

Five Youths Killed In Avalanche



JULY INDUCTEES—These three Roseburg young men left Monday for Portland, where they were to be inducted into the Army Tuesday as the July draft from Douglas County. From left to right are: Joseph William Levine, Ralph Richard Mendenhall and Earl John Telford. (Don Mindolovich photo).

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Dealers To Make Meat Cutters Offer

Member Vote Is Expected For This Week

The retail meat dealer employers of the Roseburg area will submit a "final wage proposal" to the Meat Cutters Union sometime this week, according to Al Henninger, chairman of the local employers committee.

He said a representative of the union indicated that a membership meeting would be scheduled this week to consider the proposal to be made by the employers. He said this pledge was made last night at a meeting of the Roseburg Central Labor Council which considered a request of the union to place local meat dealers on their "do not patronize list."

Efforts to contact spokesmen for the Meat Cutters Union failed. Henninger said a meeting between the negotiating committee of the Roseburg Independent Meat Dealers Employers Committee, the labor relations representative of the Safeway Stores Inc. and the union negotiating committee was held last Friday with Robert McClelland, representing the federal conciliation service, acting as chairman of the meeting.

"The employer committee and the union representatives at this meeting reached an agreement that a final wage offer from employers would be submitted to the membership of the local union by a secret ballot vote," Henninger said. He said Herbert Smith, Eugene, business agent for the local "would not specify a date" of the meeting. Smith could not be contacted before press time today for comment.

Sutherlin Voters Reject Special Levy Of \$30,000

Voters in Sutherlin School District 130 Monday turned down a proposed special levy of \$30,000 per year for five years for construction purposes by a count of 52 to 13.

District Clerk A. L. Loerts Tuesday termed the total vote turnout of 65 as "very small." He said there were more than 800 voters in the district.

Further action on the proposed levy by school board members is not yet certain, he added. The clerk said it might possibly be resubmitted at a later date.

Purpose of the proposed levy, he pointed out, was to help the district meet the space problem which it will confront in the fall of 1956. Had the levy passed, the board hoped to add, every two years, a four-room section to the West Side Elementary School. They had hoped later to enlarge pupil facilities at the Sutherlin High School, he said.

Appropriations Committee Cuts Out Vaccine Funds, Hits Other Money Requests

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee Tuesday rejected President Eisenhower's request for 30 million dollars to provide free Salk polio vaccine for the nation's needy children.

It explained in its report that it could not approve the request because the program has not yet been authorized by Congress. Authorization legislation is pending in Senate and House committees.

The committee took this action in approving a \$1,648,876.128 appropriations bill to finance scores of federal activities. This was \$278,000 less than Eisenhower asked, with the big cuts applied to requests for atomic and defense plant equipment and construction programs.

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Council Opposes SP Plan To Take Off Passenger

The Roseburg City Council, in a special meeting Monday afternoon, formally declared itself against the Southern Pacific Co.'s plans to end passenger service to southern Oregon.

In a resolution, the council put itself in favor of retaining the Rogue River passenger trains which pass once in each direction through the city in the early morning hours.

The resolution further asked that daylight service be added to the Espee schedule on its Siskiyou line, running south to Ashland. The company has announced that passenger trains will be a thing of the past in southern Oregon come Aug. 7.

It was brought out in the meeting that Ashland and Medford are planning to file objections, as will Roseburg, with the company and the public utilities commissioner, Charles H. Helzel, Salem.

The council, in addition, volunteered its services in a cooperative attempt, with the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, to keep passenger service alive.

Four contracts were awarded at the meeting. Three were won by Roseburg Paving Co. for paving of Ball Street (\$16,578.40), Harrison Street (\$18,497.40) and Terrace Avenue (\$6,618.40). All are assessment projects. The bids were under those submitted by Henry H. Miller Construction Co., Roseburg. Engineer's estimates were: Ball \$19,341.65, Harrison \$20,475.55 and Terrace \$6,169.50.

California-Oregon Machine Co. won the contract to supply the city a rotary-vane type air compressor at a cost of \$3,493, plus \$40 for a parking wheel, if needed. Seven other bids were submitted.

Two Others Are Missing Near Banff

BANFF, Alta. (AP)—Five teenage boys—one from St. Louis and four from Philadelphia—died in an avalanche that roared down on them late Monday within 2,000 feet of the peak of towering Mt. Temple in the Canadian Rockies.

Two other Philadelphia boys were still missing Tuesday.

