

Boxcar Committee Rejects Plan



THE 1955 DOUGLAS COUNTY Fair premium book is displayed by Miss Janet Church, secretary to fair manager Dick Turley. The book contains 84 pages and for the first time has advertising. Design for attractive two-color cover was drawn by 12-year-old Clyde Thrift, Roseburg. Fair dates are Aug. 26-28. Premium books may be secured by writing Box 750, Roseburg. (Paul Jenkins photo.)

Fantastic Saga Of Sea Believed To Be One Of Greatest Hoaxes

NEW YORK (AP)—A fantastic saga of the sea—and possibly one of its greatest hoaxes—was touched off in the predawn hours Thursday with a strange radio report that survivors from a flame-swept fishing boat had been rescued by a foreign submarine.

Many hours later it was just as big a mystery as when the story began to unfold at 2:25 a.m. A sweeping air and sea search produced only one feeble possibility of a clue to whether anything at all actually had happened.

This was an unmarked life jacket, found by a Coast Guard cutter about five miles from the scene of the purported boat distress. It was estimated to have been in the water less than 24 hours.

The remarkable affair got off to a frantic start when a tugboat out of New York picked up a radio message from what was said to be the 40-foot fishing boat, Blue Star.

This message said the Blue Star, with 21 persons aboard, had hit an unidentified object, had caught fire and was sinking some 30 miles east of Barnegat, N. J., or about 55 miles southeast of the entrance to New York Harbor.

The tug was about 50 miles from the spot. During the next hour the tugboat, the Nancy Moran, had various reports from the vessel purportedly in distress. Then at times reception became so poor that communications failed.

Among other things, the tugboat was told that fire continued to sweep the craft, that there was an explosion in the engine room, that the boat had a hole in the stern and that it was sinking. Life rafts were said to have been destroyed by the flames.

At one time, said Capt. Mitchell C. Sullivan of the tugboat, all the radio informant expressed belief he would have to jump off the fishing boat.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ho Hum!!! That expression, I think, more or less accurately describes the attitude of most of us on the first morning after a 10-o-n-g-g holiday when we're picking up the pieces and slowly getting back again to work. The radio, all, is the REAL part of this business of living.

It's rather PLEASANT to get back to work. Now ISN'T it?

Wise Thomas Carlyle said something when he wrote about a century ago:

"Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness."

No BIG news on this morning after the long holiday.

For which thank fortune! The big news in these days is apt to be BAD news.

By modern custom, we chalk up

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The Weather

Increasing cloudiness tonight. Considerable cloudiness Friday. Highest temp, last 24 hours 71. Lowest temp, last 24 hours 43. Highest temp, any July 109. Lowest temp, any July 40. Precip, last 24 hours 0. Precip, from July 1 0.1. Precip, from Sept. 1 22.45. Deficiency from Sept. 1 8.60. Sunset tonight, 7:55 a.m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:41 a.m.

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TV For Roseburg Due By Year's End

Reception Area Tests To Be Run Here Next Week

Television probably will come to Roseburg before the end of the year, it was revealed today.

S. W. McCready, manager of KVAL-TV, Eugene, an affiliate of the Southwest Oregon Television Broadcasting Co., said final tests are to be made next week to determine the area of coverage for the station (see map page 11).

The station, for which the call letters KPIC-TV have been reserved, will operate initially as a satellite of KVAL-TV. Its power will be 5,370 watts—enough to serve virtually the entire county.

As a satellite, special receiving antennae and other equipment are to be installed to pick up the KVAL-TV signal. Transmission facilities will be built to rebroadcast the programs from Roseburg.

Site of the station, approved by the Federal Communications Commission, is atop the Nebo Ridge just southeast of the city. The location is the same as that where Umpqua Radio & Television Co., Roseburg's community television cable system, has located its antennae.

McCready said an office will be set up in Roseburg, but no studio programming is planned in the city at first. KVAL-TV, in the past, has programmed some features for Roseburg audiences, and McCready said it's possible that a regular program specifically directed to Roseburg people will be made a part of the Eugene station's schedule.

The Eugene station is served by three networks—NBC, ABC and DuMont.

