

# 10 Men Killed As Tanker Explodes



**FREAK GROWTH** of a Douglas fir over its own limbs resulted in startling insignnia pictured. A 16-inch cut from tree was shipped by train to McAllen, Tex., Wednesday by Roseburg rector A.U. Taylor for display outside a lumber yard there to "show Texans what Douglas fir looks like." (Texas is also the lone star state). Log from which slab was cut was found near Little River Bridge. Employees at Gerretsen Bldg. Supply Co. wired and crated unique show-piece to keep bark intact. (Paul Jenkins photo).

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## Glendale Logger Is Killed Tuesday While Loading Logs

A 38-year-old Glendale man became Douglas County's sixth logging fatality of 1955 Tuesday when he died following a woods accident about 14 miles north-west of Glendale Tuesday.

Benjamin Allen Babb was crushed between logs of a cold deck at Skull Creek, according to Coroner L. L. (Jim) Powers. He died en route to the office of Dr. Robert Roth in Glendale shortly after 10 a.m.

A first (top) leader for the Robert Dollar-Patterson Lumber Co., Babb and second loader Donald Brown, Glendale, were working on the cold deck when the accident occurred about 10:05 a.m., according to Powers. The coroner said the two men were hooking up a small log when all the logs shifted. One caught Babb by the foot, preventing his escape when a larger log rolled down. It hit him, crushing his chest and plevis, the coroner said.

Brown and two truck drivers, Frank A. Fisher and Carl Peterson, both of Glendale, removed the log as soon as possible and started to drive to the doctor.

The body has been sent to the Conger-Morris Funeral Home in Medford. Funeral arrangements will be announced later, according to News-Review Correspondent Mrs. C. B. Fox.

Babb is survived by his wife Marjory and two sons, Kenneth, 17, and Jimmy, 16, all of Glendale; one brother, Emerson Babb, Glendale; and his father, James M. Babb, who resides near Medford.

His death is the second fatal accident for the Glendale area this month. On July 2 Jones Isaac Estes was killed in a plane crash. Logging fatalities in Douglas County are following close to the 1954 number. There had been seven in 1954 by July 14.

## Avalanche Toll Stands At Seven

BANFF, Alta. (AP) — The broken bodies of seven American teen-age boys who died in an avalanche high in the Canadian Rockies were brought to this resort town Tuesday night.

Two other boys in the 11-member group of novice mountain climbers were injured seriously Monday when tons of snow thundered down 11,536-foot Mt. Temple, 30 miles northwest of Banff. The other two escaped with bruises.

It was the worst climbing tragedy in the history of the Canadian Rockies.

Climbing without a guide and equipped with only an inch-thick mountain rope and ice axes, the youths were within 2,000 feet of the peak when the snow slide swept them 1,000 feet down the mountain.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Washington the senate agriculture committee is "tackling" reluctantly, in all probability, as we all do when we approach ticklish jobs that we'd rather put off) the tough problem of what to do with American crop surpluses.

It has just voted to DROP a long-time requirement that all foreign shipments of surplus carry products be made in U.S. SHIPS. Its idea, of course, is to get out huge and growing surpluses into the hands of foreign consumers as quickly as possible and as cheaply as possible.

Foreign shipping charges are as a rule cheaper than American shipping charges.

It has a ruckus on its hands already. American shipping interests and American maritime unions are strongly opposed to the idea of permitting foreign ships to carry American surplus crop cargoes to foreign destinations.

The senate's agriculture committee, wrestling further with the

## The Weather

Sunny and continued warm today and Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	89
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	56
Highest temp. any July	109
Lowest temp. any July	40
Precip. last 24 hours	.0
Precip. from July 1	.11
Precip. from Sept. 1	22.55
Deficiency from Sept. 1	7.55
Sunset tonight	7:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	4:45 a.m.

## By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Logging accidents Tuesday claimed the life of another Oregon man.

Earl Holmes, 19, of Grand Ronde suffered fatal injuries when a log rolled on him in a woods accident near Valsetz.

## Three Members Added To PAL Club Directors

Three new members of the Roseburg PAL Club board of directors were elected in a meeting Tuesday night, while seven others were re-elected.

New members are: Vernon Murdoch Sr., Sheriff Ira C. Byrd and Al Clute. Holdover directors are: Bob Blackwell, Harold Horn, Police Chief Stan Olson, County Judge Carl C. Hill, David Geddes, County Juvenile Officer, Agnes Pitchford and William Evans.

The directors are to meet again next Tuesday night and a president to replace Frank Denton, resigned will be elected. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

## Industrial Electric Co. Files For Incorporation

Articles of incorporation were filed in Salem with the state corporation commission today for Industrial Electric Service Co. of Roseburg.

It is incorporating with 1,500 shares of no par value. It is the partnership operated under the same name now at 118 Stephens St. It is being incorporated by Lewis Hallett, Lawrence H. Hobart and George Lusma for more efficient service, according to Lusma, the attorney for the firm.

General manager and president of the corporation will be Hallett.

