

U. S. WILL DEFEND OFF-SHORE ISLANDS

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR By Paul Jenkins



THE BUILDING pictured above now houses the Sutherland branch of the Douglas County State Bank and extensive remodeling is under way which will allow for considerable enlargement of the bank's facilities. The structure was built forty or forty-five years ago, at any rate shortly after the town was platted. It's tenant was the late Mark Tisdale, who successfully operated a bank there until the early Thirties. Probably Mark never will be forgotten — certainly not by those who knew him personally. He had a host of sincere friends and, of course, quite a number of equally sincere (but misguided) enemies. His heart was as big as a barrel. Too big for a banker's, as subsequent unfortunate events brought to a climax by the severe depression following the 1929 financial "bust" proved. I never pass the corner there without thinking nostalgically of old Mark.

Culver's Market sign may be seen just back of the bank in the picture. Jack Culver, Sr., its overlord during the Thirties of which I speak (and for long before and after) owned an old red dog suffering with fleas and deafness and age, but whose pedigree, according to Jack, must have been more imposing than that of the Duke of Edinburgh's. He slept out in the street most of the time, which was relatively safe for him, what with hard times and whatnot keeping traffic down to a mere trickle.

I recall drifting into town from Oakland late one warm, sunny spring afternoon, wheeling lazily around the corner by the bank. You could have fired a blast of canister down the street — Central, I think it is — and never hit a man, or a car. However, Jack's dog might have been a casualty, he was asleep right in the middle of it. I drove right up to him and stopped, debating whether or not to get out and boot him over to the curb, or back up and drive around him. For I knew he was deaf and couldn't hear a horn, or a dozen of 'em. But a dream (or a flea, more likely) awoke him and, cocking one eye upward he saw me practically right on top of him. He got to his feet hastily, for him and took a few quick rheumatic leaps before realising, apparently, that there was nothing to be scared about. So, he retraced his way to the front of the car, casually defiled the left wheel and nonchalantly laid down in the exact spot from which he had risen, and went back to sleep. Heigho, those were the days.

Riddle Student Placed On Probation By Judge

A Riddle High School student charged with slashing a tire on a car belonging to Vice Principal Don Brown has been placed under probation by Judge Carl C. Hill. The action came Thursday in a juvenile court hearing, in which the boy admitted the act but it was done in a fit of pique because he could not attend a basketball game. School officials had barred the youth because of previous expulsion from school.

The judge tabbed the youth delinquent and warned him to stay out of more trouble.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

George Turnbull, whose sparkling gem-like editorials make the Albany Democrat-Herald one of Oregon's most dependably interesting newspapers, chose the other day to discuss what he calls the "old Charles A. Dana chestnuts."

"If a dog bites a man, it isn't news; but if a man bites a dog — unlimited space!"

And — "Whatever the good Lord allows to happen I am not too proud to print in my paper."

George says: "Neither of these, actually, rises to the stature of a journalistic rule. All Dana, famous New York Sun editor, was trying to do, probably, was to emphasize that the unusual is news and that Bryon had the right idea when he wrote: 'With or without consent of friends' (Continued On Page 4 Col. 6)

The Weather

Considerable low cloudiness and fog this afternoon and tonight. Saturday mostly cloudy with occasional rain.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 39
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 31
Highest temp. any Jan. 71
Lowest temp. any Jan. -6
Precip. last 24 hours .0
Precip. from Jan. 1 2.93
Precip. from Sept. 1 12.52
Deficiency from Sept. 1 5.11
Sunset tonight, 5:20 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:32 a.m.

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Coal Deposits Reportedly Located West Of Riddle; Mining Company Formed

Two men have formed a coal mining company to mine what they consider a major coal deposit on the eastern edge of Coos County, bordering Douglas County.

The two are Roy Rannels of Riddle and A. A. Robbins. They have formed an operation called the Peacock Coal Co. They describe their finding as the "best ever uncovered in the Northwest."

Actually, the location of the deposit in the Eden Ridge of the Coast Range 40 miles west of Riddle has been known for several years. The U.S. Geological Survey has had a survey bulletin on file for some time, and last October, Dr. Ewart M. Baldwin, assistant professor of geology at the University of Oregon and Linn Hoover, geologist for the USGS, took a reconnaissance trip over the area.