McCready explained that once exact site of the antennae is figured, building will go fast. Equipment, once secured, is readily delivered now and he said officials of the company are hoping to put the new station on the air before the end of the year.

In oral bid Roseburg Lumber Co. offered \$40 per thousand board feet of Douglas fir appraised at \$18.45 for a total of \$134,105.

Appraisal prices were paid for other species: 70,000 board feet of ponderosa pine at \$26.90; 322,000 board feet of white fir at \$4.30; 35,000 board feet of Port Orford cedar at \$18.45; and 137,000 board feet of incense cedar at \$4.30.

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Lemolo No. 1 Power Plant Activated, Adding 30,000 Kilowatts For Copco's Use

Approximately 30,000 kilowatts of hydroelectric power were added to the California Oregon system today when its Lemolo No. 1 generating plant on the North Umpqua River went into production. The new plant has been receiving bearing tests for the past week.

The power company accompanied its announcement with information to anglers that start of the generator may result in temporary discoloration of water in the lower river.

Rush of water through the turbines, it is stated, is expected to stir up silt in the stretch of river below the operation. Much of the silt will be deposited in Toketee, Slide Creek and Soda Springs pools, but it is feared some turbidity will reach the lower river. Discoloration should not last more than five or six hours, says H. C. Wells, local manager, and should pass Winchester power dam within 36 hours.

The Lemolo No. 1 dam is located on the North Umpqua River about one mile downstream from the mouth of Lake Creek, the outlet from Diamond Lake. The dam has a maximum height of 130 feet and an overall crest length of 885 feet. Surface area of the reservoir is 415 acres at normal pool elevation. Total capacity is 13,900 acre feet.

From the dam, 14,800 feet of concrete lined canal and 1,875 feet of concrete flume, together with 7,228 feet of steel penstock, lead to the power plant, providing an effective head of 710 feet.

The power plant is rated at 29,000 k.w., but is expected to generate up to 35,000 k.w. at maximum load.

Operation will be remotely controlled from the Toketee power house.

A similar unit, Lemolo No. 2, is under construction and will be added to the system at a later date.

He scored the stand taken by employers, saying that the union has been "endeavoring to have employers offer a reduced work week and at no time will they talk or make an offer of any kind of reduction on a work-week basis."

He added that the wage scale in Roseburg for journeymen cutters is far lower than a common laborer's pay.

To a charge made here by Harold E. Carlson, secretary of the (Continued On Page 2 Col. 1)

Charles Woodrich, new Douglas County circuit judge, has moved into temporary quarters in the courthouse.

He is now located in the attorneys' conference room adjacent to the Douglas County Law Library in the courthouse. Meanwhile, senior judge, Carl E. Wimberly, retains his temporary quarters in the former St. Joseph's School.

Until September, all equity and domestic relations cases will be conducted at the school by Judge Woodrich. He will also handle insanity hearings, juvenile cases and adoptions. These were formerly heard by County Judge Carl E. Hays.

Wimberly will handle jury actions, estates and guardianships, Woodrich reported.

Both judges will have courtrooms when the courthouse wings are completed.

Double-Decker Transport Plane Roars Off As Start Of Mass Long-Range Airlift

By VERN HAUGLAND
AP Aviation Reporter

FT. CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP)—A double-decker transport plane carrying 99 paratroopers roared off for Japan at 12:10 a.m. today to start history's most massive long-range airlift.

Other huge C-124 Globemasters of the 18th Air Force followed at two-hour intervals, with one carrying 23 newsmen and 67 paratroopers departing at 8 a.m.

Altogether 43 planes will take off from here in two days on the 18,000-mile mission of swapping two airborne combat teams between the United States and Japan.

The planes are taking almost 4,000 officers and men of the 508th



CHILD FOUND — Ida Mae Curtis, two-year-old child at first thought to have been carried off by a bear, rests after she was found alive and well in Kootenai National Forest near Libby, Mont. The child was found safe and sound and apparently undisturbed by her 22-hour disappearance, in a brushy hollow near her parents' camp. (AP Wirephoto.)

U. S. Agreeable To Russian Offer On Downed Plane

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Thursday accepted Russia's offer to pay half the damages involved in shooting down an American Navy patrol bomber over the Bering Sea last June 23.

