

OFFSHORE ISLANDS' POLICY BEING PREPARED



THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH was pointed up by these three men Monday as part of a celebration of the seven years of YMCA activity in Roseburg. Raymond Wilder, center, was the featured personality both at a Chamber of Commerce forum at noon and the annual YMCA meeting at night. Flanking him at left is Ira Byrd, retiring "Y" president, and at right Don Naden, general secretary. (Paul Jenkins picture)



HEADS YMCA—Richard Turley Monday night was elected president for 1955 of the YMCA. Other officers named were: Harry Hill, vice president; Truman Goodwin, secretary; Don Reed, treasurer; and Ira Byrd, Richard Gilman, Goodwin, O. J. Feldkamp, Reed, Everett Wime and Turley, directors. (Paul Jenkins picture)

Different Styling Is Used In New Phone Directory

A local industry receives recognition on the front cover of the 1955 Roseburg and vicinity telephone directory, according to J. S. McGuire, district manager for the Pacific Telephone Co.

The traditional representation of the "spirit of communication" has given way to a picture of a typical logging operation on the metropolitan-sized book, McGuire said. Initial distribution of 11,000 copies will begin on Thursday and will be handled by Roseburg employees of the Products Development Corp.

Over 544 tons of paper were required to turn out the 19,000 copies of the issue, McGuire said. Eight thousand copies will be kept on hand to meet customer requirements throughout the year. The telephone manager said increased size of the book permits larger, more readable type and a third column of listings on each page.

Winston-Dillard customers are so identified, although their numbers are listed under Roseburg, Camas Valley, Glendale and Oakland. Sutherland numbers are listed in separate sections.

Street addresses for Sutherland are given for those listing within the city limits, and a map of Roseburg and vicinity appears for the first time on the last page of the alphabetical section.

Alphabetical listings have been increased almost 1,000 over last year, and the classified section now lists 715 different products and services, according to McGuire.

Vernon Ward Pays Fine, Immediately Rearrested

They caught Vernon Walter Ward, Rt. 1 Box 780, dead to rights Monday afternoon.

Ward, 32, had just paid a \$50 fine and given a two-day suspended jail sentence by Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff for driving while his driver's license was revoked.

Then the judge and his staff watched through the courthouse windows while Ward went to the parking lot, climbed in his car and drove off.

A deputy sheriff had him back in court moments later. The penalty this time: Five days in jail.

Clarence Franklin Hogsett, 26, Roseburg, spent two days in the county jail over the weekend after pleading guilty to the same charge before Judge Woodruff Saturday.

The Weather

Showers with mixed rain and snow with partial clearing this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with scattered showers. Colder.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	49
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	31
Highest temp. any Feb.	79
Lowest temp. any Feb.	7
Precip. last 24 hours	.30
Precip. from Jan. 1	3.23
Precip. from Sept. 1	12.89
Deficiency from Sept. 1	5.25
Sunset tonight, 5:25 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:28 a.m.	

Youth Project Vital, YMCA Leader States

By GEORGE CASTILLO
City Editor, News-Review

Youth is the most important civic project a community can have, said YMCA man Raymond Wilder at the seventh annual Roseburg YMCA meeting Monday night.

About 45 people who apparently agreed with him turned out at the Presbyterian Church to take stock of itself. A bulky list of activities over the last year made the inventory look healthy.

The Portland man did a yeoman's job of bolstering the stock-taking ceremony. At the same time, he urged workers in the YMCA program to continued effort.

He congratulated the workers, and then analyzed the reasons they found YMCA work so satisfying. Beside the local YMCA program being directed on the Roseburg level, it is part of a philosophy which is interdenominational, international and Christian. "It is a workshop for Christian living," he said.

He urged the organization to "march forward."

It was a timely command with the YMCA membership drive just around the corner. Drive Chairman William Green said a kickoff meeting of campaign workers is scheduled Thursday. The drive will then continue through Feb. 14.

The goal is 400 memberships (new and renewals) and \$3,000. Treasurer Don Reed said only \$1,162 remains in the coffers.