The M. K. Hanna Co. also has tests on the deposit. Spokesmen for both Hanna Co. and the USGS in Portland were considerably less positive about the commercial value of the deposit than the men involved.

The spokesman for the USGS said, "It might cost more to take the coal out than it is worth." He said he doubted that the deposit could compete with the coal fields in the Coos Bay area because the latter are more accessible.

A banner story in the Myrtle Creek Mail this week, however, was far less conservative on the possibilities. It said the discovery had a probable value of "more than \$40 million in quality bituminous coal," including a 10-foot ledge which has coking qualities.

The story says the search for the coal beds began last spring when Robbins, an ex-coal miner and prospector, found some hard coal in the stream bed of the south fork of the Coquille River.

The Mail said he had it analyzed (Continued on Page 2 Col. 2)



POLICE CHIEF James Haun took over at Myrtle Creek as permanent head of the police force this week. He was hired as chief after acting in the capacity for several weeks. He succeeds Harry Clemons who resigned. (Paul Jenkins Picture)

Officers Seeking Lead To Slaying Of S. Rubinstein

NEW YORK — Police turned to glamour girls Friday to help them solve the mystery slaying of millionaire draft dodger Serge Rubinstein — man of "many enemies."

Virtually without clues, they hoped the beauties he sought to exclusive nightspots could throw light on who might have hated enough to kill.

They particularly wanted to learn the identity of two men who reportedly trailed the 46-year-old financier and his brunette companion from one of the night spots only hours before he was slain in his fortress-like Fifth Avenue mansion early Thursday.

Business associates said Rubinstein developed a roster of bitter foes in his highly competitive stock deals. One friend vowed it was a "paid killing."

Employees at Nino's La Rue, a supper place, said two "rough looking" (Continued On Page 2 Col. 4)

Life In Darkest Africa Subject Of Dinner Guest

Umpqua Valley Knife and Fork Club members are promised the amazing story of life in darkest Africa Wednesday night when Rebecca Meyer speaks at a dinner meeting in the Roseburg Elks Ballroom.

A traveler, lecturer and author, the speaker has been acclaimed America's most notable authority on Africa from its rural villages to modern cities, according to Harold Augustus, vice president of the local club.

The dinner meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

Huge Federal Timber Sales Being Planned

Federal agencies plan to sell about 378 million board feet of timber in the Douglas County area during 1955.

Sales by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service were outlined at a meeting Thursday night at the courthouse in Roseburg under the sponsorship of the Western Forest Industries Assn.

Few timber operators were on hand to hear reports by James W. Watts, BLM district forester, and Vondis E. Miller, supervisor for the Umpqua National Forest, and staff members. The meeting was conducted by Jim Stubbs, field director of Western Forest Industries.

About 117 million feet of timber will be offered by BLM throughout the county and, in line with the policy of recent years, much of it will be salvage.

About 261 million will be offered by the Forest Service in 53 sales. Last year's totals ran about 272 million in 152 sales.

By the very nature of the check-board lands dealt with, BLM sales will be smaller, averaging about 2 and one-third million per sale. The largest will be about 12 million (Rock Creek unit). The largest Forest Service sale will run about 26 million board feet (North Umpqua District).

Besides outlines of plans in various units, an insight into the great amount of planning needed was given by Bud Vladimiroff, assistant to Watts.

Some of the main factors considered in drawing up the overall plan are those of access, location of the land, rights of way, topography, condition of the timber, available cut, watershed protection, fire hazards and whether it

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Trip-Taking Girl Sent To Correctional School

One of two 17-year-old girls accused of making an extended trip with three men, two of them married, has been directed to a private school for girls, at least temporarily.

Judge Carl C. Hill took the action Thursday after determining the girl's home life was not conducive to adequate rehabilitation. The girl, charged with vagrancy did not enter into check-passing and other criminal activities of the group during an eight-day trip throughout western and midwestern states, it was brought out.

