

Steel Strike Settlement Reached

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300 Hanna Employees Walk Out

Strike Result Of Jurisdiction Difficulties

Some 300 employees of the Hanna Coal & Ore Co. and Hanna Nickel Smelting Co. walked out today and the nickel smelting and smelting operations at Riddle were closed down.

General Manager Earl Mollard of the Riddle operation said today the close-down of the operation was due to a "quickie" walkout because of a "misunderstanding."

Spokesmen for United Steel Workers of America Local 5074 of Myrtle Creek which has jurisdiction in the plant, would make no comment. They said they would probably have no official comment on the incident until later today.

Meanwhile, Mollard explained that the Riddle operation is operated under two different subsidiaries of the M. K. Hanna Co.

Workers in each company are under separate work contracts with the union, Mollard said, and the strike resulted when workers found those in Hanna Nickel Smelting could not bargain with the management of the Hanna Coal and Ore.

The walkout was continuing late today.

PORTLAND (AP)—Fifteen hundred AFL employees of the M and M Wood Working Co.'s plywood plants in Oregon and California stayed off the job Friday when negotiations failed to reach agreement on contract renewal.

There were no pickets and Paul Karstedt, assistant to the president of M and M, said he thought it would not be correct to call it a strike. He said he understood the workers were in meetings.

Plans here and at Lyons and Albany in Oregon and Eureka in California were idled.

Three Copper Mines Struck By Workers

DENVER (AP)—The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (I. M. M. S. W.) announced Friday installations of three of the "Big Four" in the non-ferrous metal industry were struck in support of workers' demands for a 20-cent an hour wage increase and fringe benefits.

Mine-mill said picket lines were established before the first work shift Friday at virtually all plants and mines operated by American Smelting & Refining Co., Phelps Dodge Corp., and Kennecott Copper Corp.

Body Of Missing Flier Found; 3 Others Sought

By JOHN RANDOLPH
TOKYO, (AP)—The body of one of four missing U. S. Marine fliers was found today in the wreckage of a jet plane on Oshima Island 65 miles south of Tokyo.

The Marine Corps tentatively identified the body as that of Lt. Alan Murdock McAneny, Yonkers, N.Y.

Oakland Garbage Service Bids Opening July 19

Garbage franchise bids will be opened July 19 at the Oakland City Hall for garbage service at both Sutherland and Oakland.

The Sutherland Sun reports the bids will be based on the percentage the franchise holder will pay the cities from gross revenues. At the time the bids are opened, the two cities will try to reach agreement on the use of the dump which is owned by Oakland.

Fire Severely Damages Doyle Ratliff Home

Fire of undetermined origin which started in the second story of the Doyle Ratliff home, 256 Beulah Drive, Roseburg, Thursday afternoon caused damage of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 dollars, according to Fire Chief W. E. (Dutch) Mills.

The blaze was brought under control within 50 minutes by 23 firemen and volunteers, after the alarm was turned in at 2:10 p.m. Chief Mills said the fire had worked through the roof of the frame house before it was spotted.

Ratliff, his wife and two daughters resided in the home. George W. Jones home, a landmark in north Roseburg for some 70 years. (See story Page 2.)

Chief Mills said the family had insurance on the house. There was none on possessions, most of which were removed from the home by volunteers. He estimated damage to the house at more than 50 percent and said the entire structure would have to be torn down. Firemen used three of the city's five trucks to control the blaze. It was the first big fire in Roseburg since March 1 when a home partially burned on West Oak Street.

Mrs. Ratliff and daughters Sharon, 13, and Doyle Kay, 6, and one older son, Bob, were home at the time. They were not injured. Bob

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Hoyt Takes Over Rotary Presidency

Roland West, Roseburg Rotary Club president for 1954-55, turned over the gavel at a regular meeting Thursday to new President Harold Hoyt.

At the noon meeting in the Hotel Umpqua, Hoyt introduced other officers making up the board of directors for 1955-56: John Todd, Rod Nevue, Frank Denton (not in attendance because of illness), Vic Micelli, Bruce Mellis, Art McGhee, Dave Geddes and West.

Most of the final meeting of the Rotary year was taken up with reports by five members who attended the convention of Rotary International at Chicago: West, Mellis, Dave Busenbark, Arlo Jackson and John Runyan. They also told of the territory covered while returning to Roseburg following the convention.

Nearly 20,000 Rotarians from 41 countries and many territories attended the Chicago gathering.

Swim Classes Called Off For Remainder Of Week

Red Cross swimming classes for the remainder of this week are cancelled because of bad weather, stated Leon Mulkey, water safety chairman of the Douglas County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Students in the classes will be given an opportunity to make up the lessons at a later date when weather is more favorable, he said.

