

ATOMIC BLAST DAZZLES SEVERAL STATES

Plans To Reverse One-Way Streets, Set New Arterial Up To City Council Tonight

A proposal to reverse the directions of Roseburg's one-way streets and to make Oak Street a two-way midtown arterial will be recommended to the City Council tonight.

City Manager George Farrell said he would bring the matter up before the council.

The proposal, he said, stems from the recent recommendations of the State Highway Commission for street improvements in Roseburg. Highway engineers, in their report, suggested the eventual turnabout of directions on the streets.

The engineers said the reversal should come in two stages:

1. Of the north-south streets after completion of a one-way approach through the city on Rose and Stephens streets.

2. Of the east-west streets on completion of a projected bridge and overpass of the South Umpqua River and Southern Pacific tracks.

Farrell said the proposal to be presented tonight had been sent to the engineers to test feasibility, but no answer has been received.

Other Business Stated

Pressure against the present directions of the streets mounted among Roseburg business people soon after the one-way street grid system was started in December 1952. Though protests had diminished in the ensuing two years, opposition had been apparent throughout the period.

The council will take up several other items of business during the evening.

Among them, the council will consider a policy on liquor-by-the-drink applications and is expected to act on the application of Swede's Tavern, 117 N. Stephens St., which has been up for council consideration in the last two meetings and tabled both times.

Public hearings will be held on the proposed Terrace Avenue street improvement assessments and on rezoning of property west of the Oak Street bridge from residential to business.

Fresh Volcanic Danger Menaces Hawaiian Area

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP) — The threat of violent new volcanic outbursts hung like a dark cloud today over the danger-filled lava fields of eastern Hawaii Island.

Earthquakes of diminishing intensity jolted the area throughout Sunday. They rumbled along the 20-mile slope from Kilauea crater to the active volcano fields on Puna Peninsula.

Volcanologist Gordon A. MacDonald said Pahoa — its villagers packed and ready to run if a big eruption burst forth — "is still not out of danger, but things are definitely looking better."

He said volcanoes may continue to pop up in the devastated Puna area "for days, weeks, even months."

A week of fiery eruptions has driven 600 persons from their homes. Lava flows have scorched and destroyed a number of small towns and villages.

U. N. Censures Israeli For Attack On Egyptians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has been charged by the U.N. Mixed Armistice Commission as a "brutal" aggressor who deliberately attacked Egyptian forces in the Gaza Strip a week ago.

The armistice group said the bloody assault in which 38 Egyptians and 8 Israelis died violated the 1949 Palestine truce agreement.

The commission's ruling Saturday heightened speculation at U.N. headquarters in New York that the Security Council would vote similar censure against Israel when it takes up the explosive issue again next week.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Trivia from Washington — via the teletype:

The house postoffice committee has approved and sent to the house floor a bill that would give 500,000 postal workers pay increases averaging 7 1/2 per cent.

It is estimated that the bill, if it is enacted into law, will cost the government 130 million dollars a year.

I don't doubt that the postal workers need the raise. Everybody needs a raise. I could use one myself.

But —

D'ya reckon congress, if it legislates the up in pay, will have the courage to raise postal rates? Or will it figure that it's easier to take it out of the taxpayers' pockets?

More trivia:

The same committee of the house of representatives will begin hearing

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The Weather

Fair tonight. Becoming cloudy with a few showers on Tuesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 59

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 26

Highest temp. any March 85

Lowest temp. any March 18

Precip. last 24 hours 0

Precip. from March 1 4.5

Precip. from Sept. 1 15.10

Deficiency from Sept. 1 7.53

Sunrise tonight, 6:07 a.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:13 a.m.

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David S. Harder, 13, Killed In Traffic

Boy's Bicycle Hits Auto Near Winchester

A teen-age bicycle rider became Douglas County's sixth traffic fatality for 1955 Saturday.

David Steven Harder, 13, died about 1 p.m. State police said the youth apparently pulled directly in front of a car driven by Ralph Church, Winchester. The accident took place about one half mile south of the Winchester bridge on new highway 99. No citations were issued.

