

# Strike Of Truckers Tightens Grip

## Population Problems Talked By Douglas County Cities' Representatives At Meeting

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Population, always an influencing factor in any city's government, drew its share of discussion at a meeting Friday night of officials from eight Douglas County cities and League of Oregon Cities personnel.

## Salk Vaccine Safety Standard To Be Tightened

WASHINGTON — A possible further slowdown of the mass anti-polio inoculation of school children loomed today as the government reportedly contemplated further tightening of safety standards for the Salk vaccine.

Meanwhile, the government—on advice of a panel of scientists—decided to continue the dosage and vaccination procedure worked out in last year's field trials of the polio preventive.

At an informal dinner session in the Roseburg Elks ballroom, league officials reported on recent legislation affecting cities, and various city officers discussed recent municipal accomplishments and problems.

Seventy-three people attended, including many wives. Cities represented were Drain, Sutherlin, Oakland, Roseburg, Winston, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddle.

Some of the more important legislation discussed deals with population growth, now affecting county cities in many ways, both good and bad.

**Population Count Easier**—One bill passed by the Legislature helps cities in regard to population growth. It provides for establishment of a State Board of Census which will enable cities to determine population more quickly and cheaply.

The population count is all-important in determining various revenues derived from the state. Estimates will be made of population annually, and if a city is not satisfied with the count it can call for an actual census at its own expense.

On the other side of the population ledger, the Legislature passed bills which improve and strengthen planning laws for counties (which directly affect cities), and a state agency has been set up to assist with planning on the local level, with federally matched funds.

## Social Welfare Aides Training Course Planned

Tentative plans were set up in Roseburg this week to hold a training course for social welfare aides as part of Red Cross services to Douglas County.

The aides will assist with service in the armed forces program now being carried on by the Red Cross in Roseburg. Plans were completed for a home nursing instructor's refresher course which will be held in Roseburg in August.

Visiting the local chapter at the same time was Mrs. Patricia Hunsaker, Portland. She is nursing field representative for Oregon and Washington. Plans were completed for a home nursing instructor's refresher course which will be held in Roseburg in August.

## Tuberculosis, Health Assn. Elects Monday

New officers of the Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. will be elected Monday night at the agency's annual meeting at Carl's Haven. The meeting is to start at 6:30.

Mrs. William F. Amiot, executive secretary of the organization for 10 years until her recent retirement, will be honored at the dinner.

## Armed Forces Day Open House On Until 5 P. M.

Open house in celebration of Armed Forces Day will continue until 5 p.m. today at local Army and Air Force Reserve headquarters, 904 S. Stephens St.

Army Sgt. L. M. Weaver said anyone is welcome to stop by the office. Among the displays is a large mock-up of a Browning automatic rifle.

## Roseburg's Hot Spell Tapers Off Slightly

Roseburg's 80-plus temperature dropped off Friday and today after the high 1955 thermometer reading of 83 Thursday. Friday it dropped to 79.

## NEUBERGER ACCEPTS

WASHINGTON — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Friday accepted an invitation to debate with Rep. Coon (R-Ore.) at Hood River.

# Gas Pipeline Expansion Announced

## Company Plans Added Spending Of \$25 Million

SEATTLE — Plans for an added \$25 million investment in its Pacific Northwest gas service system were disclosed here Friday by officials of the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp.

Ray C. Fish, board chairman, said the total will run to 188 million dollars instead of the 163 million for which financing was arranged recently.

He reported that the firm plans to expand its program by increasing the size of its main line from the Canadian border to Portland and east to Pendleton Junction from 8 inches to 26.

He said the plan calls for bringing 300 million cubic feet of natural gas daily from Canada and for extension of the service beyond the original plans.

The expansion, Fish said, includes service to Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston, Idaho; to Trail, B. C., from Spokane, and to such Columbia Basin points as Ephrata and Moses Lake from the Yakima Valley branch pipeline.

"We will be giving the Pacific Northwest a two-way source of supply," Fish explained, "from the San Juan Basin in the Southwest and from Canada."

"From the fuel standpoint in Washington, Oregon and Idaho," he declared, "we will bring in the equivalent in energy of all the privately and publicly owned electric generating facilities—and I mean Grand Coulee, Bonneville and all the rest."

## Gunter Vicinity To Get Electricity

Construction will start about July 1 on about 10 miles of power line on the upper Smith River Road, according to Harold Backen, manager of the Douglas Electric Cooperative.

The line will bring electricity to the last group of people still without service in the Drain area. It will be about 10 "very scattered" applicants living in the vicinity of Gunter, about 23 miles northwest of Drain on the headwaters of Smith River.