Mulkey said the next regularly scheduled class for the children whose parents have been called this week by the RC volunteers will start Tuesday.

Oakland Vote July 18 On Himelwright Successor

July 18 has been set as an election date for selection of successor to Lyle Himelwright as Oakland school board member.

Himelwright was recalled in the election June 20.

The Sutherland Sun reports no petitions have been filed for candidacy yet. However, Hunter Early, school clerk, reports prospective candidates have until July 11 to file.

The election is scheduled in the Washington Grade School gym between 2 and 8 p.m.

WARREN IN DENMARK

COPENHAGEN (AP)—U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren arrived by plane in Denmark Thursday night. He will be the guest of honor Monday at the big Danish celebration of U.S. Independence Day.

Opponents Say President's Move May Cancel Program For Dixon-Yates Project

WASHINGTON (AP)—Elated opponents of the Dixon-Yates private power contract today claimed a major and possibly decisive victory in their yearlong battle to block the project.

Cause of their jubilation was an order issued by President Eisenhower last night. It calls for a new look to determine whether it would be in the interest of the people in the Tennessee Valley area "to continue or to cancel the Dixon-Yates contract."

The President asked the Budget Bureau to confer "promptly" on the matter with the Atomic Energy Commission and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Budget Director Rowland R. Hughes said "a probable result" may be that the Dixon-Yates plant won't be needed. He promised a recommendation "in ample time" for consideration by the Senate when it takes up TVA appropriations, probably next week.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), who has fought the Dixon-Yates project from the beginning, said the President's action indicated to him that "they are thinking very seriously about this and I think the contract will be canceled." Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) agreed with Kefauver.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Senate Democratic leader, said he hoped the President's order "is preliminary to cancellation."

After being sworn in, Judge Woodruff gave a short explanation of how duties will be divided, temporarily at least. He will handle most of the non-jury (equity) cases and juvenile matters, and Judge Wimberly will handle jury cases and probate.

Judge Wimberly added that "Each will be available for work that is to be done." Judge Woodruff also announced the appointment of Emma Leah Handy as the second court reporter.

Judge Wimberly read a congratulatory telegram from William G. East, U.S. District Court judge, formerly circuit judge at Eugene. Many members of the bar, friends and relatives were on hand for the ceremony.

George Luoma, representing the Douglas County Bar Assn., and attorney Paul E. Geddes, also spoke briefly. Geddes, as a state senator, worked toward passage of legislation to provide another judge here. He congratulated Woodruff, as did others, and told of the background work of the local association in creation of the new post and the appointment.

Four Local Men Return From Uranium Prospects

Four Roseburg residents returned home this week after spending 10 days prospecting for uranium in northern Nevada.

The men, Dick Turley, Dr. H. W. Kring, Everett Oliver and H. K. McTaggart, said prospects were good. Turley said early assays showed a "rather large reserve of low grade ore with the prospects of it getting better at a deeper depth."

The men staked a number of claims and are now making preparation for a return visit to stake others in the area and develop those already filed, Turley added.

Three Douglas Students On Honor Roll At SOC

Three Douglas County students attending Southern Oregon College, Ashland, were listed on the spring term honor roll. They are: Robert Casebeer, Glide; Shirley Chaney, Myrtle Creek; and Phyllis Osepihan, Azalea.

Honor roll students are those who have a grade point of 3.50. That is a B-plus average.

District Boundary Board Denies Roberts Creek Division Petition

By LAURA OLSON
Staff Writer, News-Review

In a unanimous decision Thursday the Douglas County District Boundary Board denied a petition signed by eight residents of School District 37 (Roberts Creek) requesting two boundary changes.

The board gave two reasons: (1) Under the plan as presented to the board, the welfare of smaller children would not be well taken care of; and (2) cases of matters of policy in management of schools can be better taken care of through the existing school laws.

The boundary board consists of Judge Carl C. Hill, Commissioners Frank Ashley and Elmer Metzger and County School Supt. Kenneth F. Barneburg.

tioners asked that a small portion of District 37 be placed in the Glide School District and that the area known as "Clark's Branch" be placed in the Myrtle Creek School District.

Opinions from the two other districts were presented to the boundary board. Glide Supt. Byron Evans said District 12 facilities would be seriously crowded in the coming school year. He did not speak for the board.

In a written communication Myrtle Creek School Board members said they would accept the suggested portion into their district, but would not send District 19 buses beyond a certain distance on the Clark Branch Road. The boundary board referred to this in denying the petition.

In a remonstrance to the petition, 21 other legal voters of the district appeared before the board

Thursday morning. Through their legal counsel Dudley Walton, they expressed belief the proposed redistricting would by indirection do what was illegal directly.