## COMMISSION TO MEET

The Douglas County Public Welfare Commission will meet tonight at 7:30 in the county commission offices, 325 N. Main St., Roseburg.

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## Business Agent Denies Dealer Claim

### Smith Rebuts Charge Of Try To Stall Talks

Herbert Smith, Eugene, business agent for the local Meat Cutters Union, heatedly denied Tuesday that he was trying to stall negotiations between his union and the retail meat dealer employers of Roseburg.

In a rebuttal to a charge of stalling made earlier Tuesday by Harold E. Carlson, secretary of the Oregon Independent Retail Grocers Assn. and labor relations consultant to the local employers committee, Smith said "we have been trying to negotiate with Carlson and E. R. Johnson of Safeway (Safeway Stores Inc.) for 2 1/2 months."

Continuing, Smith said he had "notified them by registered letter. At no time could I get a meeting with them to negotiate until approximately a month ago, and then they were in no hurry to meet with our committee," he said.

In answer to a report that the Roseburg Meat Cutters Union will schedule a meeting this week to consider a "final wage proposal to be made by the employers," Smith said he had not been notified of it.

"At our last meeting, I told the employers it was now time for me to call in our vice president (T. J. Lloyd, Salt Lake City). He said he would be able to be here approximately July 22."

Smith went on to say: "At this time, I have not heard of another meeting. They (meat dealers) have not given us another offer, and the federal conciliator has not called me."

"If they want to arrange a meeting, I will be glad to meet with them."

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She was the last of a family of 11 children. She was never married.

Surviving are a number of nephews and nieces, which include Floyd and Marion Emmitt, both of Roseburg; Mrs. Ruth Anderson of Beaverton; Frank Churchill of Oakland; Mrs. Crystal Wing of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Ivy Drew of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Charm Johnson of Berkeley, Calif.; Mrs. Georgia Mier of Santa Cruz, Calif.; Sylvester Coffman of Westfir; Floyd Coffman of Milton-Freewater and Victor Coffman of Crescent City, Calif.

Funeral services are scheduled at the Long & Orr Mortuary Saturday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Newell Morgan of the First Christian Church of Roseburg officiating. Concluding services and vault interment will follow in the Coles Valley Cemetery.

### Geddes Asks Nightcrawler Public Hearing

State Sen. Paul Geddes of Roseburg has joined State Sen. Philip B. Lowry of Medford in a demand for a state hearing on the Southern Pacific Railroad's plan to discontinue its Portland-Ashland run Aug. 7.

Sen. Geddes filed his letter to State Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Helzlsouer Tuesday. In it, he says that the legal definition of "service" under Oregon law states it "shall be taken in its broadest and most inclusive sense and to include equipment and facilities."

Geddes said the law apparently requires every railroad to furnish reasonably adequate service, equipment and facilities. "It would appear that such reasonably adequate service would include passenger service." He said this should apply to all points in which the railroad operates.

He continues that although SP claims "large operating loss" as their reason for discontinuance, the fact remains that the area now served constitutes one of the main

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### Sherman Adams Ordered D-Y Hearing Halted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman J. Stalecar Armstrong of the Securities and Exchange Commission testified Wednesday that suspension of a hearing on Dixon-Yates financing was requested by Sherman Adams, assistant to the President.

Armstrong added that Adams said the suspension was desired to permit government attorneys to decide whether to intervene in the financing case.

Armstrong said the administration lawyers were considering whether to raise objections to further testimony by Duncan R. Linsley, vice chairman of the First Boston Corp., financial agent for Dixon-Yates, and Adolphe Wenzell, a First Boston vice president.

Chairman Kefauver (D-Tenn.) of a Senate antimonopoly subcommittee investigating the Dixon-Yates contract negotiations has implied the suspension was to prevent testimony by First Boston officials from developing before the House of Representatives acted on a 6 1/2 million dollar appropriation to build a transmission line.

The line would have tied the Dixon-Yates plant at West Memphis, Ark., into the Tennessee Valley Authority lines to carry on the contract for replacement of TVA power used elsewhere by atomic plants.

### Oveta Culp Hobby Quits As Secretary Of Welfare Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby resigned Wednesday as secretary of welfare effective Aug. 1.

President Eisenhower picked Marion B. Folsom, now undersecretary of the treasury, to succeed her in the Cabinet post.

The president called a special news conference to make the announcement, and paid warm tribute to Mrs. Hobby as she sat by his side in the conference room.

On her part, the retiring Cabinet officer told Eisenhower that as she prepares to go to the Big Four conference at Geneva "everyone of us will be praying" the sessions will lead to a "truly universal peace."

Mrs. Hobby's resignation had long been expected, and the President apparently took it for granted that everyone knew that was the purpose of the conference. Without ever formally announcing her resignation, Eisenhower turned to Mrs. Hobby and remarked solemnly: "Oveta, this is a very sad day."

The President said his mind at the moment went back to a day in 1942 when Mrs. Hobby arrived in London to take command of the Women's Army Corps.