Officers said Harder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harder, 1325 Hazel St., Roseburg, was riding along the road with Allan Clair Ford. The boys were on a Boy Scout exercise to win merit

Equitable Tax, Increased Membership Objectives Of County's Trailer Group

The Douglas County chapter of the Organized Trailer Owners of Oregon is launching a full scale effort during the coming month to increase its membership.

Vice President Richard Firman Sr., Roseburg, told some 30 trailerites attending a meeting Sunday at the Roseburg Labor Temple that the only way for them to fight anti-trailer pressure groups was "through our organization."

The owners appeared to agree.

In other business the mobile home dwellers placed value of a suggested educational program for other trailer folk. Firman pointed out a statewide organization was advantageous in effecting legislation favorable to them.

A committee will be appointed for the organization's membership to work with state legislative committees if the OTO's bill currently before the legislature is defeated. "It is unacceptable to the tax commission and the secretary of state currently," Firman said, "and may be defeated."

The trailer owners hope to work up a compromise bill on equitable taxation. Firman said previous information received concerning a bill relating to trailers to be introduced by the Oregon State Highway Commission was erroneous. The bill calls for licensing of trailers by length and not weight. Firman said. He added the change proposed was \$15 for the mobile units under 60 feet and \$25 for those over.

Persons interested in the work of the Organized Trailer Owners of Oregon should call Firman at OR 2-1519 or Mrs. Florence Pitt at OR 2-2422. Mrs. Pitt is president of the group. She presided over the Sunday session.

Overheated Stove Blamed

The fire which burned the Rose home Sunday on Lander's Lane caused an estimated \$3,500 damage, according to Winston-Dillard Fire Chief Robert Nichols. Chief Nichols told Winston-News-Review Correspondent Mrs. Ted Peterson that the fire was caused by an overheated stove. Rose, his wife and two small children were not home when the blaze started around 11 a.m.

Only things saved from the fire were a sow and her litter of pigs taken from a pen in the back of the home. Mrs. Peterson said. It was not known if the loss was covered by insurance. The home was owned by Mrs. Bess Rasmussen, Roseburg.

Winston-Dillard rural firemen were kept busy during the rest of the weekend. Saturday morning at 12:15 they stood by as a fire burned itself out at the home of Mrs. A. Stone, Jordan Street, Winston. Chief Nichols reported no damage.

Later at 11 a.m. Saturday they were called to a fire in the back of the home occupied by G. Doubleday in the Green Bay. They reported \$150 damages to the residence owned by John East. The loss was covered by insurance, according to Chief Nichols.

Bite Of Cobra Takes Girl Performer's Life

BALTIMORE (AP) — Mrs. Frieda Hoxter, 25-year-old German girl who came to the United States as the wife of a GI, died Saturday night from the bite of one of the two cobras she used in her snake act.

The 25-year-old woman, who performed as "Princess Naja," was bitten on the left arm Friday night during a night club performance.

Mrs. Hoxter was separated from her husband, a corporal stationed at Ft. Meade, Md.

She had been bitten three times in less than three months, and had spent brief periods in St. Joseph's Hospital, the same institution in which she died. Her cobra and a python she used in her act were taken to the zoo.

Logging Operator Fined Because Permit Lacking

Albert Wells of Oakland had been fined \$50 in district court at Roseburg for operating a logging operation without an operating permit, reports Frank Blizard of the State Forestry Dept.

Under the law, it is illegal to harvest timber or operate power driven equipment without a permit. Permits had to be renewed Jan. 1.

Blizard explained the reason for the permits is to allow the State Forestry Dept. to keep track of operations so inspections of fire-fighting equipment and slash could be made periodically.

Explosion Of Gas Oven In Bakery Kills 5 Men

CHICAGO (AP) — An exploding gas oven in the bake shop of a suburban department store Sunday night killed five men and injured another critically.

F. E. Stahl, manager of the River Forest Wieboldt Department Store estimated the damage to the four story building at \$100,000.

DRUNK DRIVING ALLEGED

Gimie Alfred Dillworth, 48, of 1066 S. Kane St., was charged by Roseburg police with driving while under the influence of liquor Saturday night, and he was to appear to answer in municipal court today.

The arresting officer said he saw Dillworth's car fail to stop at a stop sign at Winchester Street and North Umpqua Road.