In a conciliatory note the State Department told the Russians the Soviet apology and offer of partial compensation provides "an acceptable basis for the disposal of this particular incident."

Soviet MIG fighters shot down the Neptune patrol bomber over international waters, forcing it to crash land on St. Lawrence Island.

The Navy has estimated the cost of the plane alone, minus equipment, at about 1.5 million dollars. How much more the total bill might amount to has not been disclosed.

Haillstones Cause Heavy Loss At Billings, Mont.

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—Haillstones driven by a 54-mile an hour wind ripped through this city of 40,000 Wednesday in a destructive swath. The icy, rock-hard pellets—some described as large as baseballs—shattered thousands of windows, punctured roofs, dented automobiles, shredded airplane wings, smashed crops into the ground and injured several persons.

School officials said from "1,000 to 2,000" windows were broken in public schools. The Lynch Flying Service headquarters said 100 small airplanes at the Billings airport were wrecked.

Estimates of the damage ran into several hundred thousand dollars.

Arraignment Slated For Confessed Killer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Law student John R. Crocker Jr., awaited arraignment today for the slaying of a woman, Norma McCauley, charged with the death of a woman.

Police say Crocker, 31, confessed he stabbed Mrs. McCauley, 33, and garroted her with her own stole after she fell asleep while he begged for a reconciliation.

She was found dead Tuesday morning, the bloody stole knotted about her neck.

Crocker, who was a houseboy in the attractive divorcee's home when he was attending the University of California at Los Angeles, confessed.

BOUND TO GRAND JURY

William Charles Keady, 28, Garfield, R.I., Myrtle Creek, charged with the robbery by force and violence of Nyl Henry Boyd, Dilard, was bound over to the Grand Jury Thursday morning, following his preliminary hearing in district court. His bail was continued at \$5,000, by Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff. Keady and a companion, Ralph Raymond Lee, 30, Winston, were arrested Saturday by the Sheriff's Dept. Lee waived his hearing Tuesday morning and was held to answer to the charge in circuit court.

STOLEN CAR FOUND

Roseburg police Wednesday night recovered a car stolen here on May 31 from a Lockwood used car lot. It was found near the intersection of Hawthorne Drive and Kane Street.

Dept. Of State Accuses Reds Of Violations

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department told Congress the Communists have violated the truce agreement in Indochina, as well as in Korea, to increase their military strength in the northern part of the country.

Walter S. Robertson, assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs, said in testimony made public today that expanded Communist Vietnamese forces in North Indochina "have greatly increased their firepower."

Testifying June 27 before a House Appropriations subcommittee considering foreign aid, Robertson said:

"They (the Vietnamese) have a well equipped army there which has been brought up to some 350,000 men and been supplied with modern equipment, also in violation of the Geneva agreements."

These agreements last year halted the seven-year Indochina war. American authorities in South Korea have accused the Communists of specific truce violations, including the importation of jet aircraft, in building up their North Korean strength. Robertson called this "a flagrant violation of the armistice agreement."

Robertson said that on the Chinese mainland "the Communists are continuing a feverish buildup of airfields that will accommodate jet fighters" and are rushing in oil and other supplies.

Three Air Force Officers To Probe Buildup By Reds

By SPENCER MOOSA
TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Three top U.S. Air Force officers in the Pacific flew into Taipei today to confer on the buildup of Communist airpower on the nearby Red mainland.

Simultaneously Chinese Nationalist said two Red air bases within easy striking distance of Communist jets were about completed.

The visiting officers are Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, commander of the Far East Air Force in Japan; Maj. Gen. Sory Smith, chief of the Pacific Air Command in Pearl Harbor; and Brig. Gen. William L. Lee, commander of the U.S. 13th Air Force in the Philippines.

In addition to the Red buildup, they will discuss operating problems of the U.S. air task force on Formosa. One possible result might be the rotation of additional U.S. Air Force squadrons on Formosa for training purposes.

Fire Chief Removes Small Gopher Bombs

Two small gopher bombs found outside the Lester Nielsen residence, 233 S. Chidwick st., this week, were attributed to the work of a juvenile prankster by Roseburg Fire Chief W. E. (Dutch) Mills.

