



PUBLISHER SPEAKS—Kenneth Hunt of Riddle above talks newspapering with News-Review reporter Laura Olson. He is publisher of the county's newest newspaper. (Paul Jenkins picture)

New Weekly Publication Established At Riddle

Douglas County has a new weekly newspaper. It will be published for residents of the Riddle area each Friday, according to publisher Kenneth W. Hunt. The first edition was distributed today. As yet it is unnamed.

House To Ditch Farm Program Of Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted 205-201 Thursday to ditch the administration's farm program and go back to mandatory price support of basic farm crops at 90 per cent of parity.

Republican leader Martin (Mass) demanded a recount when the vote was first announced. The recapitulation—a second telling of the roll—confirmed the vote.

Voting for the bill were 184 Democrats and 21 Republicans. Against it were 29 Democrats and 172 Republicans.

The Democratic-backed bill squeaked through after a Republican move to send the bill back to the Agriculture Committee fell short.

Passage of the bill sends it on to the Senate where leaders have indicated it probably will not get consideration this year.

If it should pass the Senate, President Eisenhower presumably would veto it.

So prospects are that there will be no change in the near future in administration's flexible farm program, permitting price supports to range from 75 to 90 per cent of parity.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

After wrestling for 115 days with the problems presented to it by its employers, the people, the Oregon legislature adjourns, and as this is written its members are on their way back to their homes to take up their businesses and their professions where they left them some four months ago.

Their last act was a decision to ask the people to double their present \$600 annual salaries. I'd like to put the cart before the horse in this piece with the statement that I think the request should be granted.

When the 1955 Oregon legislature assembled, it faced a basic problem. This basic problem was a financial one. It had horns—sharp ones.

Briefly, the problem was this: The people of Oregon wanted from their state government some 60 million dollars MORE in the way of services than the present revenue system would produce. The legislature first tried to CUT THE AMOUNT of money asked for, as summarized in the governor's budget. It didn't have any luck in the way of CUTTING DOWN.

So—

It had to tackle the other horn of the dilemma. It had to FIND MORE MONEY.

It found the money (basically) by boosting income taxes and imposing a tax of three cents per package on cigarettes. That's the story, in a nutshell.

All in all, considering all the

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Attractive Swedish Student Tells Impressions Of U.S. At Rotary Club Meeting

The American idea of how a pretty Swedish girl should look—blonde, blue-eyed, attractive and sporting a winning smile—was there in the flesh at a Roseburg Rotary Club meeting Thursday noon.

Speaking at the regular club meeting at the Hotel Umpqua was Miss Leila Semne of Sweden, more recently of Ohio and the University of Oregon, Eugene.

An exchange student, Miss Semne has been in this country 1½ years, residing in Ohio and Oregon. She plans to return to her native land to be a school teacher after she completes work on a master's degree in August.

Aside from some stock subjects for U.S. visitors, dealing with her like of the country, what impresses her most are differences in customs and traditions, more devoted most of her time to explaining the social welfare programs of Sweden.

Obviously enthusiastically in support of them, she told of a national health insurance plan, government rewards to large families, and other phases. In Sweden, she noted, "one of the most socialized countries in the world," there are no slums and very few poor people. Fluently, but with a heavy ac-

The Weather

Fair tonight and Saturday. A little cooler tonight. About five degrees warmer Saturday.	
Highest temp. last 24 hours	73
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	43
Highest temp. any May	102
Lowest temp. any May	26
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from Sept. 1	21.55
Precip. from May 1	.03
Deficiency from Sept. 1	5.71
Sunset tonight 7:20 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow 4:58 a.m.	

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Oil Stockholders Ponder Finances

Two Possible Answers Are Told At Meet

BY CHUCK GRELL
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Directors of Oil Developers Inc. and the Community Gas and Oil Co. Thursday night began study of their company's 100,000 acres of their holdings. A small turnout of shareholders directed their executive committees to seek, if possible, a firm which might take over the leases.

The situation in which the local companies are caught is this: Leases on the 68,000 acres of county land will expire May 18 and may be put up for bid by the county if they aren't renewed. The companies' treasuries are empty, although the State of Oregon will allow sale of an additional \$80,000 worth of stock.