Backen said preliminary engineering work has been completed and easements and timber permits obtained for the start of right-of-way clearing. The line will be finished in late July or early August.

Applicants themselves are to lend assistance in the right-of-way clearing on May 29. They are planning to get together on an old-fashioned clearing "bee" on brush along the right-of-way.

## Southern Telephone Company's Strike Is Finally Settled

ATLANTA — Economic life in the South took a long step forward today with the signing of an agreement in the 68-day telephone strike and a complete settlement of the costly railroad walkout.

The strikes against the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and its subsidiaries affected more than 75,000 workers in many parts of the South.

Millions of dollars were lost in wages alone. Spreading violence caused damage estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Both strikes began the same day March 14, but the L. & N. walkout hit harder at Southern economy, slowing freight shipments to a crawl in some sections. Passenger service also was curtailed and some industries had to use trucks to reach markets.

Southern Bell service was nearly normal most of the time. Still to be determined was whether an estimated 40,000 CIO Communications Workers of America would approve the contract settling the telephone walkout in nine Southeastern states.

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## Total Of 3,088 Automobiles Are Safety Checked

A total of 3,088 vehicles were checked in Roseburg during the last five days in connection with a nationwide safety program. Police Chief Stan Olson said Saturday.

Three check lanes handled an average of 618 vehicles per day during the program, sponsored locally by Roseburg Rotary Club and the city.

Of the number checked, 739 failed to pass minimum requirements. Biggest stumbling block was defects in rear lights. Checkers found 456 such defects.

They found 1,027 unsafe items in 2,800 cars and 288 trucks. It was recommended the drivers have corrections made as soon as possible.

Second biggest category in the unsafe list was that of brakes: 196 vehicles failed to pass. Front lights (108) and tires (107) were next in line. Other defects: Glass 33, exhaust 46, horn 36, windshield wipers 29, steering gear 22 and rear-view mirror 4.

Roseburg's program will be compared with those of 300 other U.S. cities taking part in the safety drive, sponsored by the National Safety Council, Look magazine and the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee.

## Treason Charges Filed Against Bao Dai's Aides

By JOHN RODERICK SAIGON, South Viet Nam — The government today ordered the arrest and trial on treason charges of two top aides of absentee Chief of State Bao Dai and several leaders of the outlawed Binh Xuyen Society. The accused men face the death penalty if caught and convicted.

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Vy and Yen were last reported to be somewhere in the vicinity of Dalat, a hill resort where the former guard has been stationed. This force voted May 13 to abandon its old designation and become regular units of the national army.

## Civil Bend Cemetery Clean-Up Days Slated

Civil Bend Cemetery Assn. officers have designated May 23 to 25 as official clean-up period for the cemetery which is located in Winston.

Mrs. Stella Bohme, secretary-treasurer of the association, said Friday that any cash contributions for cemetery care could be mailed to her at Rt. 1, Box 727, Roseburg. She also stressed need for help to dispose of trash. Persons with pickups which may be used to haul away trash should go to the cemetery during the clean-up period, she stressed.

An election for association officers was held this week. Re-elected were Mrs. Olivia Landers, president; Mrs. Anna Agee, Earl Parker, Mrs. Anna McIntire and Mrs. Maude Cooper, directors; and Mrs. Bohme, Ivan Landers and Howard Newton.



VERNON M. MURDOCH has been named full-time executive secretary for the Roseburg Boosters Assn., with an office at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. Murdoch, a long-time organizational and public relations man in California, will also assist other groups and correlate activities, serving as a "good will ambassador" in connection with Booster activities, according to President Lowell Rhoden. Murdoch is the father of Dep. Police Chief Vernon Murdoch Jr. (Paul Jenkins photo).

## High Sway Pole Breaks, Plunging Woman To Death

SPokane — A broken sway pole plunged a woman 100 feet to her death late Friday night, chilling the cheers of 14,000 gay Lillie Show spectators.

Mrs. Jackie Litzman, 36, San Diego, died soon after being rushed to a hospital, succumbing to multiple fractures and internal injuries.

She was doing a solo act on the slender, high pole when the reinforced steel, ladderlike structure below broke about one-third of the way from the ground.

The audience gasped as the pole arched, then screamed filled Memorial Stadium as Mrs. Litzman fell.

Beno Litzman, partner in the act billed as the Saturns, slipped to the ground from his position on the ladder and ran to where his wife lay. Other performers attempted to distract the attention of the audience while doctors worked over the woman's body.

She was taken to the hospital and the show continued but some of the spectators grew restive and left.