Their thought was that partitioning of the district would leave less than 10 school age children in the district. Under Oregon school law a district with less than 10 school age children can be dissolved without taking the matter to voters in the district.

Speaking for the 21 voters, Walton contended the matter of where high school age children should be educated (Roberts Creek has no high school) was still a matter for folks in the district to decide.

In his summation he said there were avenues available to the district to take care of the situation and saw no reason for redistricting. His clients said they were will-

ing to consolidate with any district if they could keep their elementary school.

The original petitioners repeatedly questioned "where is the high school who will take our high school age students?"

District 37 has become a drifting orphan of the storm. Its meandering journey started in the fall of 1951 when the school board of District 4 said no more tuition paying ninth graders would be admitted after 1952-53.

In the several elections which have followed, Roberts Creek voters have not been able to get together permanently with a district containing a high school. Currently, one student of high school age lives in District 37.

No final solution to the problem appeared in sight Thursday afternoon.

8 Jet Planes Crash En Route To Lisbon Show

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—Eight jet planes crashed Friday enroute to a military air show at Coimbra. They encountered thick fog and apparently hit a mountain, killing all eight pilots, an Air Force pilot said.

The eight planes were part of a squadron of 12 which took off from Ota Air Base for the show at Coimbra.

They were under command of Capt. Rangel de Lima, known as "Lucky Lima." He landed safely and reported the squadron flew into thick fog and the eight crashed jets had apparently smashed into a mountain.

Lima said the 12 planes were near Coimbra when the fog closed down. They were flying in three formations, one above the other. He was in the top group. Blanked and invisible in the fog just ahead of them was the 1,500-foot-high Sierra dos Carvalhos.

The captain said he heard a tremendous crash and saw flames shoot up from a spot immediately beneath his aircraft. He signalled to his three followers to return to base. His radio calls to the eight planes below were unanswered.

The Portuguese formation flight to death resembled a Swedish Air Force disaster May 2. Four Swedish jets, blinded in a fog, plunged together through the melting ice of Lake Glottern near the Baltic.

A broadcast said the air festival at Coimbra, 110 miles northeast of Lisbon, was cancelled.

More than 100 Portuguese military planes were taking part in the festival to commemorate the third anniversary of Portugal's Air Force as an independent branch within the armed forces.

Three Directors Are Re-Elected At Community

Douglas Community Hospital stockholders holding their annual meeting Thursday evening re-elected three directors and heard the fiscal year report of the hospital.

Renamed to the board were Kenneth Ford, Al Fiegel and Frank Ashley. Their opponents for the positions were Howard Ott, Dwayne Buell and Eugene Miller.

The 1954-55 year was a healthy one financially for the hospital. The mortgage indebtedness was retired during the year and the hospital is debt free, according to business manager Vernon Perry.

He said total assets were approximately \$775,000.

A total of 3,401 in-patients were admitted during the year and 3,362 out-patients were treated. The area's population was increased by 675 new babies.

Perry said an all-time high in patient occupancy was reached in May with a total of 1,691 patient days. (This is a combined total of the number of days each patient stays in the hospital.)

President Kenneth Ford presided. New officers will be elected July 13. Currently holding office are Fiegel, secretary, and Ashley, treasurer.

Ashley was treasurer of the stockholders' association since 1947. He is the only charter member on the board.

Boniols Assumes Position As Head Of County Building Dept., Resigns City Post

Charles H. Boniols, Roseburg building inspector for the past six years, Thursday was appointed in a Douglas County Board order to head a county building department. He took his new office today.

City Manager George Farrell revealed that Boniols had submitted his resignation to the city earlier this month.

As county building inspector, Boniols will see to it that building regulations, soon to be adopted by the County Board, are complied with. County Judge Carl C. Hill said a revised form of the Pacific Coast building code will be adopted by the court in a few days.

Under state law, the building regulations in the county must be followed in unincorporated areas. Excepted are all buildings, residential and otherwise, used in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and grazing. Much of the rural area of the county thus will be unaffected. The state law provides for enforcement of the regulations.

Boniols will issue building permits, and a scale of fees for the permits will be set up later. Boniols' first duties will be in organization of the new department.

Judge Hill said the department will be independent of other county agencies, but will work in close cooperation with the County Planning Commission and the sanitary division of the County Health Dept.

For the time being, the building office will be with the planning office in the ground floor of the courthouse annex. Later, when building is completed on the two new courthouse wings, a separate office probably will be reserved for Boniols' department, the judge said.

Farrell said five men have applied for the now-vacant city position. All Roseburg men, they are: C. N. Currier, Esper D.

