas."

He stated: "The company is primarily interested in serving viewers in Roseburg and Douglas County with the best available programming."

Further details, he said, may be announced later.

Goettel and other stockholders in the Southwest Oregon Television Broadcasting Corp. also are identified with Umpqua Radio & Television Co., which operates the TV cable system in Roseburg.

Toll Financing For Government Roads Suggested

WASHINGTON (U.S. —) A national toll highway network was proposed today as a substitute for a presidential commission's recommendation that the federal government build strategic roads.

H. E. Bay, recently resigned general manager of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, said the government financing plan would be used by "forces of reaction...to pass the buck to the federal government for responsibility for all classes of highways."

In an address prepared for a national road conference sponsored by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, he said that a 1929 report of the Bureau of Public Roads opposing toll financing had "delayed the development of a national trunk highway system for 15 years."

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, chairman of President Eisenhower's commission, told the conference at its opening session "toll roads are here to stay" but that he didn't think very much of toll financing.

Proposal For Irrigation Project Before Congress

WASHINGTON (U.S. —) A proposal for a \$518,000 irrigation project near Maupin, Ore., is before Congress.

Rep. Coon (R-Ore) asked for authorization of the Wapinitia Project, Juniper Division. It calls for storage of 12,000 acre feet of water through construction of a rock-fill dam at Clear Lake. Out of the lake flows Clear Creek, a tributary of the White River. The water would irrigate about 2,000 acres on Juniper Flat.

The Bureau of Reclamation has recommended the project, which would be paid for by water users over a period of 40 years. In addition to the irrigation project cost, expenditures of \$4,870 in recreation facilities is recommended.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

1954 was a prosperous year for moonshiners, who put the ax in tax by marketing an estimated 60,000,000 gallons of their ersatz "likker." The traffic still poses a herculean task for John Law to get them over a barrel.