

Road Workers Ask 25 Cent Raise



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR
By Paul Jenkins



GLENN WILLIS dropped in to Gid Aspey's machine shop in Riddle the other afternoon for a little visit and of course, out of long habit, pulled a chair up to the big stove there and sat down, although the weather was this spring's warmest. Pretty soon he leaned comfortably against it, which he wouldn't safely have done only a few short days ago. Glenn, retired from his position with a state highway repair crew about a year and a half ago, stops for an argument whenever he feels like one, and always gets it.

Gid Aspey, the stove's overseer, is Riddle's mayor. I think he has been mayor at least twice before, years ago, as well as councilman. I don't know how often. Last time he was mayor he had some important business to attend to at a council meeting only to find, when he got there, no quorum was present. "Bzz, bzz, bzz," went into somebody's ear and, presently, the firebell clanged like mad. Everyone in Riddle came running (as people do everywhere) and lo! so did the negligent councilmen. Quickly nabbing them, Gid led them into the council chambers. This episode got into the papers all over the county and Gid always blamed me for telling about it; but I wouldn't have done such a thing then, any more than I would now.

Rain Gauges Over County Indicate Roseburg Driest; Flood Information Obtained

An indication of how rainfall varies in Douglas County was shown during March and April by rain gauges maintained at several points by the county water resources office, according to Ben B. Irving, director.

The results, part of a continuing survey started by the office, shows that Roseburg probably receives less rain than any other part of the county. Reports were mailed from 11 stations in the county.

While Roseburg was receiving 6.93 inches of rain during the two months, amounts ranged up to 20.39 inches recorded at the Douglas County Lumber Co. camp on Rock Creek.

Voluntary observers at each of the stations cooperate in mailing in charts taken from recorders on the rain gauges each month. In addition, weekly reports are mailed in.

Here is how the comparative rainfall totals stacked up for the two months:

Station	March	April
Roseburg	3.52	3.41
Carl C. Hill	6.17	6.33
Elkhead	7.29	6.95
Weyerhaeuser	9.48	8.74
Rock Creek	9.32	11.07
Steamboat (x)	7.00	9.00
Little River	7.05	10.45
Fluorony Valley	5.88	4.98
Heston	6.55	7.32
Horse Prairie	3.29	6.38
South Myrtle (y)	4.82	6.36
Devil's Flat	3.39	3.92

Result of the study is expected to be that water engineer Irving can tell from where most water comes that pours down streams in the Umpqua Basin during the rainy season. Combined with another set of records to be kept on streamflows on various rivers and streams throughout the county, it is anticipated that a program for water control and conservation can be worked out by the county.

In addition to the above stations, (Continued On Page 2 Col. 4)

Parked Car Rolls Into Another; Damage Slight

An insecurely parked car rolled forward, hitting a second car and causing slight damage to both Thursday evening. A saloon home on leave, Albert Allen Clark, 20, of 306 W. Second Ave. N., said he was in the second car and couldn't move the vehicle in time to avoid the crash on Flood Street near Pine. The parked car belongs to William Frank Brown, 3040 Bowler St., according to city police.

GRANTS TV FRANCHISE

The Douglas County Court Thursday signed an order granting Gardiner Television Inc. a franchise for construction of TV line along the streets of the townsite. The order stipulated that the line must be hung either from West Coast Telephone Co. or Lincoln Public Utilities District power poles.

The Weather

Considerable cloudiness and a few showers this afternoon. Clearing tonight. Saturday, fair and a little warmer.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	57
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	32
Highest temp. any May	102
Lowest temp. any May	27
Precip. last 24 hours	.01
Precip. from Sept. 1	21.60
Precip. from May 1	.08
Deficiency from Sept. 1	6.05
Sunset tonight, 7:28 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:50 a.m.	

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Gen. Taylor Named Chief Of Staff

Ridgway Asks To Be Relieved After June 30

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, critical of administration decisions to cut back the ground forces, has asked to be relieved June 30 and will be succeeded as Army chief of staff by Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor.

Ridgway's decision to leave on the day before the new military budget becomes effective was disclosed Friday when President Eisenhower sent the Senate a nomination of Taylor to succeed him.

White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said Ridgway wrote a letter to Secretary of the Army Stevens asking for retirement on June 30. Ridgway's term had until Aug. 19 to run.