15 Cent Hour Wage Boost Agreed Upon

By NORMAN WALKER

PITTSBURGH (AP)—U. S. Steel Corp. and the CIO United Steelworkers Friday agreed on a 15-cent-plus average hourly wage boost to end the shortest nationwide strike in the steel industry's labor history.

The union's Wage Policy Committee gave a cheering, whistling ovation to union president David J. McDonald.

McDonald personally negotiated the wage pact in nearly night-long talks with John A. Stephens, vice president and chief negotiator for U. S. Steel.

The walkout began at midnight Thursday night, but the settlement was expected to set idle mills and furnaces back into operation in quick order.

Other major steel firms were expected to quickly fall in line with similar settlement agreements, with the prospect that the prospering steel industry would be back humming in full operation by Tuesday morning. Following the Fourth of July holiday.

However, union leaders said picket lines would be maintained outside struck steel plants until agreements at each company were signed and sealed.

The formal agreement between big steel and the union was to be signed Friday afternoon.

Combined Posse, Mounted Elect Tipton President

Another step toward healing the wounds of a Douglas County Sheriff's Posse break-up last year was taken Thursday night with the election of officers for a new unified group to be known as the Douglas County Mounted Sheriff's Posse.

Posse men and members of the Douglas County Mounted, which was formed by men splitting from the old organization, met at the fairgrounds with Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

G. W. (Bill) Tipton was elected president of the new organization. Other officers elected were Larry Stodde, vice president; Everett Parton, secretary; treasurer, and Bill Wishart, drillmaster, the sheriff said.

The officers are to fill out the year, until an annual meeting in December, Sheriff Byrd said.

A constitution and bylaws for the organization is still being prepared. Other organizational business was discussed at the meeting.

At the session, members of both factions were commissioned as deputy sheriffs, Byrd said.

Cop Slayer Dies Before Firing Squad In Utah

POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN, Utah (AP)—Convicted cop slayer Don Jesse Neal died at sunrise Friday before the guns of a Utah firing squad. He vowed his innocence to the end.

The rifleman fired at 5:00 a.m. The doctor pronounced him dead two minutes later.

The 35-year-old San Francisco man was convicted of slaying a Salt Lake City police sergeant, Owen T. Farley, on May 23, 1951, after Farley arrested Neal and his companion, Mrs. Wilma Tully, for investigation of a motel robbery at Ogden, Utah.

LOGGER KILLED

GRANTS PASS (AP)—Reno Duke, 41, a Cave Junction logger, was killed Thursday when struck on the head by a log.

The log, being hoisted onto a truck by a tractor, slipped and crushed him.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Prophecies for July 4th.—Celebrations (as advertised)—better and bigger; in traffic—(morticians note) wetter and bitter.



MOMENTS AFTER THIS PICTURE was taken several volunteers roced hundreds of feet to a fire hydrant with hose on back of truck at right. Added water force helped control the blaze which was fanned by southwest winds. Home which belongs to Doyle Ratliff is longtime landmark in north Roseburg and was built around 1884 by George W. Jones. (Paul Jenkins photo)



ROSEBURG FIREMEN and volunteers brought the fire which Thursday gutted the Doyle Ratliff home, 256 Beulah Drive, under control in 50 minutes. Above, they prepare to man fire hoses to prevent spread of flames. (Paul Jenkins photo)

Three Big Events Planned For 4th Of July Holidays

While the National Safety Council is ticking off the number of traffic deaths in the nation this weekend, Douglas County will be in the throes of many Fourth of July activities.

At the north end of the county, Yoncalla's annual Saddle Club Rodeo is on tap Sunday and Monday. It will be preceded by a Saturday night dance and will include a parade Monday morning.

Rodeo events are scheduled both Sunday and Monday afternoons. Buckaroo breakfasts are scheduled both days also.

Here in Roseburg, the big event will be the Monday night fireworks show which starts shortly after dusk.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hazards of life note: The elderly king of Norway, Haakon VII, fell and broke a hip in his palace near Oslo. His condition is described as satisfactory, but there is some natural concern among his people because he is 83 years old.

Even kings, you see, are PEOPLE.

When they cut their fingers while sharpening a pencil with a knife, or nick themselves with the razor when shaving, blood flows. When they slip and fall, EVEN IN THEIR ROYAL PALACES, they're apt to break their hips.

And— If they're getting very old and their bones are getting brittle they're pretty sure to have as much trouble with a broken hip as the humblest commoner.

If we could only keep clear and sharp in our minds the fact that

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The Weather

Considerable cloudiness and scattered showers today, tonight and Saturday.
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 66
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 49
Highest temp. any July — 109
Lowest temp. any July — 40
Precip. last 24 hours — .02
Precip. from June 1 — .01
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 22.45
Deficiency from Sept. 1 — 7.54
Sunset tonight, 7:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:37 a.m.