FEDERATION TO MEET

The Douglas County Farm Bureau Federation meets Monday night at 7 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. A pot luck dinner will precede the meeting. C. Fenford, field representative for Social Security Administration, will tell how SS affects farmers. The meeting is open to the public.

Fires Destroy Two Douglas County Homes

Weekend fires in Central Douglas County destroyed one home in Green and another in Tenville.

The one-story frame house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Millard Stobie, Tenville, was destroyed about 5:40 a.m. Monday, reports News-Review Correspondent Mrs. Louisa Coats. The Stobies were not home at the time.

An 11 a.m. fire Sunday consumed the house occupied by the Paul Rose family in Green. The Roses were also away.

The flaming Stobie house was first spotted by W. G. (Pokey) Allen, next door neighbor of the family. Allen said Monday he noticed flames inside the structure as he was going to work. He said he turned a garden hose on the flames, to no avail. An attempt to save a washing machine on the house porch failed because the machine was "too hot," Allen said.

A pump house and a fruit house nearby also burned. No estimate of damages was known. And nothing was saved, Allen said. No organized, rural fire district covers the Tenville area. Stobie's wife had taken him to work at Douglas County Lumber Co. above Glendale just before the fire started, Allen added.

RATHER BE SHOT—M/Sgt. William H. Olson (above) was sentenced at Ft. Bragg, N. C., to dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and to two years of hard labor for collaborating with his Communist captors in North Korea. Olson, 20 years in the Army, called the sentence a "total and complete disgrace" and said "I would rather be shot than get a dishonorable discharge."

Sprague, Harris Win Awards At Sutherland

Harry Sprague, treasurer of the Sutherland Junior Chamber of Commerce, was named the winner of the Key Man award at the club's first annual award banquet Saturday night in the Sutherland Grange Hall.

Lloyd Harris won the award as outstanding project chairman of the year.

Sprague headed a project for seeding the high school lawn. Some 28,000 square feet of new lawn was planted. Sprague also participated in all other Sutherland Jaycee projects of the year.

Harris was the Jaycee representative for the Timber Days Celebration and was in charge of the Timber Days Booth of the Jaycees.

About 65 people were on hand for the banquet. Principal speaker was Ralph Cobb of Eugene, immediate past president of the Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce. His topic was "Progress, the Junior Chamber's Greatest Product."

Don Hagedorn, District 3 vice president from Roseburg, conducted an initiation ceremony for 12 new members: Helen Oak, Harmon Page, Byron Wyong, Ray Pfander, Jim Owen, Clay Shepard, Jay Palmer, Eldon Morin, John Kohl, Lloyd Rapp, Niles Castor, Frank Moss and Max Sherril.

Out-of-town guests included Jack Lively, state president; C. G. (Lucky) Ekstrom, state national director; Cobb, and their wives.

Fugitive Motorist Hits Roadblock, Meets Death

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — With police pursuing, a young motorist drove for 42 miles down the wrong side of the busy Pennsylvania Turnpike Saturday night at speeds up to 100 m.p.h.

The chase finally ended when the speeding car crashed into a tractor trailer set up as a roadblock. The driver, Kenneth Shelly, 27, of nearby Litz, Pa., died in a hospital two hours later without giving any reason for his flight.

EDITOR BACK ON JOB

Charles V. Stanton, editor and manager of The News-Review, returned to full-time duties today, including writing of his editorial column (see page 4). Stanton has been recuperating from an operation. He returned to Roseburg about two weeks ago after a month in the hospital.

Oppenheimer Ban Causes 2nd Educator To Decline Washington U. Talk Bid

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. (AP) — A second eastern professor has rejected an invitation to speak at the University of Washington because of the western school's ban against physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Prof. Perry Miller of Harvard University withdrew his earlier acceptance of an invitation to deliver a public lecture on April 7 and said he is "profoundly distressed by the recent action of President Henry Schmitz in barring Dr. Oppenheimer from lecturing before the physics department of the University of Washington."

"This action seems to be not only an egregious insult to a great scholar but also a flagrant violation of the fundamental principles of intellectual integrity and liberty of spirit upon which the education system of a free society is erected."