On the lighter side, the diet of reports and speeches was brightened by selections by an accordion trio (Pat Niday, LaVelle Gladwill, Marjorie Gladwill).

Motel Owners Organize For Mutual Benefit Here

A group of motel owners in Roseburg has organized with the first project the location of highway signs in the area. Another meeting will be held Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at the North Roseburg Sanitary District office at Alameda and Vine Streets.

The group will be known as the Douglas County Motor Court Assn. Charter memberships came from Parkrose Motel, Rose City Motel, Pleasant Motel Court, Rolling Hills Motel, Rose-Elita Lodge, Shamrock Motel and Straub's Court.

Elected president was Herb Willson, manager at Rose-Elita Lodge. Other officers are: Vic Straub, Straub's Court, vice president, and Ed Fraback, Shamrock Motel, secretary-treasurer.

BOY, 15, JAILED

A 15-year-old Winston boy posted \$20 bail Monday in district court and was freed after sheriff's deputies charged him with being drunk and a vagrant. He was turned over to the county juvenile officer.

Senator's Wife Is Taken To Task For Criticism Of Living Conditions At Salem

By ESTHER GEDDES
Special From Legislature

I seem to have been gently but firmly taken to task by a master, Charles Sprague, former governor and editor and publisher of the Oregon Statesman has done me the honor of disagreeing with me in his editorial column. What he specifically objected to was my column in the News-Review last week in which I took a swing at Salem landlords who somehow give the impression of hoping to get rich off the Legislature. A very normal

However, because the readers of Mr. Sprague's editorial might quite easily get the impression that I have a chip on my shoulder in reference to our host city, I have broken my long abstinence from writing "letters to the editor" hoping to have the last word in his column.

I wrote to Mr. Sprague to tell him and Salem sincerely what I should have made more evident in my column, that I consider Salem one of my favorite cities

and have gone on record thanking Salemites for their gracious treatment for the swarm of legislative locusts who descend on this otherwise peaceful oasis.

I certainly did not intend to be naive about costs of living. I know that demand exceeding supply causes increase in price. It was never thus. And Salem is not unique. Friends of ours in Sacramento tell us that they avoid eating out during the legislative session because prices in restaurants sky rocket. Other cities report similar raises in food and lodging costs—perhaps justified by the temporariness of the use.

I did not check the hotels for statistics about costs. Parly because they might think me quite unfriendly and partly because I depended more on personal testimony. Like a lot of people during the last election, I heard the same statements and indictments so many times that I accepted them as truth without checking for myself. I do know that we had the

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Eleven Children, Father Die In Tenement Fire

AMSTERDAM, N. Y. (AP) — Eleven children and a father were trapped and killed Tuesday when an oil-fueled fire raged through a brick tenement house in this Mohawk River industrial city.

Among the dead were Juan Rivera and his five children. The casualties included five injured persons.

Police said an oil heater overflowed in one of the eight apartments and started a fire that exploded an oil drum in the cellar of the two-story building about 12:55 a.m.

The tragedy numbed Amsterdam's 32,500 residents, already groggy from an industrial blow. Last Saturday, the Bigelow-Sandford Carpet Co. announced it would close its century-old plant and throw approximately 1,550 out of work.

Amsterdam is 35 miles west of Albany. The children ranged in age from six months to 14 years. The 12 who perished raised the nation's fire toll this week to 47 in six states.

Ten families lived in the eight apartments in the tenement, an old building not far from the railroad tracks. Ten of the 22 occupants escaped.

Many fled in their nightclothes into a snowstorm and sub-freezing temperatures. Police and firemen rescued others. Neighbors took them in.

The barking of two dogs also saved lives.

Wilder Solicits Businessmen's Aid In Youth Program

Roseburg Chamber of Commerce members Monday noon were told that youth constitutes one of business' greatest assets in a community.

Speaking in the Umpqua Hotel at the weekly chamber forum, Raymond Wilder of Portland called on businessmen here to take an active part in shaping programs of youth organizations and to accept leadership responsibilities seriously.

Wilder is associate general secretary of the Portland YMCA, and has been in "Y" work for 35 years.