At the Pentagon, the Army information service said that there had apparently been some misunderstanding. It said that as far as it could determine the only communication Ridgway had sent was a routine form dispatched to the adjutant general of the Army, dated May 9.

This form, used by any officer requesting a change of status, cited Army regulations on retirement and requested that "I be retired at my current duty station on 30 June, 1955, by which date I shall have completed over 38 years of active federal commissioned service."

Security Pact Gets Approval By Red Block

By COLIN FROST

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The Soviet Union and seven other European Communist nations approved Friday the draft of a security pact which is to place their military forces under a unified command.

A Soviet spokesman told a news conference the treaty and other documents will be signed at 10 a. m. Saturday and published after the signing.

The premiers, foreign ministers and defense ministers of the eight Warsaw conference nations approved the treaty and the unified command decision at a 30-minute session Friday morning.

The treaty draft, designed to counter West Germany's rearmament as NATO's 15th member, provides for mutual economic aid and cultural exchanges as well as mutual security of the Red bloc.

There has been speculation that Marshal Ivan S. Konev, Soviet deputy defense minister, will become supreme commander.

Rev. Robert Hempel Heads Ministerial Society Of Roseburg

The Rev. Robert Hempel of the First Church of the Nazarene has been elected president of the Roseburg Ministerial Assn. He succeeds the Rev. Kenneth D. Dooley of the North Roseburg Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The election was held at the Rose Hotel Thursday, voted vice president for the coming year was the Rev. Harry E. Chapin of the West Side Christian Church. New secretary-treasurer is the Rev. Gordon Wood of Green Community Church.

Officers take office immediately, with the Rev. Mr. Hempel scheduled to preside at the next association meeting on June 9, the last meeting of the summer period. A family, potluck picnic is planned at that time.

Mayor E. M. Barker Jr. met with the association members to discuss representation at city council meetings. Two ministers are scheduled to appear at council sessions each month to give the invocation.

The association also agreed to send a member to each meeting of the Roseburg Central Labor Council. The council requested the action.

The association members also discussed a schedule of vacation Bible schools at the various churches as represented by the group.

Violence Flares In Protest Over Gunner Practice

FUJII-YOSHIDA, Japan (AP) — Violence flared Friday in the boiling protest against the American Army using the slopes of sacred Mt. Fuji for artillery practice.

The newspaper Asahi reported 20 injured in a clash between Japanese police and some 60 demonstrators who tried to force their way into a restricted area.

Most of the injured, none hurt seriously, were police, the newspaper said.

The government assigned some 400 police to the area to keep Japanese protesters out of areas where the Army is firing 155mm guns under a training agreement with the government.

The big artillery pieces rumbled again Friday as the furor mounted and the number of demonstrators swelled to more than 700.

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Engstrom is in good condition today at Metey Hospital. Extent of injuries was not immediately known.

Springfield Councilmen Recalled In Election

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — Councilmen Paris Breedlove and Ralph Nicholas were recalled by Springfield voters by a 3-1 margin Thursday night.

The two had been under fire for their part in hiring H. C. Hamilton, a Cottage Grove grocer, as city manager. Petitioners accused them of disregarding the city's best interests and of serving their own interests on the council.

Unofficial returns had Breedlove recalled by 1,400 to 406 and Nicholas 1,100 to 413.

The four remaining councilmen will name their successors.

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Mrs. Stapleton Killed As Auto Goes Over Bank

A 50-year-old resident of Roseburg was killed in an automobile accident in Portland Thursday.

Mrs. Gertrude M. Stapleton, 73, was riding in an automobile which veered onto a roadside shoulder, then skidded off the center into a ditch. The impact killed Mrs. Stapleton and critically injured Mrs. Winifred Mitchell, 63, Portland, the driver. The crash occurred on a road 12 miles east of Portland. Police said witnesses told them the car was traveling at high speed.

Mrs. Stapleton is the former Gertrude O'Brien, daughter of a pioneer Oregon family. Her husband, H. H. Stapleton, was a former cashier in the Douglas National Bank, which was taken over by the U. S. National Bank. He died about 25 years ago.

Mrs. Stapleton lived in Laurewood at the time of her death. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. She is survived by distant relatives.