## Ellsworth's Bill On Mining Gets Favorable Vote

A favorable report from the mining subcommittee of the House Interior Committee was given Friday on the congressional bill to ban fraudulent mining claim filings on public domain. A full committee is expected to act favorably in the measure Tuesday, according to a message to The News-Review from Congressman Harris Ellsworth.

Ellsworth, representative from Oregon's Fourth Congressional District, is one of several members of the House introducing identical bills.

Instead of joint sponsorship of a single bill, as practiced in the state legislature, congressmen introduce identical or similar bills in supporting legislation.

Ellsworth appeared before the subcommittee Thursday to urge passage of the measure, similar in effect to the legislation he successfully sponsored in 1948 affecting O & C lands in Oregon.

Pointing out abuses of the nation's antiquated mining laws by using mining claims to gain title to land for summer homes, hunting lodges, recreational facilities, and resorts, Ellsworth reviewed the development of logging in remote areas, and told of the great increase in timber values since 1938. This change in timber values, he told the committee, has given opportunity for pseudo-miners to stake out claims primarily for the purpose of gaining possession of timber, or as happened in some cases, to gain profits through sale of claims.

The bill now being considered would give the miner subsurface rights only, other than such timber as might be needed in the mining operation. It also would remove gravel, sand, pumice and other minerals from the list on which claims could be filed, although such minerals could be mined under lease arrangements.

Ellsworth, in his report to the subcommittee, said he had received a large volume of correspondence favorable to the bill, and had not received one letter of protest.

## Oakland Custodian Resigns School Post

At an Oakland school board meeting Friday night, Kenneth Hopkins, maintenance man and head custodian for eight years, resigned.

His resignation becomes effective July 1. No replacement has been named yet.

Also in the personnel department, it was announced this week that Mrs. Hubbell Sutherland, has been appointed high school clerk of the Oakland school district. She will take care of the district's business as well as working in the high school office.

## Douglas County's Wheat Quota Set At 1,162 Acres

PORTLAND — Umatilla County, as expected, drew by far the biggest 1955 Oregon wheat acreage allotment, slightly above last year's at 198,359, when the state Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Committee completed its allocations Friday.

Four counties produce no wheat. They are Hood River, Lincoln, Coos, Curry and Tillamook. Douglas County's quota was placed at 1,162.

## Police Invoke Curfew Against Six Juveniles

Roseburg police had an unusual amount of difficulty with young men who stayed out too late Friday night.

## Effects May Spread East To Chicago

Union Appeals Against What It Calls Lockout By Trucking Industry

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS A trucking industry strike and shutdown tightened its grip further throughout the West Saturday amid indications that its effects may reach eastward as far as Chicago and the Mississippi.

There were no significant developments toward any settlement. Long haul traffic dwindled as stragglers came in off the cross-country highways for what appears likely to be the last unloadings for a long spell.

Key members of the Washington Motor Transport Assn. met in Seattle to discuss the shutdown, including handling of emergency shipments.

There were no new developments in Oregon. The dispute involves wages and health, welfare and pension benefits for 100,000 AFL Teamsters Union members in 11 western states. The membership includes 28,000 drivers, dock and office workers.

Fifty hundreds of trucking companies related with a shutdown after three major long-haul motor transport firms were struck the day before.

Truckers say full impact of the tieup will not be felt for at least another day.

The union has appealed for federal aid to end what it calls a lockout. Frank Brewster, president of the AFL Western Conference of Teamsters, said he sent a telegram to the Interstate Commerce Commission asking revocation of franchises of companies that closed down operations "even though they were not struck by our union."

He said ICC regulations require the trucking companies to give

## 3 School Districts Approve Budgets

The Douglas County school districts Friday ran into little opposition in passage of their school budgets for the 1955-56 year.

Approved were budgets at Reedsport, Canyonville and Oakland.

Oakland voters overwhelmingly approved \$51,761 needed to balance the budget. The vote was 94 in favor and only 21 against. The total budget was \$226,609. The Rural School Board allowed \$174,648.

Canyonville voters were also heartily in favor of passing the \$33,285 outside the 6 per cent limitation. The district, which also includes Anchor and Galesville, approved it 32 to 15. Meanwhile, it was announced that petitions are being filed from the high school office and school clerk, Helene Altree, for candidates for three school directorships. The annual election is scheduled June 20 at the High School from 2 to 8 p.m.

Although approval of the Reedsport Union High School budget was assured, canvass figures of the vote were not immediately available here. The district was voting on \$73,685 outside the limitation.

## Fullerton Children Hold Picnic At Umpqua Park

Nearly 500 youngsters swarmed over the Umpqua Park area Friday afternoon as the Fullerton Club staged its fifth annual picnic.