The chief removed the two bombs, each about 2 1/2 inches long, yesterday. He said one had blasted sulphur up on the siding of the house, the other had been tossed on a newly-laid roof.

Principal danger of the bombs, the chief added, was to small children who might eat them. They burn like a punk and emit a sulphurous smoke.

Rock Smashes Window Of Sporting Goods Shop

A rock was tossed through the Main Street window of the J. C. Sporting Goods store, 245 N. Jackson St., about midnight last night. Roseburg police watched the store through the night for any sign of an attempt of entry to the store. The window was smashed near the lock, but entry to the building wasn't gained. The broken window was discovered by merchant police.

Menon Departs Today For Talks With Nehru

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Roving Indian Ambassador V. K. Krishna Menon planned to enplane for London this afternoon to give Prime Minister Nehru a report on his efforts to set up direct U.S.-Red China talks.

Menon met twice with President Eisenhower and three times with Secretary of State Dulles during his month in the United States. The Indian diplomat said he had "no doubt the talks will make a contribution to lowering tensions in the world, particularly in the Far East."

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By L. F. Reizenstein

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Ordering Cars From Northern Lines Rejected

Opinion Is Expressed Shortage Not Accute Enough To Force Issue

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's emergency transportation committee decided 7 to 6 Wednesday against asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to permit northern railroad lines to serve Oregon's lumber industry during the car shortage.

The proposal was that Oregon lumbermen be permitted to order cars from the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Union Pacific and Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroads. The Southern Pacific, which now has a monopoly in most of the state's lumber area, would haul the cars to Portland for routing over the northern lines.

A majority of the committee members agreed that the Southern Pacific needs some competition. But several said the car short now is not severe enough to warrant the ICC approving the proposal.

This was an indication that the committee might vote for the proposal when it meets here July 19 when the car shortage is expected to become more severe.

Stan Sherwood, Coquille, chairman of the committee, said the Southern Pacific now has 2,500 cars in storage in Oregon. He gave as the reasons for this surplus: Some lumber mills are closed by vacations; the S. P. has many cars which would be used on the Western Pacific, which is temporarily closed; and the teamster strike has been settled.

John F. Buchanan, Sutherlin lumberman, led the fight for the proposal.

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Boxcar Situation Eased, Reports Officials Of SP

Two Southern Pacific officials from the Portland division were in Roseburg Thursday. Both were encouraging comments to make concerning the matter of boxcar supplies for Douglas County.

L. R. Smith, superintendent of the division, said more cars were arriving in Oregon now than were being removed. "We are in excellent shape throughout the Portland division," he added. Smith and E. C. Ordway, division freight traffic manager, were heading back to Portland after a check on the line.

Their main business now concerned the removal of the passenger service on the line slated for Aug. 7. Smith said it would speed freight service from Roseburg into Eugene by as much as four hours. He pointed out that passenger trains always have priority over freight. He thought the discontinuance of the service would offer "better service for freight."

Ordway said the company "now has all the cars shippers need, except maybe a few top grade cars." Some of the shortage throughout the nation came, he continued, because shippers last year predicted a business decrease and got an increase instead. "Who can predict the future with any degree of accuracy," he pointed out.

The SP "bad order" (in disrepair) cars is 2 percent of its total, he said, adding that the national average is 6 percent. Since World War II, he continued, the company has accepted or has on order 44,000 new cars. Of the total, 25,000 are boxcars. The SP official said his company had ordered more cars while other lines had not.

"We have built or have on order for early construction more than 6,000 boxcars of the double door type," Ordway said. He termed such cars particularly important to plywood mill owners.

Woman, Dog In Hospital From Sleeping Tablets

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—A woman and her dog were hospitalized Wednesday night after the woman reportedly gave the dog 12 sleeping pills and took 28 herself.

Frank Tufaro told police he came home about 5 p.m. and found his wife, Wilma, 52, in a dazed condition and the dog almost dead. Tufaro said his wife told him she gave the dog 12 sleeping pills and took about 28 herself. He said she gave no reason for it. Both were reported recovering.

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGED

A Portland man, Elanah Junor Sweet, 29, was arrested by Roseburg police Wednesday evening and charged with driving while under the influence of liquor. The arrest was made on North Stephens Street. Sweet was to be arraigned in municipal court today.

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