According to word received here today, the funeral will be held in Roseburg. Date and place will be announced later.

Mrs. G. E. Fish Treated For Accident Injuries

Mrs. Gaylon E. Fish, Dillard, was treated at Community Hospital Thursday afternoon for cuts and bruises received in a traffic accident about 3:15 p.m., state police report.

A car driven by Mrs. Fish hit the rear of one driven by Marvin J. Green, Winston, on a straight stretch about three miles south of Roseburg, officers said.

Both cars were traveling north. Green had stopped in traffic to make a left turn when the Fish car struck the Green car, police said. Heavy damage resulted to both cars.



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Salvation Army's Undersecretary To Visit Here May 20

The Salvation Army's undersecretary of the U.S.A. and the British Dominions will be in Roseburg May 20.

He is Lt. Col. Charles A. Bearchell who is billed as featured speaker at the annual board meeting of the "army" which will be held at Carl's Haven.

Col. Bearchell has been an SA officer for 34 years. In 1921 he first served in the U.S.A. eastern territory, where he worked for 25 years. In 1947 he was transferred to England.

There he was attached to International Headquarters, London. His appointment is in harmony with the policy of SA General Orsborn to "have at the International Centre, officers who are familiar with conditions and the work in the territories they represent."

The colonel grew up in the "army." His parents were field officers. In 1924 the then Capt. Bearchell married Catherine Sammons. They have a son serving with the Air Force in Germany and a married daughter, also in Germany.

Board members and invited guests will hear the colonel when he speaks in Roseburg. The program includes a report of the year's activities and plans for next year. David N. Busenbark is chairman of the board.

School Board Assn. Favors Sales Tax

At a meeting of the Douglas County School Board Assn. at Douglas High School Thursday night, the group went on record in favor of a sales tax specifically designated for school purposes.

A substantial majority of the more than 40 people representing Douglas County schools favored the measure.

Also on the agenda was a discussion of new legislation this year by J. L. Turnbill, assistant superintendent of public instruction. He is from Salem.

Most attention was focused on the new law raising the number of school board members in second and third class districts to five. They previously had three. Members in these districts must be nominated by petition now and elected in first class districts. The same as in first class districts. The new law will take effect next fiscal year.

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School Budget Board Meets Again Tonight

School District 4 Budget Board members will continue re-examination of the budget tonight at 7:30 p.m. The meeting in Central Junior High School is open to the public.

The board trimmed \$8,840 Wednesday night from the defeated proposed measure which asked for \$1,014,454.16 outside the 6 per cent limitation.

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Sales Tax Poll Result To Be Told At PTA Meeting

This year the legislation committee of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers is "taking the pulse" of its 120,000 members in the event they consider it necessary to support a tax measure to insure state assistance in financing schools.

Thirty-seven per cent of the 2,000 voting delegates to the recent convention of the Oregon Congress, whose vote could reflect the opinions of their school community, favored a 3 per cent sales tax, excluding food, over an increased income tax.

Douglas County delegates returned from the convention to poll their parent-teacher units, whose total membership in this county reaches more than 5,500. Results will be heard this Saturday, May 14, when the officers and representatives of 31 units gather in Roseburg for the annual meeting of the Douglas County Council of Parent-Teacher Assns. The library arts building, on the Roseburg High school campus, will be the location for the meeting.

Convention delegates from Douglas County have also been requested by their president, Mrs. R. J. Karp, Myrtle Creek, to present their evaluation reports on the state convention at this final meeting Saturday.

The incoming local unit presidents are scheduled to meet with council officers in their first executive meeting at 10 a.m. The council convened at 11 a.m. for a three-hour session and installation of officers. Those attending are asked to bring sack lunches, or they may order box lunches on arrival. Douglas High School and Green School PTAs will serve coffee and dessert.

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Roseburg Street Grid Switch Being Held Up

The switch in Roseburg's one-way street grid system is being held up because necessary signs ordered from the Midwest through a Portland jobber haven't been delivered.

City Manager George M. Farrell said he understands the signs have been shipped. Street directions in the system will be reversed after the signs are delivered and posted.

Two Jewelry Larcenies Reported Near Sutherlin

Two jewelry larcenies which happened recently near Sutherlin were reported Thursday to police agencies in Sutherlin and Roseburg and to the Sheriff's Dept.