He said he was shocked once to learn that there are 2,000 juvenile gangs in the United States. But studying the figures, he declared, he found "innumerable" other "gangs" — those who are members of such organizations as YMCA, Boy and Girl Scouts, Catholic Youth Organization and others.

They are leading the way in cultivating an ideal of one nation under God," Wilder said, recognizing that every man's occupation is a vocation. "The test, he said, is what a man's occupation brings to society."

Youth organizations, as found in this country, are a direct product of a capitalistic society," he stated, and compared youth groups to those in Red-dominated countries.

Wilder said because services of the groups are "free and independent," they should have the unqualified support of businessmen.

He credited YMCA with organizing sports and camping programs, and said new programs in government and management now are being fostered by chapters in the country.

William Ledford Killed In Woods Accident Monday

Douglas County's first logging fatality of the year was recorded about noon Monday when William Howard Ledford, 32, was crushed by a sliding log.

The accident occurred north of the North Umpqua Highway in the Rock Creek area east of Glendale, Corner L. L. Powers reports.

The coroner said Ledford, an employee of UPCO, Umpqua Plywood's logging operation, was hit by a falling tree which slid down another.

Ledford and Joe M. Griffin were falling a tree, but Ledford went on to start on another while Griffin finished the first. Ledford was struck by the tree felled by Griffin, Powers said. Griffin had yelled "timber!" before the tree fell, but heard no outcry from Ledford, Powers said.

Ledford was born Sept. 8, 1922, at Hayesville, N.C., and came to Douglas County about seven years ago. He was a former resident of Myrtle Creek, living there until three years ago when he moved to Glendale. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Glendale, the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Myrtle Creek, the Eagles Lodge of Myrtle Creek and of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Vader, Wash.

Surviving are his wife, Jessie, Glendale; a son, David; his father, three brothers, Robert, Myrtle Creek; four sisters, Mrs. William (Emma) Enlow of Durham, N.C., Mrs. Beulah Gibson of Hayesville, Mrs. Leona McClure and Mrs. Kate Chastine, both of Crenshaw, N.C.

The body was removed to The Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Bonneville Power Line Extension Clearing Slated

First right-of-way clearing for Bonneville Power Administration's 23-mile Reston-McKinley 230,000 volt transmission line is expected to start early this month.

This was the announcement made today by Loren A. Moore, acting district manager in Eugene.

Contract for clearing six miles of right-of-way beginning about five miles west of Reston in Douglas County and extending to the vicinity of Sitkum in Coos County has been awarded to F. E. Wilder, Olympia, on his low bid of \$102,980. Work includes access roads, felling dangerous trees and seeding of cleared portions to minimize soil erosion and noxious weed growth.

Moore said: "Award of the clearing job marks the first step toward construction of a 230,000-volt wood pole and steel tower transmission line from J. P. Alvey substation near Eugene to the vicinity of 'McKinley.' He said it would mean 'added service to southwest Oregon."

The line and a step-down substation at McKinley will complete facilities for a high capacity power interchange tie with the California Oregon Power Co., he said. He continued that it would boost the power supply to Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, the Douglas Electric Cooperative, city of Bend, Central Lincoln PUD and Pacific Power and Light Co.

Moore said the 230,000-volt transmission line together with the substation facilities is scheduled for initial energization at 115,000 volts in 1957, with conversion to 230,000-volt operation in 1958.

F. E. Wilder expects to complete clearing in about seven months.

Oakland March Of Dimes Dinner Is February 7

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce March of Dimes smorgasbord dinner at the Veterans Hall is scheduled Monday, Feb. 7, instead of last night as reported in Monday's News-Review.

The annual big event is always held on the first Monday of February. It is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and veterans' organizations. Dinner will be served by the American Legion Auxiliary and Beta Pi Sorority, reports correspondent Edith Dunn.

Hibbard Asks Hearing On Charge Brought Here

Gordon Burton Hibbard, 21, of 644 Ave. A., Roseburg, asked preliminary hearing Monday after his arrest Saturday by state police on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

Officers accused him of knowingly possessing a power saw stolen from Len L. Hall. Hibbard was freed after posting \$500 bail bond.