The seven were in a group of 11 members of the Wilderness Club of Philadelphia who tried to reach the top of the 11,636-foot peak, then decided to turn back. Just as they did, the avalanche struck.

Two others were in a Banff hospital suffering from shock and exposure. Of the 11, only two escaped injury.

A Banff Park superintendent said no one knew the boys were trying to make the climb. Five Mexican women mountaineers were killed in the same area last fall.

The dead are:

Richard and James Ballis, 13 year old twins of Philadelphia; William Wise, 15, Philadelphia; William Watts, 16, Philadelphia; Luther Seddon, 13, St. Louis; Miles Marble, 12, and David Chapin, 15, both of Philadelphia, were missing.

Frederick Ballard, 13, and Jerry Clattenburg, 14, both of Philadelphia, were hospitalized here.

Peter Smith, 13, and Tony Woodfield, 16, escapes injury.

The boys were part of a group of about 30 who had been in the area for three days. Most were from well-to-do families. O. D. Dickinson and W. H. Oeser, both of Philadelphia, were the camp leaders.

Democrats Plan To Keep Dixon-Yates Issue Alive As Big Political Issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Dixon-Yates contract was virtually a dead letter today. But triumphant foes in Congress indicated they planned to keep the issue alive through the 1956 presidential campaign, if possible.

President Eisenhower ordered the contract canceled yesterday after Mayor Frank Tobey of Memphis convinced him in a conference that the city intends to build its own power plant.

Coming out of that meeting, Atty. Gen. Brownell announced

the government "will immediately take steps to terminate" the private power contract.

But Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), who heads an antitrust subcommittee which has been investigating negotiations which led to the contract, announced the cancellation "will have no effect on our hearings."

"We expect to get to the bottom of this entire matter," he said.

Brownell described Eisenhower as "very happy" about the outcome. He said the President all along had wanted Memphis to build its own plant, but had been advised previously the city would not do so.

The 107-million-dollar Dixon-Yates plant was to have been built by a private power group at West Memphis, Ark. Ground for it already has been broken.

Clark Gable, 54, Marries Former Wife Of Spreckles

MINDEN, Nev. (AP)—Clark Gable, 54-year-old screen veteran, and Kay Williams Spreckles, 37, actress and former wife of California sugar heir Adolph Spreckles II, were married yesterday in a surprise double-ring ceremony.

It was Gable's fifth marriage, Miss Williams' third.

The ceremony in the home of Justice of the Peace G. Walter Fisher—claimed an on-again, off-again romance that has linked their names in gossip columns for about 10 years. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Menasco, of St. Helena, Calif., and Mrs. Elizabeth Nessar, of Los Angeles.

Gable, appearing very formal in a dark blue suit, and his bride, wearing a chic tan suit, were uncommunicative before and after the ceremony. Fisher said the actor said only "I do" and both were unusually quiet.

"Afterwards, Mr. Gable took her in his arms and kissed her," he said. "I don't know for how long, but pretty long. Maybe two or three seconds. A good kiss."

There was speculation that the couple might have gone for their honeymoon to Glenbrook, a small resort community on Lake Tahoe where Gable has a cottage.

Married Woman, 16, Held For Grand Larceny

A 16-year-old Roseburg married woman is being held for police in Marion County, where she is wanted on a charge of grand larceny.

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said the girl is wanted in the theft of clothing and jewelry. She was arrested there by the Sheriff's Dept. Sunday.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I suppose you must have noted that the unconquerable trait of Juan de Fuca has been conquered at last. This thing that no one had ever been able to do before was done the other day by Bert Thomas, of Tacoma—a former U.S. Marine, incidentally.

He set out from Port Angeles, on the Washington side. Eleven hours and ten minutes after he slipped into the icy waters of a strait at Port Angeles he came out of the water at Victoria, some eighteen miles away.

Thus the strait of Juan de Fuca joins the English channel and the Dardanelles. All of them challenged that strange instinct in man which leads him to seek to conquer the unconquerable.

The Weather

Clear and continued warm today, tonight and Wednesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 84

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 52

Highest temp. any July 109

Lowest temp. any July 40

Precip. last 24 hours .11

Precip. from July 1 2.55

Precip. from Sept. 1 7.55

Deficiency from Sept. 1 1.11

Sunset tonight, 7:53 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 4:44 a.m.

71 Girls Attend First Camp Tye Summer Session

Seventy-one youngsters attending the first session at Camp Tye this week got a temporary reprieve from dishwashing Monday evening.