Clyde Kellum, Rt. 1 Box 72, Sutherlin, said a wrist watch worth \$150 was taken from him, and Audrey Pleas, Rt. 1 Box 2, Sutherlin, said she missed a diamond ring.

WEATHER FORECAST

Five-day outlook for Western Oregon: temperatures averaging below normal, with maximum, between 60 and 78 degrees, minimum, 38 to 48 degrees. Scattered showers Sunday and Monday, with total rainfall .1 to .2 inches.

Douglas Co. Budget Group Gets Request

Other Benefits Asked; Say No Pay Increase Authorized Since 1951

A request for an "across-the-board" 25-cent an hour wage increase was made to the Douglas County Court for county road department employees Thursday night.

The petition was made by Leo Butts, Portland, representative for the Oregon Public Employees Council, who acted as spokesman for the employees. He said the proposed wage increases would total about \$100,000 a year, for more than 200 men.

County Judge Carl C. Hill said the meeting was an "exoneratory" one and no decision was reached. He added that the request may be brought up again June 29, when final hearing on the new budget is scheduled in the courthouse.

Besides the general wage increase, other benefits were asked: (1) Adjustments of salaries within a classification to provide equal pay for equal work with an annual increment for new employees; (2) paid holidays in two years time; (3) paid holidays the same as provided for state employees by the State of Oregon; and (4) an increase in allowance for meals and lodging when employees are required to

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Automobile Safety Check Stations To Be Set Up May 16

Can you see, steer and stop safely?

Every motorist can get a reliable answer to that question by taking his car through one of three check lanes to be set up in a vehicle safety check program in Roseburg May 16 through 20.

The program is being conducted by the Roseburg Rotary Club. It is sponsored by the city in cooperation with the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee, Look Magazine and the National Safety Council.

Check lanes will be on Kane Street, Harvard Avenue and the North Umpqua Road. Members of the Rotary Club and county police officers will work at the lanes.

There are about 6,000 motor vehicles in the Roseburg area, according to Harold Horn, general chairman of the program. "With these lanes in operation, no motorist has any excuse for driving a car that has not been checked for safety," he said.

Check lanes will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each of the four days.

The safety check points where defects can cause serious accidents will be under scrutiny: Brakes, headlights, rear and stop lights, tires, steering, exhaust system and muffler, windshield wipers, windshield and windows, horn and rear view mirror.

Many organizations in the community are working to have all vehicles checked, Horn said, but the final answer lies with the individual driver and his responsibility for public safety.

Roseburg is one of 300 cities in the U.S. participating in the program. An award will go to the city making the best showing in each state.

Youth Jailed Three Days For Property Destruction

Two 17-year-old boys Friday morning received three days in the county jail and \$25 fines each when they pleaded guilty to destruction of personal property. Dist. Judge Woodruff also set bail of \$50 on a 19-year-old who pleaded innocent to the same charge and turned over a fourth boy, 15, to juvenile court.

Jailed were James Nelson and Jerry Hill, Richard Dow, 19, was committed to custody of the sheriff.

All four were accused by persons living in the Cleveland Hill district of shooting up mailboxes. Approximately 20 mailboxes were riddled by the four, according to a deputy sheriff who investigated. The arrests were made Thursday afternoon.

Gymkhana Slated Sunday At Myrtle Creek Grounds

The monthly Douglas County Gymkhana will be at Myrtle Creek this Sunday at 1 p.m. The Myrtle Creek Saddle Pals will be hosts.

In case of rain, the site of gymkhana will be shifted to the Douglas County Fairgrounds at Roseburg.

Roseburg teams, the Yonella Saddle Club, Elkton Saddle Club, Sutherlin Timberline Riders and the Saddle Pals have been invited. Other invitations have also been sent to anyone interested in riding. They may be entered in certain riding events.

Fined For Brawl

Three men involved in a brawl in a theater in Winston about two weeks ago were each fined \$50 by Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff this morning. They are James and Joseph Makinson, brothers, Roseburg, and Jacob Mardis, 19, Winston, who was jailed in lieu of payment of fine. A fourth man accused of being involved in the fight, Philip Makinson, was freed of a disorderly conduct charge when Judge Woodruff dismissed his case.