British Hold Off On Cease Fire For U.N. Action

LONDON (AP) — The commonwealth prime ministers were reported to have decided Tuesday to hold off independent efforts to bring about a China cease fire pending the outcome of action by the United Nations Security Council to this end.

The Security Council voted in New York Monday to invite Red China to join in talks aimed at halting the fighting in the Formosa area.

Diplomatic informants said the commonwealth prime ministers now expect Red China to accept the U.N. bid. But most of the leaders in conference here were said to be pessimistic about the prospects of success.

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Douglas, Roseburg High Schools Break Record In Polio Funds Collection

By CHUCK GRELL
Staff Writer, News-Review

Two Douglas County high schools broke what probably is an all-time record for high schools anywhere for collection of money in an appeal for charitable purposes Monday.

After a week-long effort in behalf of the March of Dimes, Douglas and Roseburg high schools had accumulated \$12,127.36.

Each probably is a national champion. KRXL announcer Del McKay, who organized competition between the schools, put it this way:

"I don't think any school in the country can match Douglas' per capita donation, nor any school in the country can match Roseburg's total donation."

The 437 students at Douglas collected \$3,325.38, an average of \$7.60-plus per student. Roseburg, with an enrollment of 1,220, amassed the amazing total of \$8,801.98, or \$7.21 a student.

All work in behalf of the appeal was done in the spare time of students. One rule of the competition was that the young people weren't to skip classes to collect donations.

Nor were they allowed to solicit money, but could offer their services for cash. They did that through car washes, food sales, breakfasts and dinners, etc.

A 22-inch trophy sponsored by McKay goes to Douglas for its efforts, for the contest was run on a per capita basis. It was awarded at an assembly at the school at Brookway this morning.

McKay sponsored two other trophies. The class turning in the most money at each of the two schools each won one.

At Douglas, it was the 11th-graders, who counted up \$333.48. The seniors at Roseburg totaled \$2,700. (Continued on Page 2 Col. 6)

Red Cross Slates Informal Meeting Series

People in Douglas County connected with the American Red Cross are certain they have an organization which fills a need and serves that need staunchly. But they are not so sure everyone knows fully either about the need or the service.

So, this Friday, the county chapter will launch a series of public meetings designed to show what the Red Cross means and how it serves the community. The Friday meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in the chapter headquarters in the Roseburg Armory, and everyone is invited.

Mrs. Mildred Herman, executive secretary reports three such public meetings will be scheduled through February and March.

The Friday meeting will feature Brig. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher (Ret.) who will speak on the broad aspects of Red Cross work. He is national vice chairman for membership and funds. Others speaking will be Mrs. Walter Brittle, blood recruitment chairman; R. Glen Brady, first aid chairman; Leon Mulkey, water safety chairman; and Mrs. Ward Raymond, gray lady chairman; and Mrs. Jess Bowman, home service chairman.

Mrs. Ray O. Young, second vice-chairman will preside.

Exhibits of Junior Red Cross work will be prepared by Miss Ruth Swinney. The production department will be represented by Mrs. S. E. Wilhelmy.

County Assessors Reveal Feeling Tax Commission Is Encroaching On Counties

County assessors in Oregon have taken a stand against a feeling that the State Tax Commission is "encroaching to too great an extent upon county functions," and have put out recommendations to the Legislature on several matters of taxation now in that assembly.

Morris Bowker, Douglas County assessor and chairman of the legislative committee of the Oregon County Assessors Assn., said the feeling was expressed in a meeting of the committee over the weekend.

A letter with that expression has been sent to legislators. Bowker said the committee didn't approve the comments contained in the letter, but said "I believe it correctly expresses the majority opinion and general feeling of the group."

He added: "The action on specific bills and proposals follows a clearly discernible pattern."

The committee recommended against passage of six house bills, one senate bill and two proposals which haven't been put into either hopper. Recommendations for passage went out for five house bills, five senate bills and four proposals.