The three men each received two-year prison sentences this week in circuit court. They were charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors. The other girl was granted probation in California.

BOYS ON PROBATION

Three young boys, two 12 and one 13 years old, were placed on probation in juvenile court Thursday after a hearing before Judge Carl C. Hill. The judge endeavored to impress upon the boys the necessity for living by the rules of society. He told them he does not want to see them in court again. They were charged with burglary and destruction of property on the Dawson Ranch east of Roseburg on Jan. 9.

American Aircraft Posed For Immediate Strike In Asia If Communists Attack

By JOHN RANDOLPH

TOKYO (AP) — American aircraft in the Far East have been deployed to strike the Communists from Alaska to the Philippines at a moment's notice if the Reds start a real war over the Formosan crisis, a responsible American said in Tokyo Friday.

"We are as alert as we can be—we are ready to go to war this minute," he said.

And that war would inevitably be atomic unless a political decision in Washington withheld the A-bombs.

The source declined use of his name. He has access to official thinking. He rounded out a mobilization picture that has been forming in the Far East the past week.

Some details are already known, and some are still secret. Taken together, the new and old information adds up to something like this:

1. The United States will never go to war in the Far East unless forced into it by Communist attack.

2. The United States does not

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Thomas States Navy Not Ready For All-Out War

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Navy Thomas told Congress Friday the Navy can "adequately cope with any local naval actions" in the narrow Formosan Straits, but is not ready for "a major conflict."

The secretary did not elaborate on Formosa, in a statement prepared for the House Armed Services Committee. But presumably he meant that fleet units could handle foreseeable Communist submarine and air attacks that might be thrown at them in the area.

"If a major conflict should occur now or in the future," he said, "this (current) naval program is still destined to withstand the initial onslaught, to contribute immediately to the nation's retaliatory power, and to provide a base for full and rapid mobilization."

"The Navy at present strength can, in my opinion, adequately cope with any local naval actions with respect to the limited area of the Formosan Straits," the secretary said.

Thomas and his military chiefs, briefing the committee on Navy-Marine strength, all said they would accept proposed manpower cuts but were not enthusiastic about them.

The administration's new "long-haul" program would reduce Navy strength by 62,000 men and the Marines by 31,000 by mid-1956. The program has been supported before the committee by Secretary of Defense Wilson and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Democrats Force Through Dixon-Yates Rescinder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats Friday forced through the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee a resolution calling on the Atomic Energy Commission to cancel the Dixon-Yates power contract.



EUGENE FISHER heads new association

County School Board Association Formed Thursday

A Douglas County School Board Assn. was formed Thursday night during a meeting of board members and administrators representing most school districts. About 60 attended.

Eugene Fisher of Elkton, who acted as temporary chairman to inaugurate the meeting, was elected president for a two-year term. Others elected were Fred Albertus of Dillard, vice president, and Kenneth F. Barneburg, secretary.

The action followed a discussion and explanation of the Oregon School Board Assn. by Fisher and by Dr. Paul Jacobson, dean of the University of Oregon School of Education.

Dr. Jacobson also discussed legislation proposed by the OSBA pertaining to education. Several measures endorsed by the state government met the approval of the Douglas County organization.

The next local association meeting will be called by the executive committee. Dillard school officials extended an invitation for the next session to be held at Douglas High School. Thursday night's organizational meeting was at Fullerton School, Roseburg.

Upset Truck Trailer Ties Up Highway Traffic

Highway 99 traffic was tied up periodically for three hours Thursday night when a Consolidated Freightways truck trailer upset about a mile south of Drain.

Deputy Sheriff John McCool said the truck driver, Robert Tice of Portland, was not hurt. The truck was hauling a load of empty flat-bed trailers, which scattered over the highway when binder chains broke.

The accident occurred about 6 p.m. The highway was completely cleared by about 9 p.m.

Students Speeding Efforts In March Of Dimes Drive

With the deadline for the March of Dimes campaign a matter of hours away, students of two competing high schools worked at full steam today to top their own and the nation's records for funds collected to aid the fight against polio.