Eisenhower, at that time, was preparing to lead the Allied forces against Hitler's armies.

Mrs. Hobby led the WAC splendidly and it turned out to be one of the finest organizations "the Army ever had," Eisenhower said.

After the conference room ceremony, the White House made public an exchange of correspondence between Eisenhower and Mrs. Hobby.

"Personal reasons of a high order compel me to take leave of my post as secretary of health, education and welfare," Mrs. Hobby wrote.

While she did not specify those reasons, friends said Mrs. Hobby is leaving because of the illness of her husband, former Gov. William P. Hobby of Texas.

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WALDHAUS, Germany (AP) — Communist Czechoslovakia Wednesday released a U. S. Army sergeant after he had been held for 36 days while he was on a sightseeing trip along the West German-Czech border.

The soldier is Sgt. Walter T. Winter of Philadelphia, Pa.

Wearing the same civilian suit in which he was arrested June 5, the clean-shaven soldier grinned as he crossed the frontier. In his hands was the movie camera he was using when he was nabbed.

"How was it in Czechoslovakia?" German border guard asked him.

"No comment," Winter replied as he climbed into an automobile and drove off with the intelligence men.

Winter was on a three-day pass from his outfit stationed at Thonville, France, when he was seized. He was traveling with a German girl employed by the Army, Marie Eychenmueller, and Sgt. Gerald M. Byrnes of Eugene, Ore., also attached to the 175th Signal Battalion at Thonville.

Winter crossed a bridge over the river border to get a better picture of a Czech customs house. Czech guards suddenly appeared and grabbed him. His two companions remained behind, on the German side.

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## Refueling Plane Crashes In Field In California

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — Ten men died Wednesday as a four-engine "tanker" plane crashed after leaving Castle Air Force Base near here. There were no survivors.

Fire broke out on the plane as it reached an altitude of about 1,500 feet. It crashed within a moment or two, exploded as it hit the ground and was demolished.

The flames fired the grain field into which the plane fell.

The tanker, a military version of the Boeing Stratocruiser, was on a routine refueling mission from Castle AFB near Merced.

The crash occurred about 15 miles northwest of Merced, near the community of Cressley.

The refueler was to have intercepted a flight of bombers on a fueling test.

The first report on the crash was a telephone call to the sheriff's office from the rancher on whose property the plane fell.

"Bodies were strewn all over the field," he said.

The tankers are used to refuel jet bombers and interceptors, and can carry more than 6,000 gallons of jet fuel.

One of the four engines fell in a field about a mile from the plane wreckage.

## Another Petition Filed By Convict On Habitual Count

The recent declaration by the State Supreme Court that the habitual criminal sentence of William Frank Cory was unconstitutional has moved another man sentenced here on the same count to ask for a review of his case.

Lyle E. Campbell, sentenced to 21 years in the state penitentiary by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Dec. 11, 1952, is the petitioner.

His attorney, Merlin Estep, Salem, filed a motion for vacation of judgment Tuesday in circuit court here. Should the motion be granted, a five-year term for a bad check charge would be reinstated.

Campbell was rapped by Judge Wimberly when he admitted four convictions, enough to qualify the convict for a long stretch in the state prison.

In the motion, Estep cited the case of the State of Oregon vs. Cory. Cory had been sentenced here in January 1954 on a habitual criminal charge after conviction by a circuit court jury.

But the conviction and sentence was thrown out by the Supreme Court which ruled that bringing the habitual criminal count was done in an improper manner.

Campbell, now about 42, was sentenced to five years on Nov. 1, 1952, by ex-Circuit Judge William G. East for obtaining money by false pretenses before the habitual criminal charge was brought.

## Pierce Freight Manager Transferred To Medford

Clyde E. Knight, manager of the Roseburg office of Pierce Freight Lines for the past 12 years, has been transferred to Medford where he will head the company's office. He will be replaced by C. A. Tolleson of Portland.

Knight will assume management of the Medford office Monday, Mrs. Knight will join him later.

The personnel change means a return to Douglas County for Tolleson, who worked here as office manager in 1951. At that time he was transferred to Crescent City and later to Portland. He is married and has three children.

Knight has been active in Rotary and the Roseburg Country Club, serving as a director of both.

## Mining Council To Get Chromite Program Plea

A request for continuance of the federal government's subsidy program in the stockpiling of chromite ore will be presented in November to the Western Governors' Mining Advisory Council.

That information was received Tuesday by the Douglas County Court from Hollis M. Dole, acting director of the State Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries. The court had requested the department's aid in asking extension of the program, which will terminate June 30, 1957.

The court, in a letter to Dole earlier, had pointed out that the program has brought considerable activity among prospectors, and the court took the stand that this was developing the county's mineral resources.

## PASSENGER RECORD

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — The Air Force claimed a new passenger-carrying record today for land-based planes. The XC99 transport landed at Convair's plant here Tuesday with 212 persons on a flight from San Antonio.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Bedtime stories of present day Douglas County parents to their grandchildren will probably tell of people of past generations who rode on passenger trains



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