The letter went on to say: "The operative phase of any program should be in the county, and the present trend of the Tax Commission to become both operative and supervisory should be reversed."

"The feeling exists that the Tax Commission is encroaching to too great an extent upon county functions, and cooperation should be stressed rather than arbitrary direction."

Bowker said the committee could see no necessity of "expanding the present duties and powers of the Tax Commission and was fully satisfied that sufficient authority now exists in the commission to perform its duties and to attain the ultimate object of correct assessment and assessment procedure."

Here are some of the measures recommended against by the committee:

House Bill 41 and House Bill (Continued on Page 2 Col. 8)

Nationalists, Reds Battle In Sea War

Communist Warships Ploof Yushan, Then Flee From Defenders

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — An American source Tuesday said the finishing touches to an agreed announcement clarifying the status of the Nationalist Chinese offshore island outposts is being hammered out in Washington.

The report came on the heels of a Defense Ministry announcement that four Communist warships shelled Nationalist Yushan island, 30 miles northeast of the explosive Tachens, then fled under strong fire from the defenders.

The ministry also said a lone Nationalist warship fought a 76-minute battle with several Red warships 25 miles northeast of the Tachens Tuesday, and forced them to flee. No damage to either side was reported, nor was the number of Communist vessels involved disclosed.

The source spoke shortly after U. S. Ambassador Karl L. Rankin conferred at length with Shen Chang-Huan, acting foreign minister.

Presumably the Washington announcement would spell out what the United States intends to do about the Tachens, as well as such other island outposts as Quemoy and Matsu.

The U. S. 7th Fleet, with the added support of swift Air Force Sabre jets, is standing by in the Formosa area, awaiting orders to help the nationalists evacuate some 30,000 troops and civilians from the Tachens, 300 miles to the north.

The order to start the evacuation was reported held up because the Nationalists don't want to abandon the Tachens before they have assurances the United States will help defend other island outposts off the Red mainland.

Even if an agreement is reached in Washington, it does not necessarily mean the Tachens evacuation would get underway immediately.

Other factors, such as the possibility of a cease fire, could bring about more delays.

Peiping Radio, heard in Tokyo, gave no indication that the Chinese Reds would agree to a cease fire, which they have opposed as bitterly as the Nationalists.

The Red attack on Yushan was the latest of a series of flareups in the sensitive Tachens area.

Scheduled Trips Make Traveling To Toketee Better

People at Toketee Falls will find the travel easier from above Apple Creek to Roseburg on the North Umpqua Highway if they set up a schedule for the trips after Feb. 7.

Ed Funderburk, owner of Funderburk Construction Co., which is contracting a road building job in the area, said the highway would be opened for traffic once midweek and on the weekends. During other times in the week, traffic will be restricted except for emergency situations. The schedule becomes effective Feb. 7.

Funderburk said the schedule was worked out at a meeting among personnel of the company, the Bureau of Public Roads, Morrison-Knudsen and California Oregon Power Co. Under the arrangement, the highway will be open from 7:30 a.m. Wednesday to 7:30 a.m. Thursday during the week. On weekends, it will be open to unrestricted traffic from midnight Friday to 7:30 a.m. Monday.

The portion of road being effected by the construction is a five-mile section from Steamboat Creek to Apple Creek. The old road is being built into an extension of the North Umpqua Highway.

After several complaints about the situation recently, the Bureau of Public Roads last week advised that Funderburk had been directed to schedule work a week in advance so motorists could adjust their schedules. At that time, the BPR said a 3,000-foot section causing the most difficulty would be completed in about two months. Funderburk Monday said the schedule would continue for about that length of time.

Lester Roy Seiber, 39, Held For Felony Threat

Lester Roy Seiber, 39, arrested Friday by the sheriff's office, has waived preliminary hearing and has been committed to jail in lieu of payment of \$1,000 bail on a charge of threatening the commission of a felony.

The complaint against the Myrtle Creek man was signed by his wife, who said Seiber threatened to kill her.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

If the Legislature fails to find an acceptable way to raise more revenue, the task might be turned over to an inflexible agency—a mothers' march on a state-wide basis.