Brilliance Of Major Blast Seen In California Cities, South Of Border In Mexico

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — The largest atomic device tested in the 1955 nuclear series exploded Monday with a predawn brilliance that dazzled observers in several Western states.

The blinding flash of the bigger than average A-weapon startled observers on a mountain peak 55 miles away and lit up skies briefly like an early sunrise over Southern California, 260 miles away.

The detonation from a 500-foot tower, highest ever used in a Nevada test, packed a wallop considerably greater than the standard A-bomb, but its shock apparently bounced on unpopulated areas. Las Vegas, 75 miles from the Yucca Flat test site, did not feel the blast.

The 20-second fireball attested to the size of the device. The previous three explosions in this series failed to produce fireballs of more than six or seven seconds duration. The flash was reported seen as far as Klamath Falls, Ore., nearly 500 airline miles away. It also was seen in San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Ariz., and south of the border in Mexico.

Clear weather conditions gave Los Angeles its best view of any atomic test. This was the 35th shot at the Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada site.

Air Armada Has Role

More than 100 planes—Air Force, Navy and Marines—took part in the test, with 66 of them coordinating in a simulated attack mission. The AEC said 77 planes were airborne at the time of the blast, accounting for vapor trails high in the sky above and to the side of the fireball.

A contingent of 550 soldiers and 25 Marines huddled in trenches 5,500 yards from ground zero and then moved forward in another maneuver of exercise Desert Rock VI. Their commanding officer, Brig. Gen. Fred W. Sladen, said there were no casualties.

There was no immediate report of radiation fallout on any populated area.

The mushroom of the cloud rose to 40,000 feet, highest of this series, and glowed cream and crimson in the rising sunrises. It moved almost due east while winds at lower elevation sheared off the stem and blew it southwest toward Death Valley Junction.

Gazers Affected

A group of 50 observers was away by the blast from a vantage point on Angel's Peak in the Charleston Range, southwest of the test site.

The blinding flash forced them to avert their gaze. When it faded out like the filament of a light bulb, a perfect fireball rose and held firm for about 20 seconds before fading into the cloud.

As the top of the mushroom soared to perhaps 30,000 feet, it seemed to divide into two puffs. But it was entirely possible that it might be an ice-cap forming as it has at high altitudes before.

The shock of the explosion hit the mountain-top observers 5 1/2 minutes after the flash. The peak is roughly 55 miles away from Yucca Flat.

Building Carrier Objection Has Been Withdrawn

By RUSSELL RINES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Cannon (D-Mo) Saturday withdrew his opposition to construction of a fifth supercarrier and announced he will support President Eisenhower's military budget without change.

The chairman of the House Appropriations Committee said that under present world conditions "we must have complete unanimity" and show "our allies and our enemies . . . that we are perfecting every possible weapon."

Cannon made it clear he still believes supercarriers are too vulnerable to atomic attack to be worth the money. But his announcement apparently took the steam out of a prospective fight over the Navy's requests for 197 million dollars to build a fifth, 60,000-ton carrier like the recently-launched Forrestal. Cannon is the most influential of several congressional critics.

The House Armed Services Committee, once scheduled to hold full-scale hearings on the feasibility of the supercarriers as the result of Cannon's reported opposition, now will consider the Navy's \$1,300,000,000 shipbuilding program in a one-day hearing Monday.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) said Secretary of Navy Charles S. Thomas and other top officials will be asked to justify the giant carrier while testifying on the entire shipbuilding bill.

He added that no representatives of other services will be heard on the measure. This apparently closes off the possibility, anticipated by some Congressmen, that the bitter 1949 fight between supporters of the big carriers and land-based aircraft would be duplicated.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

While the United States, as President Eisenhower tells us, is leading Russia in the nuclear weapons race, Russia is leading us—and every other nation—in the yellow race.

Dr. Oppenheimer, one of the prime movers in the development of the atomic bomb, last year was denied access to atomic secrets as a security risk. When the University of Washington's department of physics wanted to invite him to lecture, Dr. Schmitz declined to permit the invitation. He was upheld in his action later by the University Board of Regents.

Last week Dr. Victor Weisskopf of Massachusetts Institute of Technology rejected an invitation because of the Oppenheimer ban.