It's felt by officials of both companies that several larger out-of-state firms are waiting at the sidelines ready to enter lease bids on the county land should the locally-held leases run out.

To complicate things, the companies became indebted during the unsuccessful oil well drilling at Melrose last fall and winter. Elton Jackson, president of Oil Developers, estimated it would take \$25,000 to pull the companies back even with the board. Of that, about \$6,800 is needed immediately to reimburse the leases. The remainder went down the well at Melrose and to other expenses.

Shareholders Thursday night suggested two avenues of escape for the directors to consider:

1. Assignment of the leases to a

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Commissioner Recommends Idaho Power Build One Dam

By JOHN KAMPS
WASHINGTON (AP) — A Federal Power Commission examiner recommended Friday that Idaho Power Co. be authorized to build a dam in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon.

Examiner William J. Costello issued an initial decision authorizing construction of one dam. He turned down the company's license applications for two other projects in an area where construction of one high dam by the federal government has been proposed.

The decision technically could be final but it is certain to be appealed to the FPC, either by Idaho Power or by public power groups advocating the federal project and opposing the company's plan.

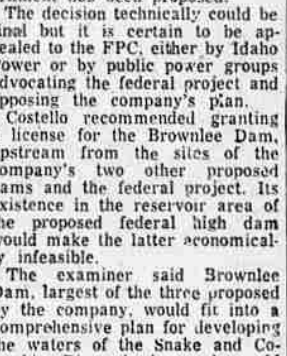
Costello recommended granting a license for the Brownlee Dam, upstream from the sites of the company's two other proposed dams and the federal project. Its existence in the reservoir area of the proposed federal high dam would make the latter economically infeasible.

The examiner said Brownlee Dam, largest of the three proposed by the company, would fit into a comprehensive plan for developing the waters of the Snake and Columbia River basins and would provide power needed in the firm's service area.

He said that on the basis of a theoretical comparison, federal planners, confronted with a choice between the three-dam plan and the single high dam, would choose the latter.

He declared, however, the likely

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JERRY CURRY
... wins high honor

Jerry Curry, 14, Presented Highest Scouting Award

A 14-year-old Roseburg youth Thursday night was presented the highest award in scouting at a court of honor at Riverside School.

Jerry Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Curry, 3290 Mulholland Dr., is the first Roseburg area youth in six years to become an Eagle Scout.

A freshman at Roseburg High School, he has been in scouting since he was a second grader and has been in scouting for five years, including cubbing, according to Earl Ladd, leadership training chairman for the Douglas Fir District.

Curry is a member of Explorer Post 133, sponsored by Riverside PTA. Scoutmaster is Glen Hunter.

About 200 people, including visiting troops of Myrtle Creek and Roseburg scouts, were on hand for the candlelight ceremony.

A letter from Arthur A. Schuck, U.S. chief scout executive, was read by Roy Crain, vice chairman of the local district, and presented to Curry. Harold Wayman read the Eagle charge, and Jack Shelton administered the oath.

The Eagle miniature pin for mothers was presented by Ladd, with Curry then presenting it to his mother.

Walt Smith, district scout executive, gave a talk on "Scouting Today." The ceremony came to a close with the scoutmaster's benediction, with only candles representing scout oath and law burning.

Andrew Weber Dies Of Shot From Firearm

A 42-year-old Happy Valley rancher and lumberman, Andrew Herman Weber, was killed Thursday night at his home when a gun he apparently was showing to a friend fired, the bullet striking him in the right temple.

Coroner L. L. Powers said this morning that the cartridge apparently exploded when Weber took the gun from a rack and swung around to show it to James W. Booher, 108 Emerald Lane, Roseburg. Powers said Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stulls hadn't decided whether an inquest into the death will be necessary.

The men were in a rear room of the house when the incident occurred. The gun was a .30-06 converted Army rifle.

State police, who investigated along with the Sheriff's Dept., quoted Booher as saying that Weber told him the gun was unloaded because of children. It wasn't found definitely what had made the gun discharge.

The accident was the fifth recent one in Douglas County involving firearms, but Weber's death was the first. Late in April, gun accidents had wounded two teen-agers and a man at Yoncalla and last Saturday a Green boy suffered powder burns when his .22 caliber rifle exploded in his face. None are in critical condition.