The water pump failed to function. Camp officials expected to have it back in working order before Tuesday night.

Tye, a summer camp on the Umpqua River northwest of Sutherlin, is operated by the Roseburg Council of Camp Fire Girls Inc. It is open through Aug. 14.

Counselors for the sessions are Darlene McClung, Jeanne Conn, Valerie Bruden, Karen Amundson, Sandra Bushey, Norma Thiele, Pamela Clayton, Joyce Mount, Judy Stadler, Mrs. Mabel Willis, Mrs. Blanche Weischedel and Mrs. Barbara Gum.

Camp personnel includes: Miss June Emerson, director; Miss Francis Brown, registered nurse; Mrs. Ruth Bradley, cook; Miss Lavonne Snyder, assistant cook; Kathleen Lietz, waterfront director; Mary Lynn Holm, camp craft director; Carolyn Calder, assistant in camp craft.

All youngsters attending camp will be assisted by various Camp Fire experts in the county. This week they learned camp history and folk lore from Mrs. James (Connie) Conn, Melrose, and received special craft instruction from Mrs. Perry Thiele, 833 Harvard Ave., Roseburg.

West Coast Carnival Opens At Fairgrounds

The West Coast Shows carnival goes into action at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at Roseburg today under the auspices of the local American Legion post.

Commander Lee Winberly said funds received from the carnival by the post would be used for Legion projects, such as Beaver Boys' State and the Legion Junior baseball.

The show will run six days through July 17.

Legality Of Army Action On Turncoats To Be Tested

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Communist decision to send home three American turncoats who first chose to stay in China could stir up new difficulties for the U.S. Army and the former soldiers themselves.

The three who changed their minds about remaining with the Communists who captured them in Korea sailed from Hong Kong yesterday saying they are ready to face the consequences of any wrongdoings while prisoners of war.

What they did not say, and may not realize, is that they have possible legal grounds for challenging the Army's right to be used for their own purposes.

The Army decided that "undesirable" discharges were the worst that could be given to the 21 men who originally chose to stay with the Reds. Such discharges could be ordered by administrative action.

But Secretary of Defense Wilson bluntly told the Army it was all tied up in its own red tape. He ordered that the men be given honorable discharges, saying the secretary of the Army had sufficient general powers to dispose of the cases that way.

The Army has given no hint as to what if any action it plans in the cases of the three now on their way home: William G. Gwilt, of Dalton, Ga.; Otto G. Bell, of Hillsboro, Miss.; and Lewis W. Bridges, of Jacksonville, Tex.

Myrtle Creek Board Selects New Chairman

The Myrtle Creek School board lost a chairman Monday night and gained another, reports correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

At its regular meeting in the primary building, Helen Gosline resigned from the board. He is moving to Roseburg to take over operation of a jewelry store.

The board selected John Meier, owner of a Myrtle Creek cleaning establishment, to replace Gosline as a member of the board. He will complete the one year still remaining in the term. The board also selected W. A. Wirth to serve as board chairman on a temporary basis.

The board set Aug. 1 as the date for the election for two school construction bond issues. One issue would be for \$55,000. It would be used for construction of an industrial arts building and for equipment and alterations at the high school. A second issue of \$40,000 would be used for construction of a multipurpose room at the Tri-City School.

The election on these two issues had previously been set July 11, but it was called off because of an error in legal advertising. The board will meet again July 20.

At the Monday night meeting, Supt. Al Neet reported he still has two high school and six elementary teaching positions to fill. He will leave this week to conduct interviews for teachers at several Oregon colleges.

Roseburg Elks Schedule Annual Picnic Sunday

The annual Elks Lodge picnic in Roseburg is scheduled this Sunday at the Rod & Gun Club, reports chairman Carl Christensen.

The host of Elks members and guests expected to attend will feast on one and a half barbecued beefs. Beef will be the key word of the day, apparently, since two other sides of beef will be at stake in a contest.

Fire for the big barbecue will be maintained from midnight Saturday.

Vandalism Reported

Just L. Crafton, of the Schermer Bottling Co., 1407 Harvard Ave., complained to Roseburg police Monday that vandals had smashed some bottles at the plant.

Progress Reported Made In Fighting Forest Fires

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forest Service officials said Tuesday an estimated 2,000 fire-fighters appeared to be winning their battles against four forest fires that have swept 23,000 acres in Colorado, Arizona and Wyoming.