Consistent with fabulous records of food consumption at previous picnics, the boys and girls used 100 pounds of hotdogs, 1,500 buns, 65 cases of soft drinks and four gallons of mustard. The fathers helped some, out mostly they stuck to coffee.

No casualties occurred, despite many rigorous activities, according to President Don Barrow. School buses carried the kids to and from the picnic site.

Photograph records were furnished by harmony House and a soundtruck by Hansen Motor Co. Repeated record request by many of the children: "Davey Crockett."

## Sutherlin Road Junction Accident Damages Cars

An accident at the Sutherlin junction covered on Highway 99 caused considerable damage to two cars, but injuries to those involved were minor, state police report.

Accident occurred at 11:40 p.m. Robert E. Coffelt of Rt. 1, Box 202, and Alfred Liesinger, Rt. 1, Box 110, both of Sutherlin were drivers of the cars which collided.

Liesinger received a cut on his leg and James House a passenger in the same car received a head bump. Neither Coffelt nor his passenger, Jim Hatcher, were injured.

CAR PLUNGE FATAL INDEPENDENCE — Maxwell R. McLean, 24, Monmouth, died when he drove his car off a dead end road and plunged 30 feet into a creek bed below.

Police Chief Ray Howard said the accident probably occurred sometime Thursday night or early Friday.

The wreckage of the car was sighted by a resident of the neighborhood. McLean apparently was alone.

## Canyonville Board Studying Problem Of Enrollment

The Canyonville school board Friday night began wrestling with the problem of what to do with its much-too-big school population.

It is expected that the host of school children will be far too big for the present school space. It appears definite that some buildings outside the school plant must be used. It was determined last night that the school will definitely use the youth center building in Canyonville for the music department, reports correspondent Virginia Proctor. An effort will be made to secure use of the city library or the Methodist Church annex for additional classrooms.

Planning farther ahead, the school board appointed an advisory committee to work with the board in securing new property and to help plan new school construction. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Norman Chappell, Norman Hanson, L. N. Gray, Milton Herbert, Robert Proctor and George Wenderoth.

## In The Day's News

If you read your newspaper and listen to your radio, you are aware of the fact that the world is full of trouble. The list of the world's troubles is too long to be gone into in detail here, but let's cite a FUNDAMENTAL trouble: Everybody in the world wants peace, but we can't have peace because the free countries and the communist countries CAN'T FIND A WAY TO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER.

When you come right down to it, most of our troubles in this world arise out of the fact that people can't find a way to get along with each other.

The immediate trouble of the moment is a strike against three big long-distance trucking firms in the Far West—Consolidated Freightways, Pacific Motor Trucking and Pacific Intermountain Express.

## The Weather

Fair and a little warmer today, tonight and Sunday. Highest temp. last 24 hours 70. Lowest temp. last 24 hours 37. Highest temp. any May 102. Lowest temp. any May 24. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Precip. from May 1 3.6. Precip. from Sept. 1 21.88. Deficiency from Sept. 1 4.22. Sunset tonight, 7:34 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 4:42 a.m.

# Rodeo Season Gathering Steam; Stickers Out, Parade Planned

The rodeo season in Douglas County was gathering a full head of steam today.

Rodeo stickers were being pasted on cars in the Roseburg area (see picture) and today final plans were announced for the county's big annual parade preceding the rodeo.

The parade is scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18. The Douglas County Sheriff's Posse (which sponsored the rodeo the last 10 years) was enlisted to aid in staging the parade.

Committee Chairman Charles Blanks reported today that cash prizes will be awarded in two major classifications for parade entries.

In both non-commercial and commercial entries, prizes will be \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$10 for third prizes. Special awards will go to special classification including marching units, horses, family and comical entries. A \$10 entry fee is being set for commercial entries, defined as any from wholesale or retail or business establishments or persons with advertising. No entry fee is scheduled for non-commercial entries, defined as fraternities, sororities, bands, civic clubs, churches and non-profit organizations.

The parade will form at the triangle on North Jackson and East Second Avenue at 9:30 a.m. All entries must be mailed to the Jaycee Parade Committee, P.O. Box 581 before June 11.

Further information is available at Knudtson's Jewelry or The News-Review or from the Junior Chamber.



SIGNS OF COUNTY RODEO began blossoming in Roseburg Friday with the first car banners advertising the coming event. The four girls stressing the beauty factor of the June 18 and 19 Douglas County Rodeo are Joan Knudtson, front left, and Celeste Sory, right; Pat Larson, standing by car; and Marilyn Kyer, in car. The rodeo stickers were put on cars at drive in theaters Friday evening, and Jaycees will be putting them on in town in the next few days. The strips are available free at Len Mitchell's and Knudtson's Jewelry. (Paul Jenkins picture)