Weber had lived in this community for about 10 years.

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GLENN CLUTE
... heads Roseburg Lions



WAYNE SCHROEDER
... W. Roseburg president

G. Clute Elected Roseburg Lions Club President

Glenn Clute Thursday night was elected president of the Roseburg Lions Club, succeeding Dr. Bruce Tuck. Wayne Schroeder (pictured above with Clute) is the new president of the West Roseburg Lions club. Election for that group took place Wednesday night.

Other new officers of the Roseburg Lions include: A. G. (Mike) McLean, first vice president; E. R. Buckingham, second vice president; Charles Collins, third vice president; Charles Thomas, secretary; Perry Ashcraft, treasurer; Rev. Newell Morgan, lion tamer; John Looney, lion twister; Dr. Marvin Smith, Charles Church and Sterling Richmond, directors.

Joint installation with Lady Lions will take place June 25. Charles Thomas was named to a committee with Walter Walker and Bruce Elliott to make plans.

Announcements included plans for a crab feed, with wives of members as guests, May 19 at the Hotel Umpqua; The club plans to sponsor two boys to Beaver Boys State and will sponsor a safety plaque for newboys.

Bill Miller, Coos Bay, a candidate for Lions District 36-E governor, was a guest, with three other members of the Coos Bay Lions, and spoke briefly on the forthcoming state convention June 12, 13 and 14 at Bendleton.

A motion picture on last year's Lions International convention in New York City was shown as entertainment.

2 Oakridge Men Jailed For Theft

Two Oakridge men were lodged in the county jail Friday after receiving 10-day sentences and \$10 fines from Justice of the Peace Clarence Leonard, Drain.

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said the pair, Robert Louis Wilson, 24, and Robert Ray Aslin, 19, were arrested about 10 p.m. Thursday at Yoncalla. They were charged with stealing gas from the WWD Corp., and sand and gravel company.

The sheriff said there have been five gasoline thefts in the last 10 days in the area. Dep. Sheriff John McCool was "staked out" to catch the culprits.

McCool said neighbors in the area of the WWD Corp. played a vital contributing factor in catching the youths. He praised the cooperative spirit.

Quorum Dissolves English Parliament For Vote

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II sent Parliament home today to campaign for the May 26 general elections. In a farewell speech she said Britain hopes to "enter into fruitful negotiations" with the Soviet Union now that West Germany is once again a free and sovereign nation.

Britain now will be without a legislature until June 7, when the new House of Commons will sit for the first time.

Prime Minister Eden and his cabinet will continue to run their various departments. They do not resign until after the election either for Eden to form a new cabinet if the Conservatives win, or for the Laborites to take over the government if they are victorious.

Budget Committee Seeks Advice From Roseburg Residents

School District 4 Budget Board Chairman Ray Doerner told The News-Review Thursday he felt an effort was going to have to be made to bring a common understanding between the parents for and against the proposed levy.

(Voters in the district turned down the proposed 1955-56 school budget Tuesday by a vote of 1,155 to 998. The proposed measure asked for \$1,014,454.16 outside the 6 per cent limitation. Total estimated expenditures for the district had been figured at \$2,300,655.99.)

"We have a common interest," Doerner said, "and it is taking care of this load of children which will not reach a peak until the years of 1958-60."

And he commented on the intention of the board. "We moved our intention to resubmit the levy as is at our Wednesday night meeting unless some definite corrective budget revisions are forthcoming at the public budget hearing Monday night."

He said if individuals come forth with valid changes, they will be considered at the budget board meeting following the hearing.

"If none are presented," he continued, "then the board will follow its motion to resubmit the original levy figure."

Chairman Doerner said he hoped persons would attend the hearing with an open mind to offer constructive suggestions. He expressed the thought that the board is seeking direction from the voters as to what to do.

The public hearing on the proposed levy of \$1,014,454.16 will be held at 8 p.m. Monday in Central Junior High School. It will be held open for two hours if necessary.