Roseburg High School reported a total of \$3,427.22 Friday morning with the breakdown of classes: reading: seniors — \$1,241.02; juniors — \$939.22; freshmen — \$790.50; sophomores — \$352.48; and all others (organizations, clubs) \$104. The principal Harry Capala stated today that the per capita total at the present figures stands at \$2.85.

Douglas High School's report for the day was still incomplete, but their big drive takes place tonight and Saturday, with a 5 to 7 p.m. dinner being one of the major money-getters. The dinner, featuring an "all-round" menu of spaghetti, meatballs, vegetables and dessert, will swell the fund, and will be followed by a basketball game at 7:30.

The game, between faculty and varsity teams, will be played under revised rules, which will allow a breather for the faculty, according to Principal David Potter. Substitutions for failing faculty members will also be allowed.

Britain, U. S. Invite China To Peace Talk

Pullout From Tachens Now Awaits Approval Of Congress' Action

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — A high U. S. source said Friday he thought American support would be extended to the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, and conceded that agreement in principle had been reached on evacuation of the Red-threatened Tachen Islands.

He said that in event of a clash with the Communists he was in favor of giving the commander opposing them full power "without any privileged sanctuaries."

The Tachens are 200 miles north of Formosa and about 20 miles off the Red mainland. They are under direct threat of Red artillery on newly-captured Yikingshan Island and have been under heavy air bombardment.

The Matsu group is 100 miles northwest of Formosa and 20 miles off the coast. Quemoy, the main Nationalist offshore outpost, is 120 miles across the Formosa Strait from Formosa and seven miles from the Red port of Amoy.

Final decision on a pullout from the Tachens apparently awaits congressional approval of President Eisenhower's fight-if-we-must Formosa policy.

LONDON (AP) — Official British informants said Friday Britain and the United States have agreed to invite Communist China to a United Nations Security Council meeting for discussion of a cease fire in the China fighting.

These responsible informants said New Zealand, in agreement with Britain and the United States, will ask the Security Council to meet Monday to consider extending the invitation to the Peiping regime.

The United States and Nationalist China were reported ready to participate in the discussions with the Chinese Reds.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is expected to ask India's Prime Minister Nehru to use his influence with the Chinese Reds to get them to accept a Security Council invitation. Nehru is due here Saturday to attend the commonwealth prime ministers conference opening in London Monday.

Formosa Defense Policy Measure Pends In Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders pressed today for quick approval of President Eisenhower's Formosa defense policy, but critics indicated they wanted to do some more talking.

"I think the vote must come today," said Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader. "It would be a psychological victory to continue the delay."

He thus took the same line as that voiced yesterday by Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. George told the Senate it should not use "trifling amendments" or long delays to rob the resolution of its psychological impact.

The resolution, which would give advance approval to the measures Eisenhower deems necessary to protect Formosa and the Pescadore Islands, passed the House Tuesday 409-3.

That the senate will also approve was conceded by almost everyone. The only question was when.

LOSES JACKET

A YMCA basketball player lost a brand-new jacket Wednesday night while he was playing basketball at Central Junior High School. Dan Arensmeyer, a high school student, said the jacket was red and gray plaid.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Many an unruly lad doesn't ultimately paddle his own canoe on a straight course because he wasn't paddled at home when he needed it.



NEW BRIDGE SHAPES UP—Deck on the new Winchester Bridge has been completed, and bridge construction crews are mopping up ends of their work in preparation for completion of the bridge about March 1. The bridge may be put to use about that date, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock reportedly is studying feasibility of allowing traffic on relocated highway as far as Garden Valley Road. Meanwhile, the picturesque old bridge at left remains in use for Highway 99 traffic. Deck of new bridge is 30 feet wide and will eliminate cramped space of old bridge. (Paul Jenkins photo)

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ASSESSOR AT SALEM

Douglas County Assessor Morris Bowker went to Salem Friday for a meeting of the legislative committee of the Oregon Assn. of County Assessors, which he heads. He expects to return Saturday.

DEFENDANT FAVORED

A district court jury Thursday returned a verdict for the defendant, William Gaubert, in a civil suit in which plaintiffs Jack Ullam and James Roach sought \$700 allegedly due on a promissory note.