Supervisor W. M. Beveridge of Prescott National Forest, about 90 miles northwest of Phoenix, Ariz., said 700 men made more progress Monday in fighting a 19,000-acre fire than at any time since the blaze started last Friday.

A prospector was reported killed Sunday in the Arizona blaze.

Four Boys Are Jailed For Curfew Violations

Four boys, three of them 13 and the other 15, were jailed shortly after midnight this morning by Roseburg police, who charged them with violation of curfew.

Police said they stopped the four riding around in a car. Three, said officers, were apprehended a day or two previously on the same charge. They were to appear in Municipal court today.

Body Of Small Girl Found Raped, Slain

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP)—A chubby 2-year-old girl plucked from her crib by an apparent sex degenerate, was found raped and slain in a farm field Monday.

Police said they were without clues in the abduction-slaying of curly haired Donna Sue Davis, described by neighbors as "the darling of the neighborhood."

The pajama-clad daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis was lifted from her crib within minutes after her mother had tucked her in for the night Sunday.

About this time neighbors reported seeing a young man prowling about the Davis' modest duplex home.

The crumpled body, savagely beaten about the head, was found alongside a ditch at the edge of a cornfield on the Ernest Oehlert farm near South Sioux City, Neb., just across the Missouri River from here.

The child's pink pajama tops were wound around her neck. Her diaper, rubber pants and pajama bottoms were picked up by Oehlert, three-fourths of a mile down the country road.

Police said her clothing was bloodstained and she "definitely had been raped."

Education Meet Planned By Real Estate Board

The Roseburg Real Estate Board will host an educational conference here sometime in September, according to a report from the Real Estate Dept. of the state government.

The state department reports the meeting will feature some nationally-known speakers who are coming to the four-state Northwest Real Estate Conference in Spokane, Sept. 28, 29 and 30.

Coordinator of the conference in Roseburg and similar ones at Medford and Eugene is Burton W. Dunn, Corvallis, state educational coordinator. He was just appointed to the post this month. Establishment of the service is intended to meet desires of licensed brokers and salesmen for expanded educational and functional training.

Roseburg Well-Child Clinic Set For Thursday

The monthly well-child clinic is scheduled in Roseburg at the Salvation Army Building at 1095 Winchester St. Thursday.

It is sponsored by the Roseburg Junior Woman's Club in cooperation with the Douglas County Health Office, Dr. Roland Cutts, Pediatrician with the State Health Dept. will conduct examinations of children of pre-school age.

Chairman Mrs. George Castillo reports the clinic is only for well children to discover possible defects and to aid parents with problems they have with their children.

The clinic will be conducted from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Traffic Mishap Results In Circuit Court Action

A traffic collision May 18, 1954, at Garden Valley Road junction on Highway 99 has resulted in a suit for \$2,973 damages in circuit court.

Shirley Blixseth, now 25, claims M. A. Thomas, driver of a logging truck, was negligent when the truck and her car collided. She also claims M. H. Thomas, owner of the truck.

The plaintiff asks \$2,900 general damages for injuries received in the accident and \$733 special damages for medical expenses.

Senate, House Groups Vote Free Polio Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate and House committees Tuesday unanimously approved separate measures to provide free Salk polio vaccine to some groups of children and expectant mothers.

The Senate Labor Committee approved a bill to extend the Public Health Service Act which provides federal funds to aid states in such inoculation programs as smallpox and diphtheria.

Sen. Hill (D-Ala.), Labor Committee chairman, told a news conference the committee measure specifically avoids making financial need, or any other reason, a qualification for those getting free polio vaccine.

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Phil Todd Is Elected Fire Dept. President

Phil Todd was elected president of the Roseburg Fire Dept. in a meeting held Monday night.

Others elected were: Ernest Gardner, vice president, and William Chalmers, secretary-treasurer.

Fire Chief W. E. Mills said that the department now is accepting applications for volunteers. He said applicants should be under the age of 40.

INSPECTION UNDERWAY

A. B. Everts, Portland, regional fire equipment engineer for the U.S. Forest Service, is making a functional inspection of the Umpqua National Forest this week, according to Ray Hampton, fire control officer for the forest. Hampton said Everts would probably spend most of his time in the Little River, Diamond Lake and Bohemia districts.

Sutherlin Awards Sewage Disposal Plant Contract

Contracts were awarded for machinery for Sutherlin's new sewage disposal plant by the Sutherlin City Council Monday night. They totaled \$12,843, according to City Manager Hugh McKinley.