Viking Lumber Co. Mill At Sutherlin Is Sold

The Viking Lumber Co. mill at Sutherlin has been sold by Elmer Holmberg to Dr. Ellis V. Browning, Springfield, Ariz., according to the Sun-Tribune, Sutherlin. The company name will be changed to Browning Lumber Co.

Manager of the mill will be C. D. Moore, who had been associated with a mill in Arizona. Mr. Holmberg said Viking Lumber Co. will retain an office in Sutherlin as a wholesale lumber outlet.

Legislative Rooms Now Like Tomb, After Near-Record Setting Session At Salem

By ESTHER GEDDES
Legislative Correspondent

The last gavel has sounded, and the 48th legislative session is now a matter of history — its achievements and its mistakes all a part of the record.

One day after adjournment and the Senate and House Chambers seem strangely reminiscent of a mortuary. The heavy draperies are drawn over the handsome windows, and chairs are all empty and the desks are stacked with materials to be shipped home — to the many corners of the state. The only sign of life is a somnolent guard dozing at the rear of the hall.

This Legislature set several new records, but avoided being the longest session in history. One more day in session would have tied the 1951 record of 116 days. No one particularly wanted the dubious honor of being part of the longest legislature in history.

However, the 1302 bills introduced represented the greatest volume and the 774 which were actually passed made up the largest bulk of new laws ever turned out by any Legislature.

There are many reasons for this ever increasing load of legislation, but the simplest reasons are found in the fact that Oregon is having growing pains, and not only is it growing numerically speaking, but in complexity. New industries, new facets of development create new problems for the people, and the Legislature tries to handle the difficulties.

In spite of many opinions to the contrary, 90 legislators have sacrificed financially, and perhaps physically, and have worked hard and conscientiously in an effort to solve the outstanding problems of the state, and particularly in an effort to pay the bills which the people of the state have sent them in the way of voter-approved expenditures. Time will show how effective the work has been.

Magician Leon Mandrake To Appear At Sutherlin

Famed magician Leon Mandrake has been scheduled to appear at the Roseburg Elks Lodge, has scheduled four performances at Sutherlin High School.

Free matinees for children are due today and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and evening performances are set for 8:30 both nights.

Money derived from the shows will benefit the school band.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Weinstein

A haircut bearing a \$1.50 price tag should have a psychological effect on the patron with the thought that he is not in a barber shop, but in the service laboratory of a tonsorial technician.

Judges Sign Orders Clearing Suit Settlement

County Judge Carl C. Hill and Circuit Judge Frank B. Reid have signed orders clearing the way for settlement for \$10,000 of a suit in the wrongful death of James Ralph Brady near Tillier last Dec. 10.

Brady was killed when a truck operated by James M. Allen backed into him. The widow and administrators of the estate, Betty D. Brady, filed suit against Allen for \$20,000.

Under the estate settlement approved Tuesday, Mrs. Brady would receive one-half of the \$10,000 and one-sixth would go to the guardians of each of three Brady children. The suit was dismissed.

Band Boosters Record Sale Set

Some 1,400 records, many of them collector's items, have been gathered by District 4 Band Boosters for the group's used record sale Saturday morning.

The records will be on display in front of the J. C. Penney Co. store, 116 S. Jackson St., Roseburg. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from it will go toward purchase of new uniforms for members of the Roseburg High School band.

Records in the three common speeds — 78, 45 and 33 1/3 — will be available. They have been priced "cheaply," according to spokesman Mrs. Walter Samuelson.

Records which are rarities are more expensive. They include early Glen Miller recordings, Ted Lewis numbers, some Benny Goodman pieces when Safrafski was with him and selections by the King Cole Trio.

Petitions To Incorporate Circulated At Tri-City

Petitions for incorporation of a proposed water district at Tri-City and for election of a board of directors are being circulated in that area, according to the Myrtle Creek Mail.

Five directors would be elected from among the following men: Frank Starr, Glen Brown, Jack Dowd, J. R. Phillips, Joann Birenbaum, Paul Benn, D. E. Wight, C. S. Wegher and H. C. Stokes Jr.

Driver Fined

Melvin Franklin McBea, 39, Winchester, Thursday was fined \$50 for driving while his driver's license was suspended. He pleaded guilty before Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff. The arrest was made by state police Wednesday.