The city manager said the next step in getting a modern sewer system in operation will be construction of the disposal plant. Itself, and the general construction contract on it will be awarded Aug. 8. It probably will come to more than \$100,000.

The contract winners Monday were: R. H. Brown Co., Portland, for a sludge collector and skimmer, \$4,965; Inflico Co., rotary distributor, \$3,746; H. D. Fowler Co., sludge pump, \$998, and three sewage pumps, \$2,527; and Fairbanks-Morse Co., secondary sludge pump, \$371.

The council adopted a tentative policy for hookup of private property to the sewer system. A flat connection charge would be made and the city would run sewer connections to property lines. Fee for the connection service has been figured yet.

McKinley said the city is making plans for alling streets next week. About 15,000 feet of streets not to be torn up by the sewer system will be oiled, with Roseburg Paving Co. doing the job. Cash for the project is budgeted.

Once before, about three weeks ago, the city tried to start on an oiling program, but weather interfered.

The council discussed parking problems, and two matters were referred to the city manager. The city will reduce parking time on meters installed in morning loading zones from an hour to 12 minutes. Greyhound buses also are to load in front of the hotel instead of at the side as in the past. It's expected the latter change will eliminate congestion in front of the post office.

The council also decided to retain the old city hall site to develop it as a municipal parking lot.

In other action, the council:

1. Purchased a new dump truck for \$3,500 and a new pickup for \$550, plus trade-in, from Lockwood Motors, Roseburg.
2. Refused to permit tavern owners to operate poker tables. The tavern owners agreed to pay a fee to the city for right to operate poker tables, but the council pointed out that state law prohibits their operation.

Local Train's Death Knell To Be Probed

SALEM (AP)—State investigators are attempting to discover the need and demand for Portland-Ashland passenger train service, which is scheduled to be dropped by the Southern Pacific Aug. 7.

Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Helzel described the investigation, which will also delve into the finances of the Western Oregon road, as routine. He said that the railroad has denied PUC jurisdiction over the train route, but the issue is not fully settled.

Helzel said that if a formal complaint were filed by parties served by the train, an attempt would be made to establish whether or not the PUC has authority to order the railroad to continue operation.

Five Grass Fires Keep Rural Dept. Firemen Busy

Five grass fires in central Douglas County Monday kept rural firemen busy. No damage was reported.

Roseburg Rural Fire Dept. members answered their first call at 12:45 p.m. A grass fire on Locustglass Road was extinguished before they arrived. Some 73 minutes later they were called to the vicinity of the Roseburg Municipal Airport where some junior campers had built a fire. Their final call of the day came at 2:50 p.m. when firemen went to 842 Malloy St.

Winston-Dillard Rural Fire Dept. members put out a grass fire on the Jenkins property in south Winston about 3:30 a.m. At 5 p.m. they extinguished a fire in grass near Commercial Lumber Sales, Inc., Dillard. Fire Chief Robert Nichols said it apparently started from a spark from a nearby fire where waste lumber was being burned.

County Court Requests Mineral Aid Extension

The Douglas County Court, in a letter to the acting director of the State Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries, has asked for the extension of the federal government's support to chrome miners.

The program, providing fixed prices on chrome ore, is due to expire June 30, 1957, and one effort would be closure of the purchase depot at Grants Pass.

The County Court, in its letter, pointed out that the county has entered into numerous lease and option agreements with miners and prospectors on county land in order to encourage exploration and development of mineral resources.

The letter explained that though revenue to the county is small, mineral resources are being located and developed under the program. The letter was addressed to Hollis M. Dole, the acting director of the department.

70 Newspaper Boys Will Be Guests At Carnival

Some 70 newspaper boys in Douglas County will be guests of the American Legion and West Coast Shows Wednesday night.

The boys will represent the Oregon Journal and Oregonian of Portland and the Roseburg News-Review. Reports News-Review circulation manager Fuller Johnson, "The boys will meet at the carnival grounds, accompanied by their town managers at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Each boy will be given eight free rides, Johnson said.

BELOW NORMAL

Temperatures will average slightly below normal with a maximum from 65 degrees along the coast to 85 degrees in the southern interior, according to the Roseburg weather bureau. There will be little or no precipitation.

Levy Fact Rant

By I. F. Reizenstein

One day last week, we read the joint warning of eight scientists that civilization was doomed if the world did not renounce war, a magazine article telling why "The Soviets Can't Win", and that Portland was going ahead with plans to hold a centennial fair in 1959. Scram, thou pessimists!